

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

AD HOC MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

10:00 - 10:30 AM

The Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council held a public meeting on 2/7/2023, called to order at 10:03 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jacqueline Bateman
Cynthia Fields
Morris Klein
Pamela Williams
Quincy Samus
Evie Vander Meer

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Halima Amjad
Malcolm Augustine
Arnold Bakker
Caitlin Houck
Ernestine Jones-Jolivet
David McShea
Ana Nelson
Nancy Rodriguez-Weller
Andres Salazar
Sheree Sample-Hughes
Claudia Thorne

STAFF PRESENT

Jessica Rose-Malm (MDH)
Christa Thornton (MDH)
Amanda Distefano (MDoA)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Eric Colchamiro, Alzheimer's Association

I. Open Ad Hoc Meeting

Evie Vander Meer moved to open the meeting, Quincy Samus seconded the motion and the meeting opened at 10:03am. Jessica Rose-Malm took roll. A quorum was not present.

II. Discussion of Senate Bill 344- Income Tax - Caregiver Tax Credit

Jessica Rose-Malm provided a summary of SB 344 and an overview of the draft letter of support. The Council recently submitted a letter of support for House Bill 28, a similar bill providing tax credits for caregivers of qualifying seniors. Despite their similarities, SB 344 and HB 28 are not cross-filed bills and will track separately through their respective chambers. The Council discussed whether it is advantageous to support both bills and determined a separate letter of support for SB 344 is warranted.

III. Public Comment

Ms. Rose-Malm opened the meeting for public comment. Eric Colchamiro from the Alzheimer's Association expressed appreciation for the Council's support of relevant bills

during the 2023 legislative session. Mr. Colchamiro noted HB 614, the cross-file of SB 228, has been introduced and will be heard in the House Health and Government Operations Committee on 2/23/23. Mr. Colchamiro also mentioned the Alzheimer's Association is advocating for a permanent \$3.5 million appropriation to MDH to implement the State Plan, in addition to funding for the Department of Aging's Senior Care Program. Ms. Rose-Malm noted the Council must hold another ad hoc meeting no later than 2/14 to submit a letter of support for HB 614. MDH staff will schedule the ad hoc meeting and send the draft letter of support for Council members to review.

IV. Senate Bill 344 Letter of Support Position Vote

Dr. Samus moved to vote on the letter of support for SB 344 and Jacqueline Bateman 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. 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, and this will remain a standing agenda item for all ad hoc Council meetings until a quorum is present..

VI. Closing

Dr. Samus moved to adjourn the meeting and Evie Vander Meer seconded the motion. Ms. Rose-Malm adjourned the meeting at 10:23am.

ADDENDUM--VOTING RESULTS: Including the 24 hour online vote, 11 members voted to approve the Letter of Support for SB 344, 0 members opposed, and 1 member abstained.