



**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS SUBCOMMITTEE
GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**

January 10, 2025 9:00 AM

1400 West Washington Street, Room CR-1101, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) convened on **January 10, 2025**, with notice duly given.

Members Present (4)	Members Absent (0)
Brendon Blake, Chair	
Theresa Spitz	
Dr. Keisha Jenkins	
Teresa Aseret-Manygoats	
Staff and Guest(s) Present (2)	
Ann Carver, Staff	Chantel Hutchinson, Staff

Call to Order

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, called the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) meeting to order at **9:09 AM**. **Four** members and **two** staff were present.

Roll Call

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present before welcoming the attendees.

Approval of December 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, requested a review of the **December 6, 2024**, meeting minutes before requesting a motion to approve the meeting minutes as drafted.
 - **Brendon Blake, Chair**, requested a correction to the spelling of AARP. AARP was formerly an acronym for the American Association of Retired Persons. The association's official name is [AARP](#).
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes with amendments.
 - **Teresa Aseret-Manygoats** motioned to accept the amended meeting minutes.
 - **Theresa Spitz** seconded the motion.
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, called for a vote, and at **9:22 AM**, the meeting minutes with amendments from December 6, 2024, were approved with no dissenting votes.

Data Collection Plan of Action

- **Dr. Keisha Jackson** reviewed the data elements related to 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.
- Members discussed the overarching issues they hope to explore: demographic variations by race or geographics (urban-rural) in Alzheimer's disease-related dementia (ADRD) diagnosis, access to services, and education/awareness.
- Members explained how they would develop and conduct the gap analysis in three parts: starting at the person/patient level, moving into the provider level, and finally, correlational analysis of gaps.
 - The preferred data elements should include diagnoses related to Alzheimer's, dementia,

and related disorders such as vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, Frontotemporal dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Mixed dementia, and Young-onset dementia.

- Demographic data, including age, race, gender, and county, would be categorized by urban and rural classifications following the data collection methodology established by the [Arizona Department of Health Services \(ADHS\)](#).
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, will present a summary of the data collection plan and a draft letter for consideration at the GACA general meeting on February 12, 2025.

First Responder Training

- **Theresa Spitz** proposed inviting First Responders to train on the updated version of a national, evidence-based, and free training program provided by the [Alzheimer's Association](#).
- Members discussed hosting a specific listening session or focus group with first responders and search-and-rescue to assess their need for awareness and training.
- **Theresa Spitz** agreed to draft a timeline and provide more information on determining content needs before engaging the first responder in training.

Subcommittee Membership

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, emphasized the need for additional members on the subcommittee. He mentioned that forming ad hoc workgroups could be beneficial in tackling specific aspects of the subcommittee's work. It's important to note that individuals do not need to be official GACA members.
- Subcommittee members brainstormed potential representatives, including those from rural areas, local providers, the [Arizona Department of Economic Security \(DES\)](#), and long-term care services.

Future Meeting Dates, Topics, and Adjournment

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, proposed including the topic of provider data elements in the next subcommittee agenda.
- The next meeting will occur on **March 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM**.

Adjournment

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

Dated January 10, 2025
Alzheimer's Disease and Related
Disorders Subcommittee
Respectfully Submitted By:
Ann Carver, GOYFF