



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

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

**February 7, 2023
3:00-5:00 pm
Video Conference**



Agenda



1. Welcome, Logistics, Introductions *(10 min)*
2. Open Meeting Law & Conflict of Interest Refresher *(5 min)*
3. ADRD Treatment: Advances, Opportunities, Challenges *(45 min)*
4. Annual Report Review and Vote *(30 min)*
5. Next Steps and Closing Remarks *(20 min)*
6. Final Roll Call *(10 min)*



Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Refresher



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Open Meeting Law

- The Council's meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law (OML) and must be held in public with notice of the meeting, including the agenda, provided to the public at least 48 hours in advance.
- We are currently operating under an extension of the emergency act signed by Governor Baker that extended certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the State of Emergency until March 31, 2023. This emergency act [suspended certain provisions of the OML](#) and permits us to conduct our meetings remotely.
- Under the OML, members cannot communicate with a quorum (simple majority) of the members regarding topics before this Council (in person or via email) outside of a public meeting.
- For any questions about the OML, feel free to reach out to Council staff or contact the Attorney General's Division of Open Government directly at (617) 963-2540 or openmeeting@mass.gov
- Additional information can be found at: www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law



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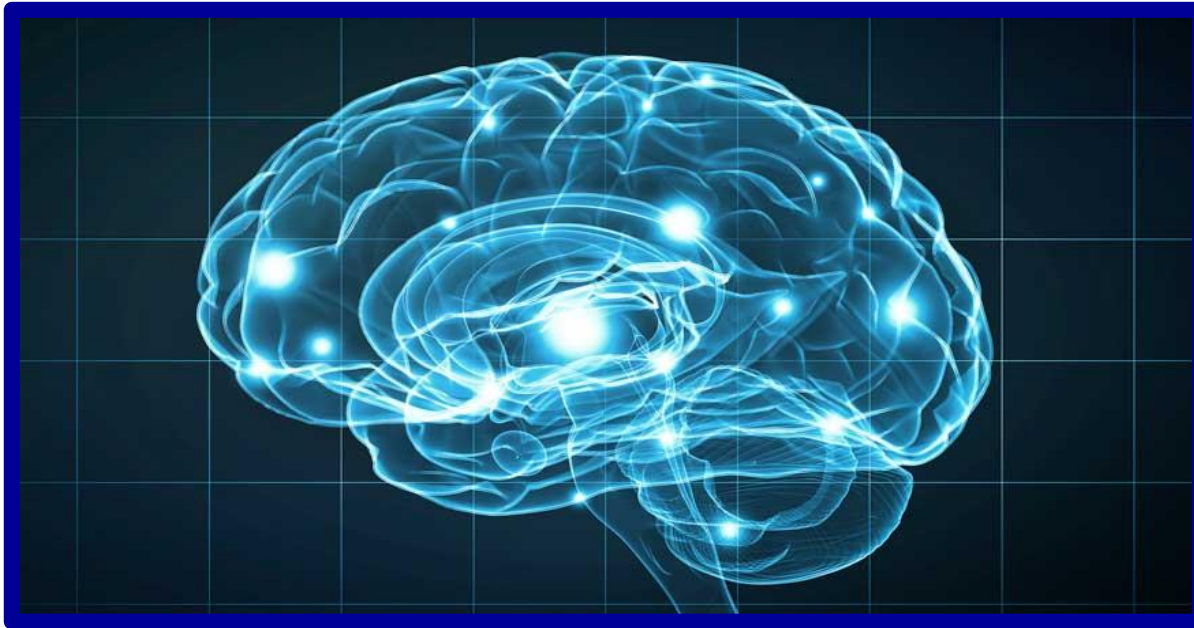


Conflict of Interest

- By the very nature of your service on the Council, members are considered special state employees and are subject to the State's Conflict of Interest Law.
- In addition to familiarizing yourselves with the details of the Conflict of Interest Law, members are required to undertake a [required online Conflict of Interest training](#) within 30 days of appointment to the Council and every other year thereafter. After completing the training, certification forms should be sent directly to Council staff to maintain in our records.
- Council members should view the State Ethics Commission as a resource and are encouraged to contact the State Ethics Commission with any questions or concerns related to potential conflicts of interest and any required disclosures.
- The State Ethics Commission can be contacted at (617) 371-9500
- Requests for advice can also be submitted through the State Ethics Commission's website: www.mass.gov/orgs/state-ethics-commission
- Advice is confidential and cannot be provided for past conduct or for matters pertaining to a third party.

