

## Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

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**For discussion:** Compiled input chart of recommendations and strategies for the 2020 biennial report from the biennial report work group conference call on February 25, 2020.

- As designated by Council chair Rita Hortenstine at the October 28, 2019, Council meeting, DSHS convened a 3-person work group via conference call on February 25, 2020. The chair appointed Byron Cordes, Vaunette Fay, and Ana Guerrero Gore to the work group.
- The purpose of the work group was to take the recommendations provided by the entire Council using an input form (provided individually to DSHS by email) to condense duplicate recommendations and create a list for the entire Council to review. The work group did not have a quorum of the Council and did not vote on any matter.
- Council members who responded to the assignment for input are included.
- Last names of Council members are provided with their comments.

## Recommendation 1

### 2018 Language:

*Sustain and support ongoing coordinated Alzheimer's disease (Alzheimer's) research.*

#### **Council Input: Keep**

Cordes, Diamond, Guerrero  
Gore, Hyde, Quiceno,  
Seshadri, Turner

#### **Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red/blue)**

Sustain and support ongoing coordinated Alzheimer's disease (Alzheimer's) research  
**"and/including (Fay) research into improving the lives of families and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or related disorders". (Patton)**

## Strategy 1 for Recommendation 1

### 2018 Language:

*Continue recognition and support of coordinated statewide research, as the Texas Legislature demonstrated in passing House Bill 1504, 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Texas Education Code, Chapter 154), to establish the Texas Consortium of Alzheimer's Disease Centers.*

#### **Council Input: Keep**

#### **Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red)**

Cordes, Diamond, Fay,  
Guerrero Gore, Hyde,  
Patton, Quiceno, Seshadri,  
Turner

**Comment from Seshadri was moved to PROPOSED Strategies for Recommendation 1.**

## Strategy 2 for Recommendation 1

### 2018 Language:

Support research on Alzheimer's disease, both basic science research and clinical research, focusing on

- early detection
- differentiation between Alzheimer's and other related disorders, and
- treatment and care.

### Council Input: Keep

### Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red)

Diamond, Guerrero Gore, Hyde, Patton, Turner

Support research on Alzheimer's disease, both basic science research and clinical research, focusing on

- early detection
- differentiation between Alzheimer's and other related disorders **and understanding all the various biologies that contribute to the burden of dementia in Texas including vascular, head injury and other neurodegenerative etiologies (Seshadri), and**
- treatment **and care for persons living with dementia and their family caregivers. (Quiceno, Fay, Cordes)**

**Strategy 3 for Recommendation 1**

**2018 Language:**

*Support the incorporation of the Alzheimer’s optional modules in the annual Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). The two Alzheimer’s modules are the Caregiver Optional Module and the Cognitive Decline Optional Module.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

Cordes, Fay, Guerrero  
Gore, Hyde, Patton,  
Quiceno, Seshadri, Turner

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**PROPOSED Strategy 4 for Recommendation 1 (Seshadri)**

**2020 Language:**

*Support efforts to get one or more National Institute on Aging (NIA) funded Alzheimer’s Disease Research Centers (ADRCs) into Texas.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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**PROPOSED Strategy 5 for Recommendation 1 (Seshadri)**

**2020 Language:**

*Establish a state-wide brain banking system such as the Florida Brain Bank (<http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/does/BrainBank/howto.php>) with a focus on ethnic minorities.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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**PROPOSED Strategy 6 for Recommendation 1 (Seshadri)**

**2020 Language:**

*Create a state-wide registry of persons interested in clinical trials.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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**Recommendation 2**

**2018 Language:**

*Continue support for quality care.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red)***

Guerrero Gore, Hyde,  
Patton, Turner

Continue support for quality care **for persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias and their family caregivers. (Cordes, Fay)**

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## Strategy 1 for Recommendation 2

### 2018 Language:

*Promote interdisciplinary education of health professionals and first responders on management of behaviors (e.g., anxiety, aggression, wandering, etc.) through behavior modification, environmental modifications and medication use, and promoting dementia friendly concepts.*

#### **Council Input: Keep**

#### **Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red)**

Cordes, Fay, Guerrero  
Gore, Hyde, Turner,

Promote interdisciplinary education of health professionals and first responders on management of behaviors (e.g., anxiety, aggression, wandering, etc.) through behavior modification, environmental modifications and medication use, and promoting dementia friendly concepts.

