



**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS SUBCOMMITTEE
GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
December 6, 2024, 9:00 AM
1400 West Washington Street, Room CR-1106, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) convened on **December 6, 2024**, with notice duly given.

Members Present (4)	Members Absent (0)
Theresa Spitz, Chair	
Brendon Blake	
Dr. Keisha Jenkins	
Teresa Aseret-Manygoats	
Staff and Guest(s) Present (1)	
Latrishia Centers, Staff	

Call to Order

- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, called the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) meeting to order at **10:10 AM**. **Four** members and **one** staff were present.

Roll Call

- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present before welcoming the attendees. She expressed her gratitude to Latrishia Centers, the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF)'s Executive Director on Aging, for her hard work with the GACA in light of her recent announcement to step down from her position.

Selection and Approval of Chair

- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, stated that she spoke with **Brendon Blake** about taking over the chair role, and he has agreed to assume this position until further notice.
- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, requested a motion to approve **Brendon Blake's** selection as the new Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee Chair.
 - **Teresa Aseret-Manygoats** motioned to accept the selection of Brendon Blake as chair.
 - **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, seconded the motion.
- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, called for a vote, and at **10:15 AM**, Brendon Blake was approved as subcommittee chair beginning in 2025 with no dissenting votes.

Approval of October 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, requested a review of the **October 11, 2024**, meeting minutes before requesting a motion to approve the meeting minutes as drafted.
 - **Teresa Aseret-Manygoats** requested her name addition to the 'Members Absent' section at the top of page one.
 - **Brendon Blake** requested a correction to the spelling of his name on the top of page two.
- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes with amendments.
 - **Brendon Blake** motioned to accept the amended meeting minutes.
 - **Dr. Keisha Jenkins** seconded the motion.

- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, called for a vote, and at **10:20 AM**, the meeting minutes with amendments from October 11, 2024, were approved with no dissenting votes.

Data Collection Plan of Action

- All members shared their input regarding different options for collecting data and made recommendations for including specific populations/communities for consideration: 1. minority communities; 2. rural communities; 3. related disorders, such as Parkinson's disease; 4. Long-term care residents; 5. vulnerable and Special Needs adults; and 6. the hard-of-hearing community.
- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, stated she would talk with her staff at the [Alzheimer's Association, Desert Southwest Chapter](#), to determine if they can obtain additional demographic data from their Helpline Program.
- **Brendon Blake** reiterated the GACA's previous recommendations to find ways to improve data collection among state agencies and streamline data sharing with partners. He added that he would investigate the [Morrison Institute for Public Policy](#) at Arizona State University (ASU) and the [American Association of Retired Persons \(AARP\)](#) to determine if they could provide data assistance.
- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, mentioned she would contact Dr. David Coon, director of the Center for Innovation in Healthy and Resilient Aging, to see if he could offer any assistance.
- **Latrisha Centers** shared that two state agencies are willing to share data: the [Arizona Department of Health Services \(ADHS\)](#) and the [Arizona Department of Economic Security \(DES\) Division of Aging and Adult Services \(DAAS\)](#).
- **Dr. Keisha Jenkins** inquired about obtaining caregiver reimbursement data.
 - Members responded that this process is currently in place.
- **Teresa Aseret-Manygoats** shared that a group of professionals from various state agencies, such as the [Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System \(AHCCCS\)](#), the ADHS, and the DES DAAS, meet regularly to discuss Alzheimer's disease and collaborate on services and systems.
- All members agreed that the information shared in these meetings would be crucial for the subcommittee's efforts.

First Responder Training

- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, expressed her intention to draft a letter addressed to various first responder groups to gauge their interest in having staff participate in training. She added the Alzheimer's Association's offer of free community-wide training but noted that the subcommittee should consider other opportunities.
- **Brendon Blake** mentioned that he would provide **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, and the GOYFF GACA Executive Director Centers with a list of trainings from coalitions, groups, cities, and counties to consider in preparation for presenting this project to the GOYFF Leadership.

Future Meeting Dates/Topics

- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, inquired about potential topics for future meetings and asked members about their availability.
- All members agreed to review the final data elements and share information at the next GACA meeting.
- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, requested the addition of an agenda item for an update on the First Responder Training Draft Invitation Letter.
- The next meeting will occur on **January 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM**.

Adjournment

- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, requested a motion to adjourn.
 - **Brendon Blake** motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Theresa Spitz** seconded the motion.
- **Theresa Spitz, Chair**, called for a vote, and with no dissenting votes, the meeting adjourned at **10:40 AM**.

Dated December 6, 2024
Alzheimer's Disease and
Related Disorders
Subcommittee
Respectfully Submitted By:
Latrishia Centers, GOYFF

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