ADRD Treatment Advances

Review and Discuss



- What might these treatment advances mean in terms of **opportunities** and **challenges** for:
- Massachusetts residents; clinicians; researchers; government; and
 - the Council's priorities going forward?

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Executive Summary



1. Briefly highlights progress during 2022 and next steps around implementing the Alzheimer's State Plan published in April 2021
2. Refers to the Council's intention to regularly refresh the state plan with new recommendations and implementation strategies
3. Recognizes calendar year 2022 as the first year the Council has voted to adopt an amendment to the state plan



Introduction



1. Introduces the report as the work of the Council, established under Chapter 220 of the Acts of 2018
2. Refers to lists of Council members (Appendix A) and implementation team and workgroup members (Appendix B)
3. States that this is the Council's third annual report and its second since it published the Alzheimer's State Plan in April 2021
4. Describes how the report is organized
5. Expresses gratitude for the volunteers that make the Council's progress possible



Implementing Effective and Sustainable Solutions



1. Presents progress and next steps during 2022 for each of the seven workstreams:

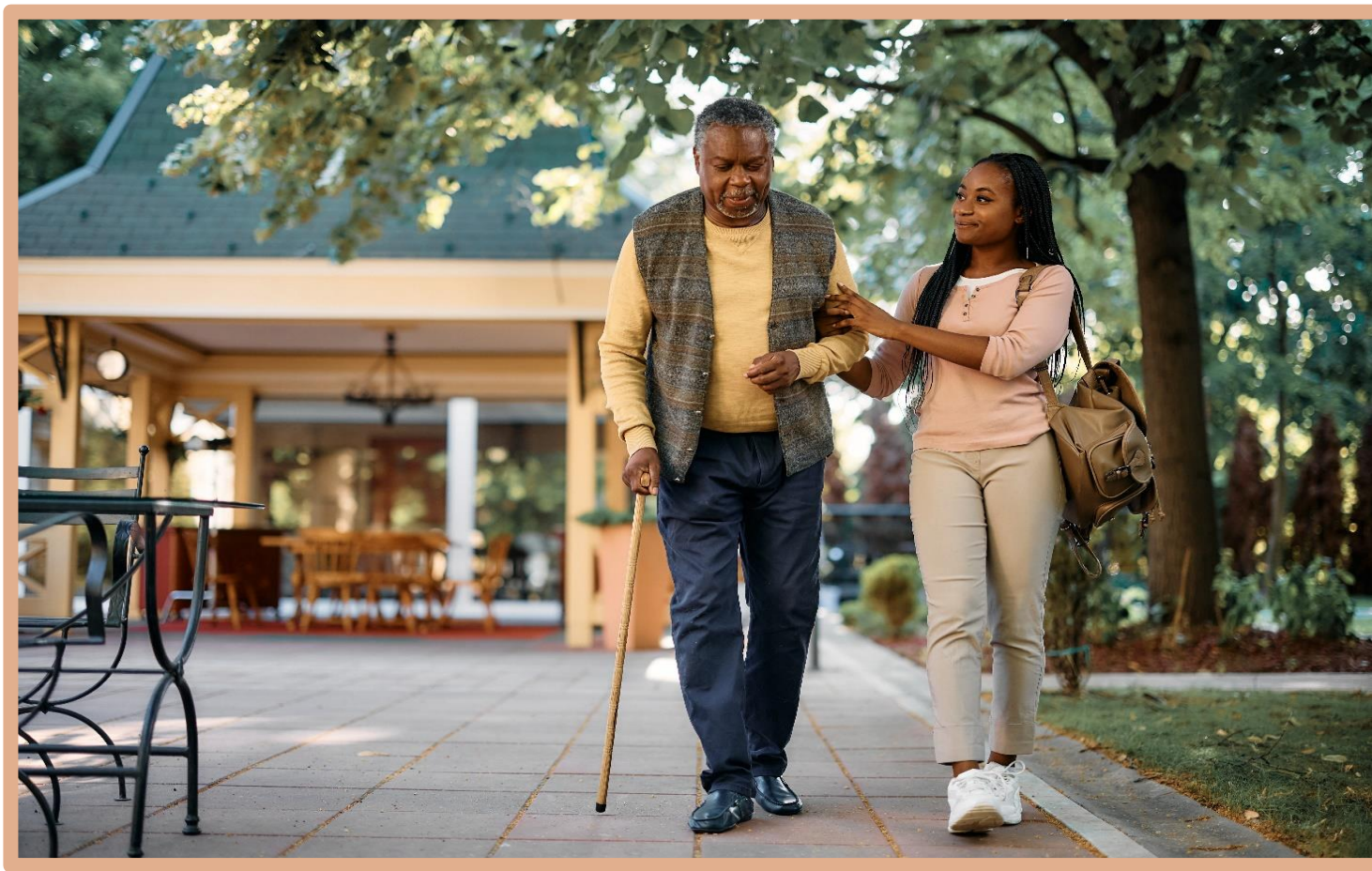
- 1) Caregiver Support and Public Awareness
- 2) Diagnosis and Services Navigation
- 3) Equitable Access and Care
- 4) Physical Infrastructure
- 5) Public Health Infrastructure
- 6) Quality of Care
- 7) Research



