Purple Ribbon Task Force - Meeting Summary
Tuesday, October 9, 2012

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Todd Golde
Natalie Kelly
Darrin Brooks
Amy Perry
Samira Beckwith
Rep. Matt Hudson
Mary Barnes
Dr. Neill Grass-Radford
Scott Solkoff
Gloria Smith
Ted Wolfendale
Ronald Davis
Jamie Glavich
Albert Johnson
Linda Levin
Stacey Payne
Christine Powers

DOEA STAFF PRESENT
Secretary Corley
Josh Spagnola
Mindy Sollisch
Teresa Goodson
Kimberly DelVecchio
Danielle Bist
Cory Livingston
Carol Waters
Shandra McGlohon
Darlene Heinrich
Other DOEA Staff

Introductory Remarks by Secretary Corley
Secretary Corley thanks Representative Hudson and Senator Richter for sponsoring the legislation that created the task force. He thanks the members who have agreed to serve on this task force. Secretary Corley speaks for the Department as well as the 450,000 to 500,000 residents who suffer from Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders to thank the task force for their time and contribution.

24 plans throughout the nation have developed their own plan for dealing with Alzheimer’s. Florida’s contribution will be sizable and significant on a national level.

The Department will provide administrative support to the task force to facilitate the mission as outlined in the statutes. Josh Spagnola, the Department’s Legislative Affairs Director, will be the single point of contact if you need access to any resources or information through the Department.

Mindy Sollisch, the Department’s Manager of Strategic Initiatives has initial information on other state plans. Will be a resource and make you aware of other resources that can be made available if the task force wants to do any surveys – she will construct them.

Teresa Goodson is the assistant general counsel here to talk about the Sunshine Law.
Representative Hudson would like to thank Secretary Corley. Procedurally not sure where we go from here. If someone would like to make the nomination official, that is probably the first step.

Motion by Mary Barnes for Representative Hudson to be the Chair of the Purple Ribbon Task Force
Second by Natalie Kelly
Task Force unanimously approved Representative Hudson to be the chair

**Introductory Remarks by Representative Hudson**

Members of the Task Force, for many of us this is a very personal issue. The first thing would be to find a cure. Absent that cure, the state of Florida needs to have the best coordinated, logistical, passionate approach to addressing alzheimers and other related dementia. Can assure that Senator Richter is just as passionate. Each member was chosen because of their unique set of skill sets. Expanded the Task Force in order to bring in more members with more diverse ideas. Wants to be very aggressive in bringing our model to the rest of the country.

**Introduction of Members of the Task Force**

Dr. Todd Golde is the Director of the Center of Translational Research in Neurodegenerative Disease at the University of Florida. Dr. Golde has been working in Alzheimer’s disease research for over 25 years. He is also a member of the National Alzheimer’s Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee. Dr. Golde serves as the Alzheimer’s disease researcher on the task force.

Darrin Brooks is the Director of Rehabilitation at a skilled nursing facility in Naples, Florida. He has worked with long-term and short-term patients for 10 years. Mr. Brooks works with community resources, nursing departments, social services and departments related to skilled nursing facilities. He serves as the representative of a skilled nursing facility on the task force.

Amy Perry is the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Mount Sinai Medical Center. Mount Sinai is the home of the Wein Center of Alzheimer’s Disease and Memory Disorders, which provides clinical care to patients and caregiver support. Ms. Perry serves as the representative of health care practitioners on the task force.

Samira Beckwith is the President and CEO of Hope Healthcare Services in Fort Myers, Florida. Ms. Beckwith serves as the representative of health care facility or hospice on the task force.

Senator Richter (Becky) is very committed to the alzheimers patients and the families and the organizations that service those. Becky will be on every call that the Senator cannot be on. Hoping to bring this all together, and thinks Florida will be a leader in the nation for alzheimers plans.
Mary Barnes is the President and CEO of Alzheimer’s Community Care, a community based organization that serves Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie counties. She has worked with Alzheimer’s since 1983. Ms. Barnes serves has the representative with Baker act knowledge on the task force.

Dr. Neill Graff-Radford has worked as a neurologist at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Graff-Radford has worked the Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias for more than 30 years. Part of Alzheimer’s disease research centers Mayo is one of the centers serves on that board. Part of Alzheimer’s disease cooperative study group.

Scott Solkoff is a Florida Bar Board Certified elder law attorney practicing from Delray Beach, Florida. He is the Co-author of a textbook on Elder Law for Florida and the U.S which contains a chapter on how Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias effect law planning. Mr. Solkoff serves as the Florida board-certified elder law attorney on the task force.

Gloria Smith is the President and CEO of the Alzheimer’s Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter that serves 17 counties along the gulf coast. Mission is the Caregiver. Taking care of families provide emergency respite, position outreach, programs for early onset, 24/7 helpline. Ensure alzheimer’s families have voice in decisions that affect lives. Worked on the team that created language for legislation. Ms. Smith serves as the representative from the Alzheimer’s Association.

Ted Wolfendale is the President of NEVCO Healthcare, which creates educational and Alzheimer’s disease training programs for caregivers and nurses in all 50 states. Approved through DOEA for Alzheimer’s programs to train caregivers, nurses, hospice facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and in-home health. Active with U.S. dept of commerce. Last February was US rep at European Union to discuss healthcare and Alzheimers. Attorney active in health law section. Mr. Wolfendale serves as the representative of the adult day care services industries.

