

VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 10, 2023
3:30 - 4:30 PM

The Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council held a public meeting on 5/10/23, called to order at 3:32 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Halima Amjad
Jacqueline Bateman
Ernestine Jones-Jolivet
Morris Klein
Ana Nelson
Sheree Sample-Hughes (Renee M. Harris, Chief of Staff)
Evie Vander Meer
Pamela Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Malcolm Augustine
Arnold Bakker
Cynthia Fields
Caitlin Houck
David McShea
Nancy Rodriguez-Weller
Andres Salazar
Quincy Samus
Claudia Thorne

STAFF PRESENT

Kristi Pier (MDH)
Jessica Rose-Malm (MDH)
Liz Woodward (MDoA)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

None.

I. Meeting Opening

Dr. Halima Amjad, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

II. Welcome and Business

Welcome and Agenda Review: Dr. Amjad reviewed the meeting agenda.

Roll Call: Jessica Rose-Malm took roll call. A quorum of Council members was not present.

III. Overview of Current (SFY23) MDH ADRD Activities

Dr. Amjad invited Kristi Pier to provide an overview of current MDH activities funded through the State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY23) supplemental budget appropriation. MDH is providing funds to local health departments in Baltimore City, Charles County, and Carroll County to increase ADRD awareness through partnerships, outreach, and education activities. Charles County and Carroll County Health Departments provided technical assistance to primary care practices to increase cognitive screenings and referrals to community-based resources. MDH is funding two community-based organizations to conduct community outreach and education to increase awareness of ADRD and encourage early detection, as well as funding three community-based organizations to deliver outreach and evidence-based educational programs to ADRD caregivers. MDH is funding two vendors to develop and deliver ADRD training to healthcare providers. MDH has a contract with a creative design firm to develop assets for a statewide ADRD awareness campaign. Ms. Pier noted several projects hit roadblocks preventing them from getting off the ground in FY23, including funding for the Department of Aging and a project to develop a more effective model for determining ADRD prevalence. In addition to the competitively-selected

projects, MDH used a portion of the funds to hire two part-time staff members to manage ADRD grants.

IV. Review of Priority Survey Results

Dr. Amjad invited Jessica Rose-Malm to provide a summary of prioritizing survey Council members were recently asked to complete. A total of 50% of members completed the survey. In the first section of the survey, members were asked to rank the potential impact of four categories of activities (awareness/information, education, stakeholder engagement/partnerships, and ADRD data). Members ranked awareness/information activities as having the highest potential impact, followed by education activities. In the second section of the survey, members were asked to review a number of activities from the ADRD State Plan in each of the four categories and prioritize them. In her presentation Ms. Rose-Malm pointed out activities MDH can lead, activities MDH could partner with other agencies on, and activities best led by the ADRD Council workgroups and/or other organizations throughout the state. In the awareness/information category, Council members ranked increasing awareness among healthcare providers as the highest priority, along with launching a multi-pronged public awareness campaign about ADRD. In the education category, expanding access to free caregiver workshops and educating healthcare providers were the highest priorities. In both the stakeholder engagement/partnerships category and the ADRD data category, many of the activities were identified as opportunities for Council workgroups to engage external partners.

V. Discussion: Prioritizing State Plan Activities for FY24

Dr. Amjad invited Council members to share their reactions to the prioritizing survey and ideas for FY24 activities. Council members identified several agencies and organizations that could be engaged as partners, including the MDH Long-Term Services and Supports office, the Alzheimer's Association, and Dementia-Friendly America. Council members asked how MDH plans to avoid roadblocks encountered in FY23. Ms. Pier stated MDH is working to get all agreements and competitive funding announcements in process prior to July 1, 2023, if possible, to allow funded organizations more time to do the work.

VI. Public Comment Period

Dr. Amjad opened the meeting for public comment, however no members of the public were present.

VIII. Adjournment

Dr. Amjad closed the meeting at 4:32pm.

Next Quarterly Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2023