- **Work with city and county officials to promote the concept of dementia friendly cities and communities. (Patton)**
- **Support programs that center on education of police and first responders on how to deal with patients with dementia. (Patton)**

## Strategy 2 for Recommendation 2

### 2018 Language:

*Support the development of quality care tailored to the needs of persons with dementia and the inclusion of family caregivers in decision making.*

#### **Council Input: Keep**

#### **Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red)**

Cordes, Fay, Guerrero  
Gore, Hyde, Patton

Support the development of quality care tailored to the needs of persons with dementia and the inclusion of family caregivers in decision making. **Recognize and accommodate the needs of diverse populations including culture, language, and economic background. (Turner)**

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### Strategy 3 for Recommendation 2

#### 2018 Language:

*Promote the Alzheimer’s Association’s 2018 Dementia Care Practice Recommendations. The Dementia Care Practice Recommendations outline recommendations for quality care practices based on a comprehensive review of current evidence, best practices, and expert opinions.*

**Council Input: Keep**

**Council Input: Keep & Amend**

Cordes, Diamond, Fay,  
Guerrero Gore, Hyde,  
Patton, Turner

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**PROPOSED Strategy 4 for Recommendation 2 (Cordes)**

**2020 Language:**

*Promote the Alzheimer’s awareness campaign as funded by the 86th Texas Legislature in House Bill (HB) 1 for the FY20-FY21 biennium. HB 1 allocated \$1 million in funding specifically for the development and implementation of a public awareness campaign for Alzheimer’s disease.*

**Council Input: Keep**

**Council Input: Keep & Amend**

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**PROPOSED Strategy 5 for Recommendation 2 (Hyde)**

**2020 Language:**

*Enhance the DSHS Alzheimer’s Disease Program website by providing additional resources specifically for healthcare professionals.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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**Recommendation 3**

**2018 Language:**

*Engage in strategic collaborations.*

***Council Input: Keep***

Cordes, Fay, Guerrero  
Gore, Hyde, Quiceno,  
Turner

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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**Strategy 1 for Recommendation 3**

**2018 Language:**

*Partner with state and county medical organizations and other stakeholders to promote research and awareness campaigns.*

**Council Input: Keep**

**Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red/blue)**

Hyde, Patton, Quiceno,  
Turner

**Encourage partnerships between ~~Partner with~~ (Cordes), (Fay)** state and county medical organizations and other stakeholders to promote research and awareness campaigns **with an emphasis on geographic areas with the greatest need. (Guerrero Gore)**





### Strategy 2 for Recommendation 3

#### 2018 Language:

*Promote the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Healthy Brain Initiative: Public Health Road Map, to promote brain health as a vital component of public health, and to increase the number of Texans who recognize the direct impact physical health can have on brain/cognitive health.*

#### **Council Input: Keep**

#### **Council Input: Keep & Amend**

Cordes, Diamond, Fay,  
Guerrero Gore, Hyde,  
Patton, Quiceno, Turner

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### Strategy 3 for Recommendation 3

#### 2018 Language:

*Through stakeholder input, continue to develop a state plan to address Alzheimer's every five years.*

#### **Council Input: Keep**

Diamond, Fay, Guerrero  
Gore, Hyde, Patton,  
Quiceno, Turner

#### **Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red)**

**(Cordes) Support and promote the Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease 2019-2023. Health and Safety Code, Section 99.001 directs the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to develop and implement a state plan for education on and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The state plan will be reviewed and modified as necessary every five years.**

**PROPOSED Strategy 4 for Recommendation 3 (Quiceno)**

**2020 Language:**

*Invite local representatives to speak at Council meetings about how they are implementing the Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease 2019-2023.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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**Recommendation 4**

**2018 Language:**

*Expand local caregiver services and supports.*

***Council Input: Keep***

Fay, Guerrero Gore, Hyde,  
Patton, Turner

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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### Strategy 1 for Recommendation 4

#### 2018 Language:

*Strengthen the Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) Alzheimer's Disease Program and its role in providing support and resources for persons living with the disease, caregivers, and healthcare professionals.*

**Council Input: Keep**

**Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red)**

Cordes, Fay, Guerrero  
Gore, Patton, Turner

(Quiceno) **Keep and mention the new state plan and funding.**

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## Strategy 2 for Recommendation 4

### 2018 Language:

Enhance the DSHS Alzheimer's Disease Program website by making it more user-friendly, with links and references to Alzheimer's state and community services. Include a portal with information and resources for healthcare professionals.

#### Council Input: Keep

#### Council Input: Keep & Amend (in red/blue)

Cordes, Fay, Patton, Turner

(Hyde) Enhance the DSHS Alzheimer's Disease Program website by making it more user-friendly **for family caregivers**, with links and references to Alzheimer's state and community services. ~~Include a portal with information and resources for healthcare professionals.~~

(Guerrero Gore) Enhance the DSHS Alzheimer's Disease Program website by making it more user-friendly **for seniors**, with links and references to Alzheimer's state and community services. Include a portal with information and resources for healthcare professionals. **Include virtual assistance where possible.**

**PROPOSED Strategy 3 for Recommendation 4 (Seshadri)**

**2020 Language:**

*Create a state-wide web-based compilation of resources for persons living with dementia and their care-givers.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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**PROPOSED Strategy 4 for Recommendation 4 (Quiceno)**

**2020 Language:**

*Invite local representatives to speak at Council meetings about how they are implementing the Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease 2019-2023.*

***Council Input: Keep***

***Council Input: Keep & Amend***

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