

## Policy Development Workgroup Meeting

April 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom

### Attendance:

Keri Dennis, Morgan Fitzgerald, Maggie Schaffer, Sara Paape, Melissa Holland, Linda Thompson, Mary Brinkley, Germaine Odenheimer, and Natasha Mason

### Welcome and Introductions:

Keri gave a brief update on bills and introduced Maggie Shaffer as the new Director of Policy at the Alzheimer's Association and co-chair of the Policy Workgroup.

### Group Discussion:

To focus on the Healthy Brain Policy Action Models.

Started the discussion with **P-5: Engage public and private partners in ongoing planning efforts to establish services and policies that promote supportive communities and workplaces for people with dementia and their caregivers.**

- Working Public/Private Partnerships:
  - Keri let everyone know that the OK State Conference on Aging will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be live and virtual options. Next year they plan to have satellite locations across the state.
    - The main goal for the satellite areas will be for state employees to receive CEUS and for the public to receive information on programs and services
  - Brain Guide- US Against Alzheimer's interested in partnering with OHBI- Melissa will set up a meeting with them and Morgan.
    - [Memory Questionnaire and Brain Health Resources | BrainGuide \(mybrainguide.org\)](#)
  - OUHSC/GWEP- Partner to promote caregiver education, Age/Dementia Friendly Health Systems and Communities, and on Dementia Friendly @Work training
- Partnerships we would like to see:
  - VA has a new director-
    - wants to make sure they are a part of OHBI
  - Broyles Foundation- Dementia Friendly Businesses
    - OHBI is planning to be a member of Dementia Friendly America. We are planning the criteria for designation for communities, businesses, faith organizations, schools, etc.
  - Senior Dog Rescue- Enid: can we partner with them? Most of them give up their dogs due to being unable to care for them anymore
    - Is there an opportunity for training for their interactions with the seniors giving up their pets?
  - Alzheimer's Association- Support Group Facilitator training
    - Well Persevered Advisors are going to start a support group at their office
    - Need more businesses to be a host for these groups
    - Ombudsmen Advisory Committee- looking for more volunteers: this training may be interested in this training

- Are they receiving any training on ADRD? Is there a training that could be provided to them? - Germaine and Mary will check into the training they receive and circle back with Morgan
- Alzheimer's Association will have another day at the capitol on April 12<sup>th</sup> to distribute Facts and Figures
- Young Professional groups
- Tom Teasdale has a sensitivity training- to better understand what it is like to be confused by things. ~10 minutes or so.
- Calendar for dates of events? Links to sponsors? Something to add to the website?

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Next Meeting: June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am