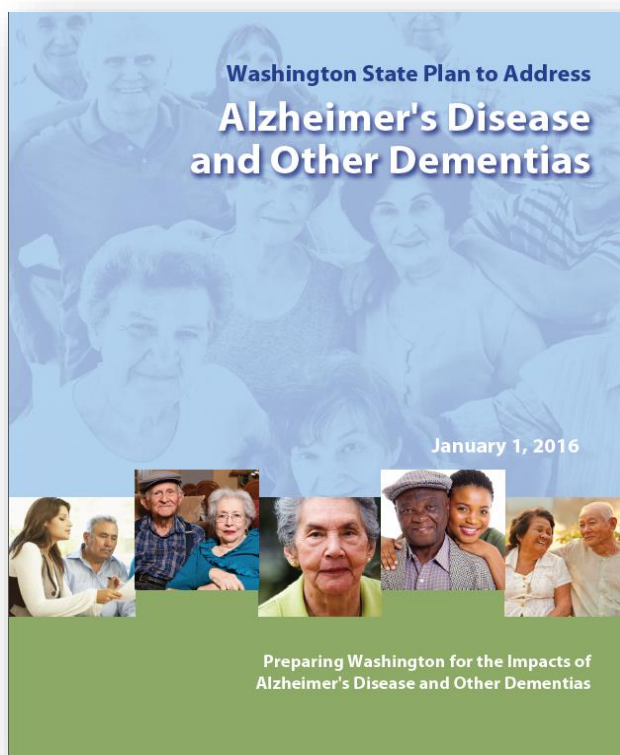

Dementia Action Collaborative

Progress Update: December 2017



Introduction

In 2014, legislation established an Alzheimer’s Disease Working Group (ADWG) to create a state plan to address Alzheimer’s disease. This plan, released in January 2016 identifies goals, strategies and recommendations as a starting point to prepare for the future. The ADWG developed the first [Washington State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias](#) as a public-private partnership. The plan’s implementation – including action planning, next steps, and policy changes – depends upon the participation and contributions of a broad group of committed partners.

What is the Dementia Action Collaborative?

As the plan developed, members of the ADWG called for the formation of a next generation workgroup to implement it. This group is now known as the Dementia Action Collaborative (DAC) - a voluntary statewide collaboration of partners committed to preparing our state for the future. The DAC includes a range of appointed members – people with dementia, family caregivers, representatives of advocacy groups, the aging network, Alzheimer’s organizations, long-term care providers, health care professionals, legislators and governmental agencies (see roster at end of this document).

What are the goals of the plan?

The purpose of the plan is to promote strategic actions that will prepare Washington State for the future.

The high-level goals are shown at right. See [State Plan](#) for more detail on specific strategies and recommendations.

What’s been accomplished so far?

This report shares activity and accomplishments through 2017.



Goal 1: Increase public awareness, engagement and education

Recommendation 1.A.1: Establish a work group to develop, launch, and oversee a single web-based “point of access” portal/website linking to a comprehensive statewide array of credible and validated information, resources and supports.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- After evaluating possibilities in 2016, the team decided to build upon the existing AD/Dementia page in the Community Living Connections (CLC) system: this is a website supporting the work of the statewide CLC program; managed by Aging and Long Term Support Administration (AL TSA) in partnership with a private vendor (RTZ).
- Based on review of the ADWG survey, the team determined needs for inclusion in a website; and compared these elements to what is currently available (and not) on the selected website – from this they identified 12 potential enhancements to the CLC site.
- Coordinated with the CLC program manager at AL TSA to enhance webpage content and prepare changes to be made by the website vendor.
- Investigated website analytics to support development of a draft marketing plan.

Status: COMPLETED

Ongoing work related to it includes development and implementation of remaining enhancements, and establishing a plan to promote and publicize this webpage (1E3).

2018 Timeline:

- January: Initiate Marketing Subgroup work
- February: Further work on analytics and create a specific URL name.
- March – June: Finalize CLC website enhancements, finalize marketing plan.
- July – Oct: Implement marketing plan
- December: Develop sustainability plan

Challenges: There are still big challenges related to marketing and sustainability plans

Project Team: Leads: Jan Higman, Joel Loiacono; Members: Debbie Hunter, Cheryl Townsend Winter

□ **Recommendation 1.D.1:** Educate the public about the need for advance care and end-of-life planning, before cognitive function declines, consistent with the Bree Collaborative End of Life Care Recommendations.