2. Indicates that many of the next steps involve building the organizational and team infrastructure necessary for effective implementation



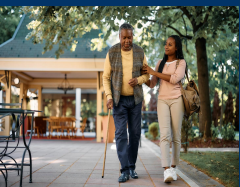
1. Caregiver Support and Public Awareness



Workstream Leads

Barbara Meehan, Council Member - Dementia Advocate, Former Caregiver

Hector R. Montesino, Council Member - President and CEO, Embrace Home Care and Health Services, Dementia Advocate



1. Caregiver Support and Public Awareness Progress and Next Steps (Some Highlights)



Videos

Distributed caregiver video; new videos are in the pipeline



Website

Improved dementia website after consulting with people affected by dementia



Caregiver Experience

Launched initiatives to:

- improve awareness and access (aging services network); and
- enhance outcomes & consumer experience for ASAP consumers ¹



¹ ASAP: Aging Services Access Point



2. Diagnosis and Services Navigation



Workstream Leads

Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Council Member - Massachusetts House of Representatives

James Wessler, Council Member - President and CEO, Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter and New England Regional Leader

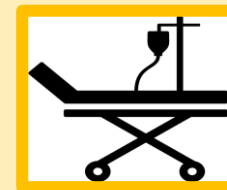


2. Diagnosis and Services Navigation Progress and Next Steps (Some Highlights)



Acute Care Dementia Operations Plan Roadmap

Developed dementia operations plan roadmap; planning to develop toolkit



Screening & Diagnosis Workflow

Will examine innovative approaches to relieve PCP burden around screening and diagnosis workflow



Expansion of Dementia Care Coordination (DCC)

Secured funding to expand DCC



Development of Physician Guide

Planning to provide guidance on initiating diagnosis conversation



Screening in Home Care

Will identify opportunities in home care to advocate for appropriate screening, diagnosis, care, support, and treatment





3. Equitable Access and Care



Workstream Leads

Jatin Dave, MD, Council Member - Chief Medical Officer, MassHealth; Director, Office of Clinical Affairs, Commonwealth Medicine, UMass Chan Medical School