Jamie Glavich is the founder of three assisted living facilities and two adult day care centers in the Jacksonville area. She has served on the Alzheimer’s Disease Advisory Committee and committee chair and caregiver. Ms. Glavich serves as the representative of the ALF industry on the task force.

Albert Johnson is a retired teacher with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Mr. Johnson serves as a person having Alzheimer’s disease or related form on the task force.

Linda Levin is the Executive Director of ElderSource, the Area Agency on Aging for Northeast Florida serving six counties. She has worked with various Area Agencies on Aging for over 25 years. She is also the President of Florida’s Association of Area Agency on Aging. Ms. Levin serves as the representative of the Area Agency on Aging or Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Stacey Payne works with the Lee County Sheriff’s and the community relations manager. She is co-chair of the Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership. Ms. Payne is an instructor on crime prevention for the
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and Florida Attorney General. Ms. Payne serves as the representative of law enforcement on the task force.

Christine Powers works with the Community Aging and Retirement Services in Pasco county. She is a member of the Alzheimer’s Disease Advisory Committee and has served as Secretary on the National Adult Day Care Services Board. Ms. Powers serves at the representative from the Alzheimer’s Disease Advisory on the task force.

Ronald Davis is the President of 21st Century Solutions. Board of Directors of the Alzheimer’s Project that gives services to the Big Bend. Housing assistance coordinator for state emergency response team. Mr. Davis serves as the family caregiver or former caregiver on the task force.

Natalie Kelly is currently a lobbyist for the Alzheimer’s Association. She has worked as the Public Policy Director for the Alzheimer’s Association in Florida and has worked with the National Alzheimer’s Association as the Director of Systems Change. Ms. Kelly serves as the expert of disaster preparedness on the task force.

Representative Hudson stresses the importance of the Sunshine Law. The task force must pay attention and follow the rules to avoid a negative response.

**DOEA Staff**

The Department of Elder Affairs staff serving as resources to the task force are introduced.  
Mindy Sollisch is the Manager of Strategic Planning.  
Cory Livingston is the Alzheimer’s Disease Grants Coordinator.  
Carol Waters is a Contract Manager within the Bureau of Community and Support Services.  
Kim DelVecchio is an Operations and Management Consultant within the Bureau of Community and Support Services.  
Danielle Bist is the Administrative Assistant within the Bureau of Community and Support Services.  
The Department will hire an intern to assist the task force and staff at the Department.

**Sunshine Laws Presentation**

Teresa Goodson gives a brief summary of the government in the sunshine law. The Sunshine law enacted 1967 and found in Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes. A PowerPoint presentation of the Sunshine Laws prepared by Patricia Gleeson of the Attorney General’s Office is on the website as well as a link to additional resources on the Attorney General’s website.

Representative Hudson states that the purpose of the Sunshine law is to make sure the work of the government has the full light of day on it and that people are not making decisions behind closed doors so that the task force may bring back integrity and respect to the government. He lets the task force
know to err on the side of caution and to go through Josh Spagnola to disseminate information to other task force members and the public.

Questions on the Sunshine Law

Dr. Golde – Has a relationship with one of the members outside of the task force. Wants to make sure that does not interfere with the law, so where does the scope of work for this task force start and stop?

Teresa Goodson – Will be developing the scope of work as we move forward. Any discussions that pertain to the task force and the work of the task force definitely fall within the Sunshine Law, and should not be discussed.

Goals of the Task Force

Representative Hudson read through the tasks of the Purple Ribbon Task Force. He let the members of the task force know it is important to break down these goals and come up with a position on them. Ideas from the task force must be submitted to Josh Spagnola and Josh will disseminate them to the other members of the task force.

Questions/Comments on the Goals of the Task Force

Amy Perry – Include exploration and role and support of Alzheimer’s Research in the state.
Representative Hudson – Agreed and asked the Department to add that to the list of goals.
Dr. Neill Graff-Radford – Agreed. We’ve reached a point where we really might be able to prevent or delay the disease. Secondary prevention could help solve one of the major health crisis in Florida.
Hudson – Not intended to be an oversight. Very keen to the needs of our medical research.

Function of the Group

Hudson – Members must follow the Sunshine Law, actively participate, and attend meetings. If you cannot attend meetings, please notify Josh Spagnola at the Department. Try to log in a few minutes before meeting times, so that we can start on time. Decision making- must have at least 9 members. Voting-majority vote and cannot vote by proxy. Meetings will be predominately through webinar. No funds are available to cover travel. We are allowed to meet in person, however, the travel costs would be at the individual members own expense.

Discussion of Other State Plans

- Mindy Sollisch reviews House Bill 473 Requirements.
  - Due January 30, 2013: State trends with respect to persons having Alzheimer’s disease or a related form of dementia and their needs.
Due August 1, 2013: Current and Future Impact of Dementia on Florida, Exiting Resources and Capacity, Needs of Persons with Dementia, Recommendations

- The layout of the Oregon, Louisiana, and Colorado State Alzheimer’s Plans were reviewed and recommended by the Department. Task Force members recommended State Plans from Texas, Oklahoma, Massachusetts and California. A link to all State Alzheimer’s Plan has been provided by the Alzheimer’s Association at http://act.alz.org/site/PageNavigator/state_plans.html.
- Surveys – Department will put together survey for next meeting to task force to review.

Future Meetings and Closing Remarks

Hudson- Committees will be formed to break up some of the tasks. Future meetings will be facilitated by the Department. We should try to meet once every few weeks, especially before the holidays. Definitely would like to get a fiscal analysis. Per Natalie Kelly’s request, we will add the Massachusetts state plan to the list of ones to look at. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.