

Alzheimer's Advisory Council



**Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Elizabeth Chen, Secretary**

**December 7, 2021
3:00-5:00 pm
Video Conference**



Agenda



- 1. Welcome, Meeting Logistics, Introductions (10 min)**
- 2. Physical Infrastructure Workstream (40 min)**
 - Presentation (20 min) and Discussion (20 min)
- 3. Brief Summary of Grant Awarded to the Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Center of Cape Cod (5 min)**
- 4. Council Member Roundtable: Updates & Discussion (55 min)**
- 5. Closing Remarks and Final Roll Call (10 min)**

Alzheimer's Advisory Council Moving from Planning to Action, 2021



Workstream: Physical Infrastructure

Implementation of Recommendations - Status and Discussion

December 7, 2021

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Age and Dementia Friendly Physical Infrastructure



Our charge as described in the Alzheimer's State Plan:



Recommendation #1 (Raise Awareness for Community Planning)

Raise awareness of the importance of age- and dementia-friendly design

Develop Age and Dementia-Friendly Design Criteria



Recommendation #2 (Incorporate Scoring into Public Projects)

Incorporate age- and dementia-friendly scoring into all state-funded physical infrastructure projects



1. Raise Awareness

Raise Awareness of Age and Dementia Friendly Infrastructure for Community Planning

The Team's Approach



Identify stakeholders and work collaboratively with them to raise awareness



(1) *Deliver Presentations*



(2) *Develop Design Criteria*





Raising Awareness: Developing Design Criteria and Outreach



Updates & Accomplishments

- Compiled a draft list of dementia design features
- Convened discussions with stakeholders and working to gain consensus about the draft criteria
- Delivered presentation to Boston Architectural Society's Design for Aging Subcommittee
- Delivered presentation to the MA Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Board
- Met with MassDOT *Complete Streets* manager

Next Steps

- Collect and integrate comments on the draft list of criteria from architects, planners, and the aging services community more broadly
- Potential integration of dementia friendly elements in a future version of the state's Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans and procurements (two separate plans from MassDOT)
- DF guide could be included as a resource for communities that apply for Compete Streets and Shared Streets and Spaces. These programs award extra points for projects that serve older adults.



Raising Awareness: Developing Design Criteria and Outreach



Building Momentum

- Meeting with MassDOT Shared Streets and Spaces manager – DF guide will inform communities that would receive bonus points for projects involving older adults
- MassTrails – potential to add wayfinding and improved signage in the program procurement processes
- Boston Society of Architects (BAC) – potential for guide to be promoted among membership

Next Steps

- After the design criteria is reviewed, circle back to the state officials managing procurement processes with specific recommendations
- Work with BAC to develop a guide for the organizations, individuals to better understand design criteria
- Distribute guide to age/dementia friendly communities to embed in grant proposals



2. Public Project Scoring



Identify at least one state-funded project in 2021 to incorporate age and dementia friendly scoring

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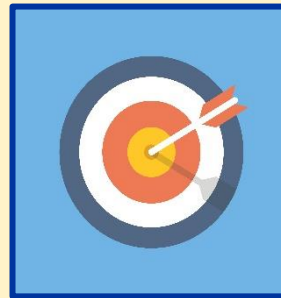
Identify and work with state agencies that fund physical infrastructure projects

State agency examples include:

*Board of Library Commissioners
Department of Conservation and Recreation
Department of Housing and Community Development
Department of Transportation
Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
Executive Office for Administration and Finance
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
ARPA Funds*

(2)

Identify specific projects and programs and/or statutes to target for such criteria



(3)

Incorporate age and dementia friendly scoring criteria into at least one specific project, program, or legislative action by the close of Calendar Year 2022





2. Public Project Scoring



Updates & Accomplishments

- Continue to identify potential programs where the age and dementia friendly design criteria could be included with a special focus on ARPA funds
- Keep the partnerships that we have cultivated around this initiative informed of our work with respect to design criteria for age and dementia friendly physical infrastructure.

Next Steps

- Attempt to track some state ARPA streams that might be good candidates for the inclusion of age and dementia design criteria
- After the age and dementia friendly design criteria is reviewed, circle back to the state officials managing procurement processes with specific recommendations
- Encourage AF/DF communities to use the guide in funding proposals



Challenges and Solutions

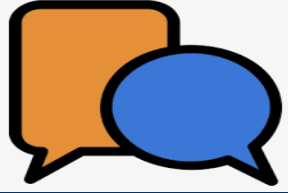


Challenges

- Developing a shared and consistent meaning of age and dementia friendly design
- Clearly articulate to state procurement officials the age and dementia friendly design criteria and the importance/benefits of including such criteria in the procurement process
- Reaching the long-term goal of having *many* of the state's procurement processes reflect the needs of older adults and all people living with dementia

Solutions

- Continue to build partnerships with the design, planning and procurement communities to build a common language and meaning of age and dementia design
- Optimistically persist in making MA procurement processes all age and dementia friendly



DISCUSSION (20 min)



Discussion

1. What comes to mind when we ask: “What does dementia friendly design look like to you?”
2. Are you aware of any additional state programs that we should consider incorporating the age and dementia design criteria?
3. Can you share with the Council any examples of age and dementia design that you have observed in your own experiences?

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Brief Summary of Grant Awarded to the Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Center of Cape Cod from the Administration for Community Living

December 7, 2021

**Molly Purdue, PhD, Executive Director
Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Center, Inc.**



Council Member Roundtable (55 min)



Updates & Discussion

1. **Caregiver Support Workstream** (B. Meehan, H. Montesino)
2. **Quality of Care Workstream** (L. Pellegrini)
3. **Equitable Access & Care Workstream** (J. Jackson, R. Kohl)
4. **Research Workstream** (A. Budson)
5. **Diagnosis & Services Navigation Workstream** (J. Wessler, Representative Farley-Bouvier)



Next Steps



Council Meetings in Calendar Year 2022

- Quarterly Council meetings will be convened on the third Tuesday of the month from **3:00 to 5:00 pm** on:
 - February 15, 2022 (video conference)
 - May 17, 2022
 - August 16, 2022
 - November 15, 2022
- Council meetings will potentially be held in person beginning in May 2022