□ **Recommendation 1.D.2:** Educate the public and caregivers about the need for legal and financial planning – and the importance of obtaining legal and financial advice as a planning tool.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Formed project team with expertise from Seattle University, Northwest Justice Project, Alzheimer’s Association, Aging and Long Term Support Administration, Legal Voice, Washington State End of Life Coalition, Regence Blue Shield, persons with dementia and family caregivers
- Investigated resources to see what is currently available and gaps in information or education related to recommendations.
- Created sub-workgroups from the project team to focus on specific areas of the team’s mission and deliverables.
- Gained commitment from Executive Committee of WSBA Elder Law Section

Status: In progress

2018 Timeline:

- January – March: Collate, coordinate and refine deliverables.
- April: Determine one/primary place access for education, guidance and forms with links to resources.

Challenge: This team has a significant amount of resources to investigate and evaluate: What do people need? What is out there? What is not out there? They also have a team of very busy participants so all of their work is being done by monthly conference calling.

Project Team: Lead: Carla Calogero Members: Caroline Wood, Katie Denmark, Bruce Smith, Debbie Hunter, Myriam Marquez, Lisa Ellen Brodoff, Marie Eaton, Meredith Childers, Lori Ichimura, Hilarie Hauptman

□ **Recommendation 1.F.1:** Inform and educate the public about healthy aging, including links between brain health and nutrition, exercise, stress management and oral health/periodontal disease.

□ **Connects with Recommendation 2.D.2:** Work with the UW Healthy Brain Research Network (HBRN) and other partners to develop evidence-based public messages around promoting healthy aging and brain health, while ensuring messages are culturally/ethnically appropriate and designed to reach statewide populations including persons with limited English.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Collaboration of the University of Washington (UW), the Department of Health (DOH) and the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA), funded by national Alzheimer’s Association (\$25K). Conducted six focus groups, with outreach to Chinese and Japanese adult children of older adults, to investigate/discuss potential messaging around dementia.
- Findings from the focus groups were shared at the 2016 UW Elder Friendly Futures Conference, the 2016 Gerontological Society of America international conference, and the 2017 UW Elder Friendly Futures Conference.
- NAPCA created “Action Guides” for Service Providers and Policy Makers: <http://depts.washington.edu/hprc/resources/products-tools/aapi-dementia-action-guide/>
- Applied for and received funding from the Seattle Innovations Funds (\$10K) to help disseminated Action Guides in King County.
- The Center for MultiCultural Health (CMCH) is conducting outreach to African Americans, via churches and community based organizations in the Seattle and King County area. They will offer messages about risk reduction/preserving brain health and include action items and resources to preserve brain health. They will also disseminate hand fans that include evidence-based messages about preserving brain health and useful resources. The hope is that hearing the message, as well as seeing it (reinforced on the fans), will promote awareness, knowledge, and resources to help act on the messages. This work is being supported by funding from the national Alzheimer’s Association.
- DOH is in process of creating a webpage on dementia to house evidence-based information on preserving brain health, links to the Healthy Brain Initiative and to community resources.

Status: Ongoing

2018 Timeline:

- February: Complete dissemination of Action Guides.
- February: Outreach with African American churches, including dissemination of evidence-based messages.
- February: DOH Dementia webpage launched.

Project Team: Leads: Marci Getz and Basia Belza; Members: Lynne Korte, Myriam Marquez, Kathy Lofy

Goal 2: Prepare communities for significant growth in the dementia population

□ Recommendation 2.A.2: Implement the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) cognitive and caregiver modules at least once every three years.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- BRFSS Cognitive Module was fielded in 2016, and reports are being finalized.
- Applied to DOH to include full BRFSS Caregiver Module, but request denied due to number of questions.
- One question related to prevalence of caregiving was included in 2017 BRFSS.

Status: In process

2018 Timeline:

- January - March: Review 2016 Cognitive Module data.
- January - April: Determine usefulness of this data.
- March - September: Decide how to best format and share this data.

Project Team: Peter Newbould, Lynne Korte

□ Recommendation 2.B.1: Integrate goals and objectives related to cognitive impairment, memory loss and dementia into local and state governmental agencies' strategic plans. Such plans include state and area plans on aging, coordinated chronic disease management, falls prevention and emergency preparedness, transportation, and the Washington State Plan for Healthy Communities.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Developed an Implementation Plan and compiled a list of state/local/regional agencies with information about strategic plan timing, contact person, URL to their strategic plan & any notations on anything currently related to dementia in those plans.
- Prioritized agencies assigned for follow up.
- Developed a Project Brief for use with agency contacts.
- Began engaging in conversations with the HCS Division of AL TSA, the State Plan on Aging, the AAA Area Plans and WA Veterans Affairs.

