

**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission:
Data and Research Work Group**

Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services
8004 Franklin Farms Drive
Henrico, VA 23229

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 11:00 am

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Dr. Patricia Slattum, Ph.D., Chair*
Dr. Carol Manning, Ph.D. ABPP-CN*
Dr. Connie Coogle, Ph.D.

Guest:

Dr. Sung Hong, Ph.D.

Members Absent:

Sonya Barsness, M.S.G.

Staff:

Amy Marschean, J.D.
Devin Bowers, M.P.H.

*Participated via conference call

Meeting Summary:

Agenda Items:	Speaker:
<p>Welcome Dr. Patricia Slattum called the meeting to order at 11:01 pm and welcomed members.</p>	Patricia Slattum
<p>Introductions Work Group members, guest, and staff introduced themselves.</p>	All
<p>Approve the Minutes Dr. Slattum asked the members to review the minutes. A quorum was not present, so the minutes will be approved at a future meeting.</p>	All
<p>Scheduling of follow-up meeting on March 22nd Mrs. Bowers ask the Work Group members if they would be available for a follow-up meeting on March 22nd either before or after the quarterly meeting of the ADRD Commission. Dr. Slattum stated she is available and has no preference on the time. Dr. Coogle was also available, but preferred to meet after the Commission meeting. Mrs. Bowers offered to follow-up with Ms. Barsness and Dr. Manning (joined the meeting at 11:20) about their availability. Additionally, Mrs. Bowers provided the Work Group members with a few updates. On March 11th the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy will hold the Lowenthal Symposium, which will be focusing on protein aggregation and neurological disorders this year. Dr. Manning and Mrs. Bowers will be giving a short presentation on the ADRD Commission and participating in a networking event being held at the conclusion of the conference. The event will help connect dementia researchers in Virginia and potentially provide an opportunity to gauge interest in a research consortium.</p>	Devin Bowers

<p>Dr. Slattum added that Dr. George Bloom from the University of Virginia will be presenting, in addition to researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Mrs. Bowers concluded by stating that <i>HB 337 Neurodegenerative diseases; informed consent to experimental treatment</i> has passed both the House and the Senate and is waiting on the Governor's signature.</p>	
<p>VCOA Report on ALF Violations: Additional Findings</p> <p>Dr. Coogle and Dr. Hong presented their report with findings from an analysis of violations in assisted living facilities (ALF) with special care units (SCU) and those with auxiliary grants (AG). The analysis included the number of beds in each facility (total of 133 facilities), but the total in the SCU was not known. Dr. Coogle asked if the work group could request this information from the Department of Social Services (DSS). Mrs. Marschean and Mrs. Bowers agreed to follow-up on requesting this information. The majority of facility beds were located in the Central, Fairfax and Virginia Beach regions, these regions in addition to Northern and Valley had accommodation ratios less than 85 older adults per bed. Violations were most common in the Piedmont and Western regions and the least number was reported in Central Virginia. Facilities with 175+ beds were cited the least were as 125-174 bed facilities were cited the most. Four common SCU specific violations included initial dementia training, assessment, continuation, and approval (definitions below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial dementia training: within 2 months of employment the administrator and direct care staff must attend at least 4 hours of training in cognitive impairment due to dementia • Assessment: prior to admission the resident will be assessed as having a serious cognitive impairment due to dementia by a clinical psychologist or physician • Continuation: 6 months after the initial uniform assessment instrument (UAI) a subsequent UAI, including a review of appropriateness for residence in a SCU, will occur and be repeated every 6 months (a review can also be warranted by a change in the resident's condition) • Approval: prior to placement in a SCU approval will be provided by (in the order of priority) the resident, a guardian or legal representative, a relative, or an independent physician. <p>ALF accepting AG had more violations on average. Mrs. Marschean asked if there were any violations where the resident was found to be residing in an SCU with a diagnosis of serious mental illness, but no primary diagnosis of dementia. Dr. Coogle responded that this was not addressed within the scope of the report, but is an interesting question. Since Dr. Coogle will be presenting these findings again at the March 22nd ADRD Commission meeting Mrs. Marschean suggested inviting the Adult Protective Services AG coordinator at DARS. Dr. Coogle also requested staff from DSS be invited as well. Dr. Hong and Dr. Coogle have also completed an analysis of dementia projections for Virginia and will be invited to present at a future meeting of the work group.</p>	<p>Connie Coogle Sung Hong</p>
<p>Meeting Adjournment The work group adjourned at 11:53 am.</p>	<p>Patricia Slattum</p>