

**State Health Improvement Plan  
Steering Committee and Revisions Meeting  
Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias Priority Area  
December 9, 2020, 9:00-11:00 AM EST**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Purpose and Desired Meeting Outcomes:**

- The State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Steering Committee will review 2019 progress updates for the 2017-2021 SHIP and make revisions to SHIP goals, strategies and objectives for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias priority area.

**Member Participation:**

<b>SHIP Partner Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Nikole Helvey	Bureau Chief	<b>X</b>	
Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Barbara Palmer	Director	<b>X</b>	
Feeding Florida	Robin Safley	Executive Director	<b>X</b>	
Florida American Indian Health Advisory Council	Paul Rowley	President and CEO		<b>X</b>
Florida Association of Community Health Centers	Andrew Behrman	CEO	<b>X</b>	
Florida Association of Health Planning Agencies, Inc.	Mike Hill	President		<b>X</b>
Florida Association of Health Plans, Inc.	Paul Runk	Vice President		<b>X</b>
Florida Behavioral Health Association	Melanie Brown-Woofter	President and CEO	<b>X</b>	
Florida Blue	Gordon Bailey, III	Vice President		<b>X</b>
Florida Chamber Foundation	Donna Wright	COO		<b>X</b>
Florida Dental Association	Natalie Carr-Bastillo	Vice President		<b>X</b>
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Lisa Conti	Deputy Commissioner		<b>X</b>
Florida Department of Children and Families	Shivana Gentry	Director of Integration	<b>X</b>	
Florida Department of Education	Penny Taylor	Director		<b>X</b>
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Madeleine Nobles	Director	<b>X</b>	
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Carla Gaskin Mautz	Staff Director		<b>X</b>

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Florida Department of Health in Gulf/Franklin County	Sarah Hinds	Health Officer		<b>X</b>
Florida Department of Health in Nassau County	Eugenia Ngo-Seidel	Health Officer	<b>X</b>	
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice	Charles Corley	Health Services Administrator		<b>X</b>
Florida Department of Transportation	Lora Hollingsworth	Chief Safety Engineer		<b>X</b>
Florida Hospital Association	Kim Streit	Senior Vice President		<b>X</b>
Florida Housing Finance Corporation	Trey Price	Executive Director		<b>X</b>
Florida Institute for Health Innovation	Danielle Lewald	Program Manager		<b>X</b>
Florida Philanthropic Network	Johnette Gindling	Secretary	<b>X</b>	
Florida State University	Dr. George Rust	Professor and Director	<b>X</b>	
Office of Attorney General Ashley Moody	Michelle Crum	Bureau Chief	<b>X</b>	
United Way of Florida	Ted Granger	President		<b>X</b>
University of Florida	Sarah McKune	Director		<b>X</b>
VISIT Florida	John Tupps	Vice President		<b>X</b>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action items, topics for next meeting and summary of discussions</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	Dr. Weiss welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias (ADRD) PAW co-chairs, Michelle Branham from the Florida Alzheimer's Association and Alexa Phillips from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.	<b>Dr. Ursula Weiss</b> Florida Department of Health
<b>Introductory Remarks</b>	Secretary Prudom gave an overview of ADRD. There are 580,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease, and that number is expected to increase to 720,000 by 2025. He talked about the impact that COVID-19 has had on those living with ADRD and their caregivers; the pandemic has brought these diseases to the forefront. Secretary Prudom spoke about some of the projects that have been initiated during the pandemic to help combat social isolation (eg., Project VITAL, Robotic Pets, etc.). He further stated that the	<b>Richard Prudom</b> Florida Department of Elder Affairs

