

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

## AD HOC MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

4:30 - 5:00 PM

The Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council held a public meeting on 2/9/2023, called to order at 4:36 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Morris Klein  
Nancy Rodriguez-Weller  
Sheree Sample-Hughes  
Quincy Samus  
Claudia Thorne  
Evie Vander Meer  
Pamela Williams

### MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Halima Amjad  
Malcolm Augustine  
Arnold Bakker  
Jacqueline Bateman  
Caitlin Houck  
Cynthia Fields  
Ernestine Jones-Jolivet  
David McShea  
Ana Nelson  
Andres Salazar

### STAFF PRESENT

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

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Michael Ellenbogen  
Carolyn Salamon

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

Quincy Samus moved to open the meeting, Claudia Thorne seconded the motion and the meeting opened at 4:36pm.. Jessica Rose-Malm took roll. A quorum was not present.

#### **II. Discussion of House Bill 614 - Department of Aging - Dementia Care Navigation Programs**

Jessica Rose-Malm provided a summary of HB 614 and an overview of the draft letter of support. The Council recently submitted a letter of support for the cross-file bill, Senate Bill 228. HB 614 allows greater flexibility in how the Department of Aging and Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) administer dementia care navigation programs, and extends program eligibility to people experiencing dementia symptoms in addition to those diagnosed with dementia. Council members discussed whether extending eligibility would increase the fiscal impact of the bill and determined that is a potential consequence. Council members also discussed how funds would flow to AAAs and the types of services they will provide. Based on the bill language, it is anticipated dementia care navigation programs will vary by county based on the needs of the local population.

**III. Public Comment**

Ms. Rose-Malm opened the meeting for public comment. Michael Ellenbogen thanked Council members for attending the meeting and expressed concerns about poor member attendance and seat vacancies. Mr. Ellenbogen also requested a listserv or some other automatic notification system be established to keep interested members of the public apprised of ad hoc Council meetings and other relevant Council activities.

**IV. House Bill 614 Letter of Support Position Vote**

Dr. Samus moved to vote on the letter of support for HB 614 and Morris Klein 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 Nancy Rodriguez-Weller seconded the motion. Ms. Rose-Malm adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

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**ADDENDUM--VOTING RESULTS:** Including the 24 hour online vote, 11 members voted to approve the Letter of Support for HB 614, 0 members opposed, and 1 member abstained.