Status: In process

2018 Timeline:

- January - February: determine next steps

Project Team: Lynne Korte, Cheryl Townsend-Winter

☑ Recommendation 2.C.1: Review emerging models/movements of livable, age-friendly and dementia-friendly communities, and determine elements most critical to developing dementia-friendly communities in Washington State.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Disseminated [Dementia Friendly Communities fact sheet](#) developed in 2016 to more than 16 statewide groups/associations.
- Created interested stakeholders list, building off of inventory of DF activities/programs offered in Washington State.
- Created and presented workshop on dementia-friendly library practices to Washington State Library Association.
- Conducted statewide survey investigating specific interests in dementia-friendly topics and networking, with more than 200 responses – leading to development of first statewide networking event (webinar) scheduled for January 2018.
- Advocated for dementia-friendly action items in Age-Friendly action plans in Seattle and Puyallup.

Status: COMPLETED

2018 Timeline:

- January 24: Alzheimer’s Café webinar/networking event, in conjunction with LTSS Early Stage Project Team.
- January – June: Plan for expanded outreach and implementation, explore legislative request for funding.
- Fall: Possible Dementia Friendly America event.
- Ongoing: work with Early Stage project team from LTSS Subcommittee to help expand early stage programs.
- For future reference/consideration: Unveil “products” of DAC at Governor Conference on Dementia in a couple of years. Develop awards for efforts towards dementia-friendly.

Challenge: While requiring collaboration, this effort may take some funding to provide support necessary to expand beyond current state.

Project Team: Lead: Marigrace Becker; Members: Hilarie Hauptman, Cathy Knight, Lynne Korte, Cathy MacCaul, Marty Richards

Goal 3: Ensure well-being and safety of people living with dementia and their family

☑ **Recommendation 3.A.1:** Incorporate content about dementia (warning signs, the importance of early detection and diagnosis), the heightened risk of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and about community resources into the Community Health Worker training.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Engaged Department of Health program manager for Community Health Worker (CHW) training to determine need for, potential formats, and costs of such a training.
- Identified funding through ALTA's federal Dementia Capable Systems grant and Older Americans Act.
- Developed contract for development of training with DOH, and met with online training system developer (Talance) to determine scope of training and timeline.
- Worked with staff, vendor and subject matter experts to determine content for self-paced online training module on Memory Loss and Dementia for CHWs.

Status: Nearly COMPLETED

2018 Timeline:

- January – February: pilot test new module with small number of Community Health Workers.
- February – March: review responses to pilot and make any necessary changes.
- March: launch availability of training module to CHWs statewide.

Project Team: Scott Carlson, Lynne Korte, Joanne Maher



Safety Concerns for People with Dementia

Not all memory loss is due to dementia. Memory loss and/or confusion may be a result of many conditions, some of which are reversible. If you or someone you know has memory loss or confusion that's getting worse, it's important to talk with a health care professional about it. If it does turn out to be dementia, there are steps you can take to live well, and plan for a future with it.

Dementia affects each person differently, but symptoms typically include increasing memory loss, confusion, and disorientation. Changes in the brain can also impact how individuals interpret what they see, hear, feel, taste or smell, and their sense of time, place and judgment – each of which can impact safety.

The best environment for a person with memory loss or dementia is one that helps them feel as independent and supported as possible. For people with dementia wanting to stay at home, it's key to find the right balance between independence and safety - and to anticipate changes. With creativity and flexibility, it's possible to make adaptations that make the home safer and less stressful for all.



This "info kit" is a resource for family members and caregivers to assist in evaluating the home and taking steps to promote safety over the course of dementia. Materials highlight information and tips related to the following:

1. Home Safety
2. Falls Prevention
3. Driving
4. Wandering
5. Emergency Preparedness
6. Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation

You may click on the links provided below each resource to view or print the information yourself. When a computer icon appears, the information is intended to be viewed online, and not in a printable format.