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	<p>ADRD priority area is currently in need of more structure and more measurable goals, strategies and objectives, which brought us to the purpose of this meeting. The Secretary concluded with a quote from Governor DeSantis, essentially stating that this is Florida's time and opportunity to begin working and leaving a legacy for working in the community and building a strong foundation for improving the system and increasing dementia resources for the public.</p>	
<b>Housekeeping and Roll Call</b>	<p>Dr. Weiss reviewed some housekeeping items, including encouraging everyone to mute themselves and turn off their cameras when not speaking. She conducted a roll call of SHIP Steering Committee members/designees, and she concluded by providing an overview of the agenda.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Ursula Weiss</b> Florida Department of Health</p>
<b>Background</b>	<p>Florida has the second highest prevalence of Alzheimer's disease in the country; it is the sixth leading cause of death in our nation. In line with Governor Desantis' Dementia Action Plan, the ADRD priority area was added to the SHIP in May 2019. BOLD Act funding was applied for in 2020 and will be applied for again in 2021; and Dementia Care and Cure Initiatives were expanded.</p>	<p><b>Michelle Branham</b> Florida Alzheimer's Association</p>
<b>2019-2020 Highlights</b>	<p>Highlights from 2019-2020 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dementia Director position passed legislation in 2020.</li> <li>• Information regarding the use of CPT code 99483 was disseminated to all hospitals in Florida. This CPT code covers diagnostic testing for Alzheimer's disease as well as related dementia care planning, care consultations and referrals.</li> <li>• Memory Disorder Clinics were able to provide matching funding.</li> <li>• The Brain Bus makes 300 stops annually, prioritizing diverse and underserved populations.</li> <li>• BOLD application: A partnership was formed amongst the Florida Alzheimer's Association, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Florida Department of Health.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Michelle Branham</b> Florida Alzheimer's Association</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 response: Under Project VITAL, Florida’s program launched to keep Seniors connected with friends and family, tablets were sent to 317 long-term care facilities to mitigate the effects of social isolation.</li> </ul>	
<b>Proposed 2021 Goals, Strategies &amp; Objectives</b>	<p>Michelle Branham presented the goals, strategies and objectives (GSOs), background information and rationales to the Steering Committee. Proposed 2021 GSOs are derived from the Healthy Brain Initiative and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's public health road map on how states can put together a good infrastructure for ADRD. They also align with Florida’s Alzheimer’s State Plan. The proposed GSOs are more measurable and meaningful than the original GSOs.</p>	<p><b>Michelle Branham</b> Florida Alzheimer’s Association</p> <p><b>Alexa Phillips</b> Florida Department of Elder Affairs</p>
<b>Discussion and Decision</b>	<p>A Steering Committee member posed three questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What measurable objectives have been created regarding reducing or eliminating racial/ethnic disparities?</li> <li>2) Who on your leadership team has deep roots in the Black or Latino communities?</li> <li>3) How do your strategies incorporate reducing or eliminating racial/ethnic disparities within the community and are they culturally specific?</li> </ol> <p>Michelle Branham responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toolkits are in 27 different languages and the helpline is available in 27 different languages.</li> <li>• Standardized care is not standard to Caucasian Americans but to particular communities</li> <li>• The Brain Bus serves diverse underserved populations, and serves the lower income areas (going into rural areas with less access to health care).</li> <li>• Project VITAL addressed the issue of isolation, especially during COVID-19, in both long term care facilities and at home.</li> <li>• On their leadership team, they have a chief diversity officer at the Alzheimer's Association as well as a Vice President of Public Policy and Health Outcomes</li> </ul>	<p><b>SHIP Steering Committee Members</b></p>

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	<p>who has a team for diversity and inclusion. They are also partnering with several tribes to obtain grants and create new projects.</p> <p>A Steering Committee member encouraged the PAW to identify a metric that would identify the progress of interventions – once the needle starts moving on improving outcomes for people with dementia, it benefits the more economically advantaged patients first because they are more likely to take advantage of the resources. This widens the gap between the less advantaged and more advantaged patients.</p> <p>A Steering Committee member asked if there is any support of rural broadband or other connectivity support for Project VITAL at home. Michelle Branham responded that the connectivity is built into the tablet, so you don’t have to worry about Internet access— either having a connection or how strong it is.</p> <p>A Steering Committee member commented on training for caregivers in nursing homes and the increase in elopement from long-term care facilities. The committee members also offered to partner with the PAW regarding support and trainings.</p> <p>An attendee stated that the GSO revisions are strong and should place the priority area in a good position for the next SHIP.</p> <p>Dr. Weiss asked if the Steering Committee members had any objections to the proposed 2021 GSOs for the ADRD priority area. There were no objections.</p>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	Dr. Weiss opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was given.	<b>Members of the Public</b>

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<b>Closing</b>	Dr. Weiss thanked everyone for attending and stated that the meeting minutes would be distributed and posted on the SHIP website in the coming weeks. She encouraged attendees to fill out the survey to provide feedback regarding the meeting as they exit the webinar. The meeting was then adjourned.	<b>Dr. Ursula Weiss</b> Florida Department of Health