

# Alzheimer's Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

3:00-5:00 pm

Date of meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Start time: 3:00 pm

End time: 5:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (WebEx)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1*	Vote 2
1	Secretary Elizabeth Chen – EOE (chair)	X	X
2	Susan Antkowiak – Alzheimer's Association - MA/NH Chapter	X	X
3	Maura Brennan – Baystate Health	X	X
4	Jatin Dave – Chief Medical Officer, MassHealth	A	-
5	Tricia Farley-Bouvier – MA House of Representatives	X	X
6	James Lavery – DPH	X	X
7	Barbara Meehan – Alzheimer's Advocate/Former Caregiver	X	X
8	Hector Montesino – Alzheimer's Advocate	X	X
9	Linda Pellegrini – UMass Memorial Medical Center	X	-
10	Heather Sawitsky – Fox Hill Village Homeowners Corp.	X	X
11	James Wessler – Alzheimer's Association	X	X
Members not in attendance			
12	Michael Belleville – Alzheimer's Advocate	-	-
13	Andrew Budson – VA Boston Healthcare System	-	-
14	Jonathan Jackson – MGH	-	-
15	Patricia D. Jehlen – MA Senate	-	-
16	Rhiana Kohl – Caregiver	-	-
17	Bernice Osborne-Pollar – Caregiver	-	-

\* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

## Proceedings

Secretary Chen called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. She welcomed members and noted that all votes taken during the meeting would be conducted via roll call.

**Vote 1 to approve the 2/9/2021 minutes:** Secretary Chen requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Council's last meeting on February 9, 2021. Ms. Meehan introduced the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Montesino and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Secretary Chen provided introductory remarks, highlighting achievements from the first two years of the Council's work, including the development of an Alzheimer's State Plan. She noted that in its third year, the Council will shift to implementation of the strategies articulated in its previous years.

Ms. Pellegrini, Ms. Antkowiak, Dr. Brennan, and Lisa Gurgone, Executive Director of Mass Home Care, presented on the Quality of Care workstream's recommendations and implementation strategies. Specifically, they provided updates from the workstream's three implementation teams: Care Planning, Interprofessional Training, and Direct Care Worker Recruitment and Retention. For additional details on the Quality of Care workstream's presentation, refer to the group's slides within the Council's presentation on the Alzheimer's Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Mr. Montesino, Ms. Meehan, Ms. MacLeod, and A. Bernardo, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, presented an overview of the Caregiver Support and Public Awareness workstream's recommendations and implementation strategies. Specifically, they provided updates from the workstream's four implementation teams: Video Production, Website Development, Cross-Referrals, and Caregiver Experience. For additional details on the Caregiver Support and Public Awareness workstream's presentation, refer to the group's slides within the Council's presentation on the Alzheimer's Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Secretary Chen noted that the Council's next meeting is scheduled for September 1st, 2021 and will include presentations from the Equitable Access and Care and Diagnosis & Services Navigation workstreams.

**Vote 2 to adjourn:**

Secretary Chen requested a motion to adjourn. Representative Farley-Bouvier introduced the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wessler and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.