Recommendation 3.B.1: Compile and make accessible educational materials about ways to improve safety for people with dementia. Information may address fall prevention, wandering, disaster preparedness, and home safety assessments.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Investigated what is currently available re: safety for dementia that is targeted to families living with dementia, prioritized most relevant, and determined criteria for inclusion in an “info kit”.
- Determined best way to compile information for usability i.e., (PDF document).
- Finalized online [Dementia Safety Info Kit](#) (a compilation of best, credible documents available via PDF and websites).
- Disseminated through DAC partners, re: awareness of these materials.

Status: COMPLETED

Ongoing work:

- Disseminate as possible via partners and webpages.

Challenge: Small project team; and took significant time to investigate, narrow in and format information for public. This effort was supported through work aligned with a current Dementia Capable Systems grant.

Project Team: Lynne Korte, Bob Wellington, Dave Budd

Recommendation 3.C.1: Make more readily available appropriate forms for legal planning such as Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, Durable Power of Attorney for Finances, Advance Directives, and information about a Physical Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) at no cost to consumers through public libraries, resource centers, online, and other appropriate locations.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Connects with work on Recommendations 1.D.1 and 1.C.2.
- See project team activities listed under Goal 1

Goal 4: Ensure access to comprehensive supports for family caregivers

☑ **Recommendation 4.A.1:** Create a Washington State-specific “roadmap” for family caregivers providing information about what to expect over time to help plan for the future.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- After soliciting input from full DAC regarding concept/content in 2016, the “road map” was graphically designed into PDF format. It brings together in a visually simple format information about various needs and critical action steps such as early legal and advance care planning, health and long-term
- Disseminated the new [Dementia Road Map: A Guide for Family and Care Partners](#) widely through DAC network for placement on websites.
- Secured funding for printing of booklets (Older Americans Act and Alzheimer’s Association).
- Disseminated nearly 20,000 booklets to organizations and caregivers across Washington State.

Status: COMPLETED (PDF and print versions)

2018 Timeline:

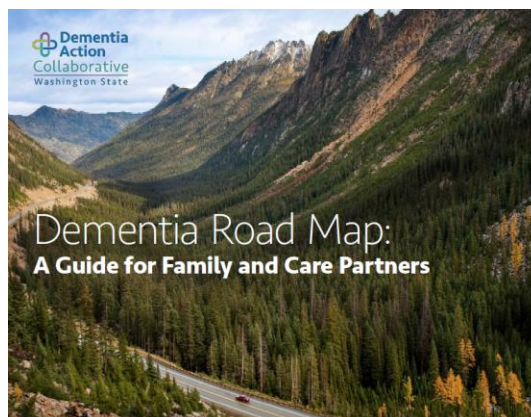
- January – June: Increase awareness of Dementia Road Map beyond DAC network
- June: Determine funding to sustain availability of print version
- December: Developing a plan to create, manage and sustain a web-based interactive version of Dementia Roadmap

Ongoing Work:

1. Maintain content of Dementia Road Map, updating links as needed.
2. Respond to requests for paper copies, packaging/shipping.
3. Determine potential elements of interactive online version, and costs for development.

Greatest Challenge: Sustainability of Dementia Roadmap in printed and online versions.

Project Team: Lead: Todd Larson; Members: Cindy Balbuena, Kim Boon, Lynne Korte, Jerry Reilly, Lauri St. Ours, Rep. Steve Tharinger



□ **Recommendations 4.C.2:** Expand and promote implementation of early stage memory loss groups for people with cognitive impairment/dementia and their care partners.

□ **Recommendation 4.E.1:** Develop information about models of social engagement such as Alzheimer’s Cafes, Zoo Walks, Museum/Arts (“here:now”) programs, etc.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Collected feedback about ESML needs from participants at Alzheimer’s Association Town Halls and developed inventory of current ESML services including those that offer support and education, and those that provide social engagement across the state in 2016.
- Piloted an evidence-informed ESML model developed by the University of Washington (UW) called Staying Connected in 5 Area Agencies on Aging, with federal grant funding.
- Identified programs that might be expanded through collaboration and within existing resources, e.g., Alzheimer’s Cafes, Walking Programs, and developed plan for promoting these models through networking opportunities.
- Developed written guidance for “Starting an Alzheimer’s Café” which will be shared at the webinar scheduled for January 24, 2018.

Status: In process

2018 Timeline:

- January: Disseminate guidance on Alzheimer’s Cafes at webinar on January 24th
- February – March: develop guidance for starting Walking Programs
- March – June: plan and hold networking event on starting Walking Programs
- June – December: develop plan to sustain UW Staying Connected
- Ongoing: engage community partners to expand awareness and availability of ESML groups and programs, particularly beyond Puget Sound.