Hugo Aparicio, MD, MPH, Council Member (co-leader beginning in 2023) - Assistant Professor of Neurology, Boston University School of Medicine; Faculty Lead of the Research and Policy Team Program at the BU Center for Antiracist Research; Stroke Specialist in the Department of Neurology, Boston Medical Center



3. Equitable Access and Care Progress and Next Steps (Some Highlights)



Attained Knowledge around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

- Participated in DEI training
- Developed draft DEI vision statement and pledge
- Listened to residents share their experiences, challenges, and cultural barriers



Examined Barriers to Dementia Care, Services, Risk Reduction

Reviewed examples of how some populations experience greater societal barriers than others



Will Form and Deploy Equity and Inclusion (EI) Team

Will build a diverse team to provide workgroups with collaborative advice on refining policies, plans, activities, programs, or deliverables





Workstream Lead

Secretary Elizabeth C. Chen, PhD, MBA, MPH, Council Chair - Secretary, Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs



4. Physical Infrastructure Progress and Next Steps (Some Highlights)



Published Guide to Promote Age- and Dementia-Friendly (AF/DF) Design

Distributed a **guide** to state and municipal government officials, architects, planners, and many other stakeholders



Improved Stakeholder Awareness and Understanding

Delivered presentations and led discussions with numerous stakeholder organizations



Promoted AF/DF Design for Municipal Construction Projects

Distributed the guide to Council on Aging Directors that are planning public facility construction and renovation projects



Began Efforts to Include AF/DF Characteristics in State Procurements

Began discussions with state officials to incorporate AF/DF elements in future state procurements





5. Public Health Infrastructure



Workstream Lead(s)

To be determined



5. Public Health Infrastructure Progress and Next Steps (Some Highlights)



Began Assessing Interest in Grant Opportunity

Began to assess interest and identify ideas around a grant opportunity from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (subsequently announced in January 2023)



Will Continue to Seek Resources

Will continue to seek resources and funding to implement activities designed to improve the state's public health infrastructure around dementia





6. Quality of Care



Workstream Lead

Linda Pellegrini, MS, GNP-BC, Council Member - Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, UMass Memorial Medical Center



6. Quality of Care

Progress and Next Steps (Some Highlights)



Attained Information to Inform Person-Directed Care Plan Framework

Convened focus groups with patients and caregivers, gaining insight on their experiences communicating with physicians ¹



Planning to Promote Interprofessional Dementia Care

Began efforts to form team to develop a plan to ensure that providers have what they need to effectively build and retain interprofessional dementia care teams



¹ To view the focus group findings, see Appendix C of this annual report



7. Research



Workstream Lead

Andrew Budson, MD, Council Member - Chief of Cognitive & Behavioral Neurology, Associate Chief of Staff for Education and Director of the Center for Translational Cognitive Neuroscience at Veterans Affairs (VA) Boston Healthcare System; Associate Director for Research at Boston University Alzheimer's Disease Center; Lecturer in Neurology at Harvard Medical School; Medical Director of the Boston Center for Memory



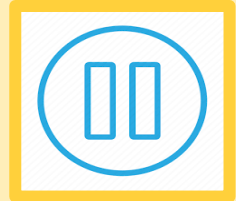
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Progress and Next Steps (Some Highlights)



Difficulty Identifying Individuals to Lead & Form Implementation Team

Ambitious recommendations and strategies coupled with a lack of bandwidth resulted in the Council placing these efforts “on hold” in 2022



Will Reevaluate this Workstream’s Strategies

Planning to engage Council in discussion(s) to reevaluate the state plan’s goal, recommendations, and strategies associated with dementia research





