

# VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS COUNCIL

## AD HOC MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 30, 2023

9:00 - 9:30 AM

The Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council held a public meeting on 1/30/2023, called to order at 9:03 A.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Halima Amjad  
Arnold Bakker  
Caitlin Houck  
Morris Klein  
David McShea  
Pamela Williams  
Nancy Rodriguez-Weller  
Quincy Samus  
Claudia Thorne  
Evie Vander Meer

### MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Malcolm Augustine  
Jacqueline Bateman  
Cynthia Fields  
Ernestine Jones-Jolivet  
Ana Nelson  
Andres Salazar  
Sheree Sample-Hughes

### STAFF PRESENT

Kristi Pier (MDH)  
Jessica Rose-Malm (MDH)  
Lisa O'Connor (MDoA)  
Amanda Distefano (MDoA)

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Eric Colchamiro, Alzheimer's Association  
Murvill Delpino  
Michael Ellenbogen

#### **I. Open Ad Hoc Meeting**

**9:00 AM**

Dr. Halima Amjad, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:03am. Kristi Pier took roll. A quorum was not present and Dr. Amjad proposed adjusting the agenda to discuss Senate Bill 228 first and hold the vote on adding a member seat to the end of the meeting. Members agreed to the change in agenda.

#### **II. Discussion of Senate Bill 228- Department of Aging - Dementia Care Coordinator and Dementia Care Navigation Programs**

David McShea, of the Greater Maryland Area Alzheimer's Association, stated SB 228 was initiated by the Alzheimer's Association. SB 228 is a revival of a 2021 bill which includes several key differences, including a focus on equitable delivery of care, a mandate for area agencies on aging (AAAs) to create dementia care navigation programs, and an increase in the requested appropriation from \$1.6 million in 2021 to \$2.4 million in 2022. Council members discussed suggesting additional language to ensure coordination and alignment between the Dementia Care Coordinator at the Department of Aging and the Director of Dementia Services at the Maryland Department of Health, as well as community-based

partners. Council members determined it was best to support the bill as-written and offer amendments individually.

**III. Public Comment**

Dr. Amjad opened the meeting for public comment. Eric Colchamiro from the Alzheimer's Association noted the bill has new sponsors since 2021 and stated the cross-file in the House, which has not yet been introduced, will provide greater flexibility to the Department of Aging in how they administer the funds. The funds are intended to enhance existing care navigation services in AAAs, as well as to create new care navigation programs at AAAs that do not currently provide such services. The Department of Aging's federally-funded caregiver support programs are limited to those ages 60+, however the age limit would not necessarily apply to state funds described in SB 228.

**IV. Senate Bill 228 Letter of Support Position Vote**

David McShea moved to vote on the letter of support for SB 228 and Caitlin Houck seconded the motion. The vote was initiated, however a quorum of members was not present. MDH will send out an online vote form to those not present, who will have 24 hours to submit their vote.

**V. Vote to add a Council seat for a person living with dementia or mild cognitive impairment**

A quorum of members was not present, therefore a vote to add a member seat could not be held. Dr. Amjad and MDH staff will coordinate with Council members to identify a date and time prior to the April quarterly meeting when this vote can be held.

**VI. Closing**

**9:30 AM**

Quincy Samus moved to adjourn the meeting and Claudia Thorne seconded the motion. Dr. Amjad adjourned the meeting at 9:30am.

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**ADDENDUM--VOTING RESULTS:** Including the 24 hour online vote, 10 members voted to approve the Letter of Support for SB 228, 0 members opposed, and 1 member abstained.