Challenge: Beyond Puget Sound, lack of capacity in partners to increase community awareness and in communities to begin or sustain programs. May require additional funding to support development.

Project Team: Lynne Korte, Marigrace Becker, Cayce Cheairs, Jan Higman, Cathy Knight, Bob Le Roy, Kenna Little, Christina Marnieris, Cheryl Townsend-Winter

□ **Recommendation 4.F.1:** Identify and engage leaders and organizations of diverse populations to explore needs for education and support.

□ **Recommendation 4.G.1:** Engage tribal representatives to explore the needs of tribal families caring for people with dementia to develop culturally relevant supports and services.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017

- Created and distributed “Dear Tribal” letter, identified tribal points-of-contact and developed set of outreach questions in 2016.
- Initiated outreach, beginning with Native Americans, with a plan to then focus on African American and Hispanic.
- Attained feedback from tribal representatives in the Title VI program, and through conversations and written input to surveys at tribal events.

Status: In process

2018 Timeline:

- January – March: summarize information attained from tribal community outreach.
- March – June: identify gaps and potential next steps with tribal communities.
- March – December: identify naturally occurring meetings and contacts, and initiate outreach to African American and Hispanic communities.

Challenge: Doing this type of outreach takes significant planning, linking and in-person relationship building. This will be an ongoing process.

Project Team: Bob LeRoy, Aziz Aladin, Emma Medicine White Crow, Marietta Bobba, Yolanda Lovato, Karen Winston, Shelly Zylstra

Goal 5: Identify dementia early and provide dementia-capable evidence-based health care

☑ **Recommendation 5.A.1:** Convene an expert panel to identify and endorse a set of evidence-based standards for diagnosis, treatment, supportive care and advance planning for people with dementia.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Engaged the Dr. Robert Bree Collaborative in 2016 as the optimal venue through which to convene an expert panel to identify/endorse guidelines.
- DAC members identified potential content experts for and helped populate the Bree dementia workgroup.
- Bree Collaborative working group convened between January and October, populated by several members of the Dementia Action Collaborative as well as other local, state and national experts in dementia care.
- The [Bree Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Report and Recommendations](#) finalized and submitted to the Health Care Authority in November 2018

Status: COMPLETED

Timeline 2018:

- January – June: Determine mechanisms and funding for broad dissemination and training around recommendations.
- Ongoing dissemination of recommendations to family, provider and healthcare system stakeholders.
- Ongoing implementation work around early detection and diagnosis, championed by Virginia Mason Medical Center and University of Washington.

Project Team: Lead: Kris Rhoads Team: Amanda Avalos, Nancy Isenberg, Lynne Korte, Bruce Smith



☑ Recommendation 5.B.2: Identify/recommend several validated, brief cognitive screening tools.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Completed a literature review on available screening measures, review of practice parameters and recommendations, best practice models and some preliminary examination of current practice parameters in 2016.
- Completed a position paper entitled [Brief Cognitive Screening Tools for Primary Care Practice](#) outlining recommended tools, clinical pathways and opportunities for screening.
- Developed a graphic/flow chart that outlines clinical pathways and tools for screening, diagnosis and support to individuals and families throughout the process.

Status: COMPLETED

Timeline 2018:

- January – June: Identify priorities and avenues for more broadly disseminating position paper and Clinical Provider Practice Tool graphic through existing networks.

Challenges: Dissemination and implementation in medical systems as well as more rural practices will take additional resources.

Project Team: Lead: Kris Rhoads Team: Nancy Isenberg, Lynne Korte

☐ Recommendation 5.E.1: Promote understanding and effective utilization of (a) Medicare Annual Wellness Visit which includes objective cognitive assessment/screening; and (b) Complex care management (CCM) codes for care coordination services, and advance care planning codes for individuals at end of life.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Clarification of MAWV components and proposed workflow, as outlined in Bree Recommendations
- Improved understanding around billing codes and documentation needs
- Preliminary data around utilization rates across the state as well as different organizations

Status: Ongoing

Timeline 2018:

- January: Identify a project lead. Clarify reimbursement opportunities/levels for a variety of payers
- January – March: Clear objective numbers around utilization rates.
- March – September: Provider and systems education events
- September – December: Implementation of two-step screening process outlined in the Bree recommendations and cognitive screening paper at the University of Washington

Project Team: Lead: TBD Team: Leslie Emerick, Charissa Fotinos, Kris Rhoads, Tatiana Sadak, Lynne Korte

□ **Recommendation 5.E.2:** Advocate for the development of, and promote use of billing codes and reimbursement for care that improves the health and lives of older adults.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Inclusion of preliminary billing code information in the Bree recommendations
- Identification of best practices and information graphics from Alzheimer’s Association and related organizations

Status: Ongoing

Timeline 2018:

- January & Ongoing: Data collection around current utilization practice

Challenges: Getting data from state level and individual organizations around current billing practices.

