



**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS SUBCOMMITTEE
GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
May 30, 2025 | 9:00 AM
1700 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
THE EXECUTIVE TOWER, 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007**

A general meeting of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging was convened on May 30, 2025, notice duly given.

MEMBERS PRESENT (7)	MEMBERS ABSENT (4)
Brendon Blake, Chair	Theresa Spitz
Dr. Keisha Jenkins	DeAnnah Byrd
Tory Roberg	Teresa Mangoats
Lisa Pollock	Teresa Malak Salama
Maria Kirley	
Amanda Swanson	
Bob Roth	
STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT (3)	
Belinda Ray, GOYFF	Chantal Hutchinson, GOYFF
Ann Carver, GOYFF	

CALL TO ORDER

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, called the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee meeting to order at **09:05 AM**. Six members and three staff members were present.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves.

ROLL CALL

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, conducted a roll call and reached a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, requested a review of the **April 11, 2025**, meeting minutes as drafted.
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, asked for a discussion of the minutes.
 - **Brendon Blake, Chair**, noted a correction on page 3: Theresa Spitz's first name is missing an "S."
- With no other amendments requested, **Brendon Blake, Chair**, requested a motion to approve the minutes with amendments.
 - **Tory Roberg** moved to approve the meeting minutes with amendments.
 - **Lisa Pollock** seconded the motion.
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, called a vote, and at **09:09 AM**, the motion to approve the meeting minutes with amendments passed with no dissenting votes.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, opened the floor to discuss the subcommittee's mission and vision statement.
- **Tory Roberg** proposed the following draft mission statement: "To improve the state's data collection and dementia-related data to make recommendations and improve the lives of people living with dementia and their caregivers."
- **Lisa Pollock** proposed a focus on improving systems for those affected by dementia.
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, reminded members that the subcommittee aims to enhance the quality of life for individuals with dementia and their families through strengthened data collection and informed recommendations.
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, will draft a proposed mission statement based on member input and solicit further feedback before the following subcommittee meeting, when members aim to finalize it.

REVIEW FINAL LIST OF DATA ELEMENTS

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, introduced **Dr. Keisha Jenkins**, who would present on the [data elements spreadsheet](#), the [Alzheimer's data queries](#), and their current structures.
- Members discussed expanding the "special populations" category in the data elements spreadsheet to include individuals in correctional facilities and older adults experiencing homelessness. Additionally, they emphasized the importance of obtaining comprehensive, patient-level data that encompasses demographics and diagnostics from various state agencies, healthcare providers, and insurers. Potential data sources included the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Vital Statistics, hospital discharge records with International Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes, and claims from Medicaid and Medicare.
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, and **Dr. Jenkins** confirmed that data from the two Lewy Body dementia codes identified in the Alzheimer's data queries will be merged post-collection for analytical purposes.
- **Tory Roberg** highlighted the value of data from health care industries and stressed the need to evaluate statewide access to care, provider types and locations, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD)-related provider knowledge, and treatment barriers, including transportation, language, and cultural factors. She noted that the Alzheimer's Association may assist in obtaining emergency room data relevant to Alzheimer's Disease.
- **Dr. Keisha Jenkins** recommended examining data from the state retirement, state health systems, and private insurers.
- **Bob Roth** suggested using the [Health Information Exchange](#) (HIE), specifically [Contexture](#), to access private care data. He will contact Contexture once **Brendon Blake, Chair**, provides the appropriate talking points.
- Members agreed to prioritize obtaining accessible data with the following tasks outlined:
 - **Dr. Jenkins** will coordinate with ADHS and other relevant state agencies.
 - **Bob Roth** will follow up with HIE/Contexture.
 - **Amanda Swanson** will identify any existing data collection efforts to avoid redundancy.
 - **Belinda Ray** will contact the [Governor's Office on Tribal Relations](#), Health Services, to explore access to tribal health data.
- Members discussed the feasibility of a statewide survey targeting patients and caregivers with community partners and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) as possible distribution channels. **Tory Roberg** noted that such a project would be significant before suggesting exploring data from medical and licensing boards.

STAFFING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- **Bob Roth** noted that Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) maintain workforce groups, emphasizing the critical shortage of geriatricians in healthcare. He recommended consulting AHCCCS for relevant information on this matter.
- **Bob Roth** mentioned the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) efforts to provide families with necessary care.
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, stated the subcommittee would table the discussion around staffing and workforce development to allow for initial data collection to proceed and for future guidance on projections.

REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT FOR GACA MEETING

- It was agreed that the subcommittee would review its report at its next scheduled meeting in preparation for the upcoming GACA meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, announced that the [Governor's Regulatory Review Council](#) (GRRC) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM to review the proposed rules regarding assisted-living communities offering memory care services.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, announced that the next subcommittee meeting will occur on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 10:00 AM. The agenda will include finalizing the subcommittee's mission and vision statement, updating on assigned data-related tasks, and reviewing the subcommittee's report for the full GACA meeting.

ADJOURN

- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, thanked members for participating and requested a motion to adjourn.
 - **Bob Roth** moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Tori Roberg** seconded the motion.
- **Brendon Blake, Chair**, asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.
- The motion passed without dissenting votes, and the meeting adjourned at **10:37 AM**.

Dated June 4, 2025
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee
Respectfully Submitted By:
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