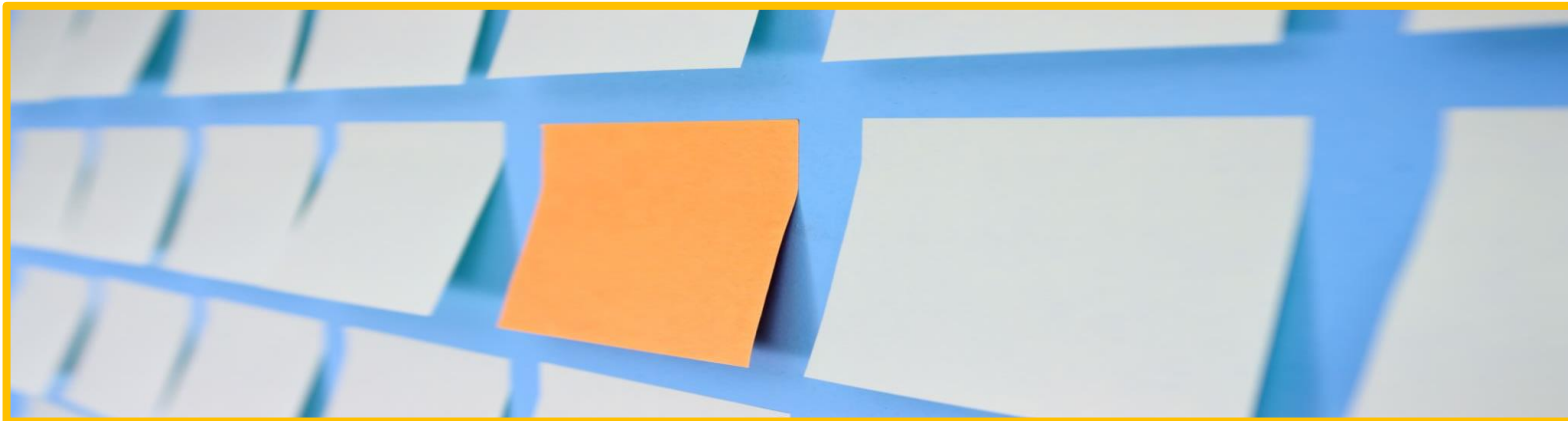
Looking to the Future



1. Reminds readers that the Council will regularly amend the state plan, bring appropriate stakeholders to the table, and implement solutions
2. Refers to an amendment to the state plan adopted in 2022, which was included as the final section of the annual report



Amendment to the Massachusetts State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias, 2022



Presents an amendment to the state plan's section entitled, *Equitable Access and Care* by including:

- challenges faced by individuals affected by younger-onset dementia; and
- a recommendation and implementation plan approved by the Council in November 2022



Appendices



Three appendices are included at the end of the annual report:

- Appendix A: Council Members
- Appendix B: Implementation Teams & Workgroups
- Appendix C: Themes from Focus Group Sessions with People Affected by Dementia

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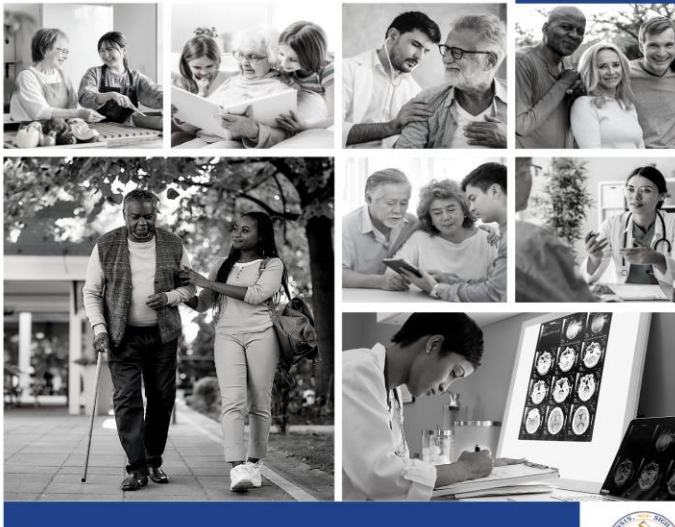


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Next Steps and Vote to Adjourn



Review Next Steps



Next Meeting

May 9, 2023

3:00 to 5:00 pm



Vote to Adjourn