Project Team: Kris Rhoads, Nancy Isenberg

□ **Recommendation 5.B.3:** Promote timely assessment and disclosure of cognitive impairment and/or diagnosis of dementia through the identification of a diagnostic pathway for use in primary care settings.

Year End Accomplishment(s):

- Emphasis on early detection in Bree recommendations
- Delineation of tools and pathways for screening/detection in position paper
- Washington state specific modifications to the MN ACT [Clinical Provider Practice Tool](#)

Status: Ongoing

Timeline 2018:

- January & Ongoing: Dissemination and implementation.

Challenges: Identification of organizational champions to move implementation work.

Project Team: Kris Rhoads, Lynne Korte, Nancy Isenberg, Tatiana Sadak, Bruce Smith

Goal 6: Ensure dementia-capable long-term services and support are available in the setting of choice

☑ Recommendation 6.A.2: Identify and promote existing models of care coordination services for individuals living in the community and their family caregivers, such as Health Homes, geriatric care managers, and Alzheimer’s Association Care Navigators.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Developed consensus on what is meant by care coordination, and completed an inventory detailing existing care coordination resources.
- Compiled document summarizing care coordination models to be referenced moving forward.

Status: COMPLETED

Ongoing Work:

- Promote care coordination models within existing resources as possible.

Project Team: Lead: Leigh Beth Merrick; Members: Susan Engels, John Ficker, Jullie Gray, Maureen Linehan, Mary Lynn Pannen, Mimi Pattison

☑ Recommendation 6.C.1: Enhance Dementia Specialty Training available to LTSS workers for all settings.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- After working with stakeholders to garner input, AL TSA finalized an enhanced Dementia Specialty Training in 2016.
- Rolled out new training to residential long-term care settings.

Status: COMPLETED

Project Team: Lorrie Mahar, Angela Regensburg (AL TSA staff)

□ Recommendation 6.D.2: Identify tools and strategies to more effectively coordinate current systems and seek federal funding opportunities to help meet the costs of financing care, such as the Medicaid Transformation Waiver.

Year End Accomplishments, 12/31/2017:

- Health Care Authority (HCA), Aging and Long Term Support Administration (AL TSA) and Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) worked together, and with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), to plan processes and procedures that support implementation of a new Medicaid Transformation Demonstration, a federally funded project that assists older adults, including those living with dementia, by financing long term supports and services that help them to live at home.
- Launched the 2 new programs – Medicaid Alternative Care and Tailored Supports for Older Adults which offer a wide range of services and supports such as housekeeping and errands, specialized medical equipment, training opportunities, adult day services, support groups and counseling as a new alternative to traditional services for Medicaid recipients over 55 and to a new eligibility group of those older adults at risk of spending down to Medicaid.
- Initiated outreach campaign to raise awareness among families about these new programs.

Status: In process (5 year demonstration)

Ongoing Work:

- Promote awareness about this new funding stream for long-term supports and services.
- Evaluate outcomes of this demonstration to document return on investment.

Project Team: Bea Rector, Susan Engels, Kim Boon (AL TSA staff), AAA directors and staff

Goal 7: Promote innovation and research related to causes of and effective interventions for dementia

□ Recommendation 7.B.1: Identify organizations/institutions in WA involved in providing dementia related psychosocial and medical services, and connect them with AD research to promote research awareness and strategic alliances.

Year End Accomplishment(s):

- A compiled list of state/local/regional research efforts.

Status: In process

2018 Timeline:

- January – March: Determine next action steps.

Ongoing Work:

1. Follow through with current agency contacts
2. Determine best method for keeping this list up-to-date.
3. Connecting healthcare providers with research opportunity information

Greatest Challenge: Identifying research organizations outside University of Washington system or those indicated on the Alzheimer’s Association Trial Match platform.

Project Team: Suman Jayadev

For more information on DAC activities and products:

Go to the DAC webpage: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/alzheimers-state-plan>

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