

Massachusetts Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Disease and All Other Dementias

Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2022
3:00-5:00 pm

Date of meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Start time: 3:00 pm

End time: 5:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1*	Vote 2	Vote 3
1	Secretary Elizabeth Chen – Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) (<i>chair</i>)	X	X	X
2	Susan Antkowiak – Alzheimer's Association - MA/NH Chapter	X	X	X
3	Hugo Aparicio – Boston University School of Medicine	A	-	-
4	Michael Belleville – Alzheimer's Advocate	X	X	X
5	Andrew Budson – VA Boston Healthcare System	X	X	X
6	Jatin Dave – Chief Medical Officer, MassHealth	-	-	-
7	Tricia Farley-Bouvier – Mass. House of Representatives	X	X	X
8	Brent Forester – McLean Hospital, Mass General Brigham	A	X	X
9	Patricia Jehlen – Mass. Senate	-	-	-
10	Rhiana Kohl – Caregiver	-	-	-
11	James Lavery – Department of Public Health (DPH)	X	X	X
12	Barbara Meehan – Alzheimer's Advocate/Former Caregiver	X	X	X
13	Hector Montesino – Alzheimer's Advocate	X	X	X
14	Bernice Osborne-Pollard – Caregiver	-	-	-
15	Linda Pellegrini – UMass Memorial Medical Center	X	X	X
16	Heather Sawitsky – Fox Hill Village Homeowners Corp.	X	X	X
17	James Wessler – Alzheimer's Association	X	X	X

* (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 8/16/2022 minutes: Secretary Chen requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Council's previous meeting on August 16, 2022. Members approved the minutes by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Secretary Chen welcomed two new members of the Council filling the vacant "researcher" seats: Dr. Hugo Aparicio from the Boston University School of Medicine and Dr. Brent Forester from McLean Hospital and Mass General Brigham.

Mr. Wessler provided an update on the progress of the Diagnosis and Services Navigation workstream, including plans for the Alzheimer's Association to work with the Massachusetts Health and Hospitals Association (MHA) to develop a toolkit to potentially include detailed options for screening and training; share sample plans to help hospitals learn from each other; and educate families/consumers on how to advocate for a loved one. He also elaborated on plans to develop a guide for review by the Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM) to help physicians initiate diagnosis conversations. For additional details, refer to the presentation on the Council's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Ms. Pellegrini and Ms. Antkowiak provided an update on the progress of the Care Planning implementation team, including findings from the two virtual focus group sessions convened with family caregivers, covering various topics related to their experiences with the healthcare providers treating their loved ones. For additional details, refer to the presentation on the Council's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Mr. Belleville provided an update on the Younger-Onset Dementia and Equity Analysis workgroup, which is working to address unmet needs and close gaps in equality, equity, and inclusion for people living with younger-onset dementia and the people who care for them. He outlined the workgroup's implementation plan for the next three years. For additional details, refer to the presentation on the Council's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Vote 2 to adopt the Younger-Onset Dementia and Equity Analysis workgroup's recommendations and implementation plan: Secretary Chen requested a motion to adopt the workgroup's recommendations and implementation plan. Mr. Wessler introduced the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Pellegrini and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Patty Sullivan, co-leader of the Age and Dementia Friendly Physical Infrastructure implementation team, reported on the team's progress and plans. She informed the Council that the team is planning to broaden distribution of the team's recently released guide to architects, planners, and the aging services community.

Secretary Chen shared with Council Members that Mr. Belleville has decided to resign from the Council. She presented a citation to Mr. Belleville in recognition of his dedication and leadership on the Council.

Vote 3 to adjourn the meeting: Secretary Chen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Belleville introduced the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Montesino and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Secretary Chen adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.