

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED
DEMENTIA**

(Subcommittee of Health and Human Services Oversight Committee)

*Monday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.
State House, Room 100*

Agenda

- Welcome by Senator Kevin Avard, Chairman
- Roll Call – Attendance
- Adoption of Minutes (November 20, 2024)
- Presentation by Wendi Aultman (Bureau Chief, BAAS-DHHS)
- Potential Topics for January Meeting
- Other Business
- Set January Meeting
- Adjournment

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HOUSE BILL ***1572-FN***

AN ACT establishing a permanent subcommittee of the health and human services oversight committee relative to Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia and requiring certain training and education programs regarding Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia.

SPONSORS: Rep. Long, Hills 42

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes a permanent subcommittee of the health and human services oversight committee relative to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

II. Requires the department of health and human services to develop an educational program on Alzheimer's disease and to include a link to the Alzheimer's Association on the state website.

III. Requires the police standards and training council to provide training to the law enforcement community on Alzheimer's disease.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 67:1 New Section; Health and Human Services Oversight Committee; Permanent Subcommittee
2 on Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Dementia. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section
3 15 the following new section:

4 126-A:15-a Subcommittee on Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Dementia.

5 I. In addition to the subcommittees established under RSA 126-A:15, II, the health and
6 human services oversight committee shall create a permanent subcommittee on Alzheimer's disease
7 and other related dementia.

8 II. Members of the subcommittee shall be as follows:

9 (a) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives.

11 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

12 (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

13 (d) The attorney general, or designee.

14 (e) A representative of the Alzheimer's Association, appointed by the association.

15 (f) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.

16 (g) The following persons appointed by the governor:

17 (1) A person who has Alzheimer's disease.

18 (2) A caregiver of a person who has Alzheimer's disease.

19 (3) A representative of the nursing facility industry.

20 (4) A representative of the assisted living industry.

21 (5) A representative of the adult day care services industry.

22 (6) A researcher with Alzheimer's-related expertise in basic transitional, clinical, or
23 drug development science.

24 (h) A representative of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association, appointed by
25 the association.

26 (i) A representative of the Home Care Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the

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1 association.

2 (j) A representative of the board of nursing, appointed by the board.

3 III. The subcommittee shall:

4 (a) Review other states' plans for Alzheimer's disease.

5 (b) Survey individuals with Alzheimer's disease to more accurately estimate the number
6 of persons in the state with the disease.

7 (c) Study existing services and resources, including but not limited to:

8 (1) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services.

9 (2) Dementia-specific training requirements for long-term care staff.

10 (3) Quality care measures across all care settings.

11 (4) Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to persons with
12 Alzheimer's disease.

13 (5) Availability of home and community-based resources for persons with
14 Alzheimer's disease and respite care to assist families and caregivers.

15 (6) Inventory of long-term care dementia care units and beds.

16 (7) Adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with
17 behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

18 (8) Assisted living residential options for persons with dementia.

19 (9) State support of Alzheimer's disease research through New Hampshire
20 universities and other resources.

21 (d) Determine state policies and responses that are necessary to provide clear and
22 coordinated services and supports to persons, families, and caregivers living with Alzheimer's
23 disease and develop strategies to address any identified gaps in service.

24 (e) Establish a New Hampshire state plan for Alzheimer's disease and other related
25 dementia as approved by the health and human services oversight committee.

26 IV. Beginning November 1, 2014, and each November 1 thereafter, the health and human
27 services oversight committee shall submit an annual report to the chairperson of the health, human
28 services and elderly affairs committee, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of
29 the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library relative to:

30 (a) The status of implementation of the New Hampshire state plan for Alzheimer's
31 disease and other related dementia.

32 (b) The subcommittee's findings and recommendations, including any recommendations
33 for legislation.

34 67:2 New Paragraph; Commissioner of Health and Human Services; Alzheimer's Disease and
35 Other Related Dementia. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after paragraph XXVI the following new
36 paragraph:

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1 XXVII. The commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of the department of
2 safety, the director of the police standards and training council, and the local chapter of the
3 Alzheimer's Association, shall develop an educational program on Alzheimer's disease and other
4 related dementia, for both the general public and special interest groups, including law enforcement.
5 Depending upon available resources, additional information and input may be sought from the fish
6 and game department, the adjutant general's department, the board of medicine, the
7 New Hampshire Medical Society, and other interested parties. The commissioner shall provide an
8 interim report on or before January 1, 2015 with a final report on or before July 1, 2015 on the status
9 of the implementation of the educational program to the oversight committee on health and human
10 services established in RSA 126-A:13 and the subcommittee on Alzheimer's disease and other related
11 dementia established in RSA 126-A:15-a. The commissioner shall post a link to the local chapter of
12 the Alzheimer's Association on the department's website.

13 67:3 New Section; Police Standards and Training Council; Alzheimer's Disease and Other
14 Related Dementia Training. Amend RSA 188-F by inserting after section 28 the following new
15 section:

16 188-F:28-a Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Dementia Training. The director of the
17 police standards and training council shall provide education and training to the law enforcement
18 community on Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia. The director may use the
19 educational program developed in conjunction with the department of health and human services
20 under RSA 126-A:5, XXVII and may include such additional components as may be appropriate to
21 effectively assist law enforcement officers in responding to incidents involving persons with
22 Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia.

23 67:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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25 Approved: May 27, 2014

26 Effective Date: May 27, 2014

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DRAFT Subcommittee on Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. State House Room 100

Present: Senator Avard, Representative Layon, Maureen Murtagh, Sunny Mulligan Shea, Janessa Luke, Kathy Harvard, Meghan Wentworth, Jenny Horgan, Kate Kaplan (Alternate for DHHS)

Absent: Dax Volle, Kim Mohan, Keliene Totten, Laura Rocha, Maria Camerlengo

****Note: The comments made by members of the Subcommittee represent their own views and not necessarily the views of their organization or agency.****

Minutes

Senator Avard opened the meeting and provided introductions of new members to the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee members introduced themselves and their role on the Subcommittee.

Minutes from the May 29th, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Representative Layon inquired about the Senate Deadlines for submitting new legislation.

Senator Avard noted that deadlines for the Senate have not been set yet. He discussed the prevalence of Alzheimer's and dementia, and the impact that has on the community. He shared that he sees members of his community who are isolated and need assistance. He offered to file legislation, and shared that he is going to talk to community members to see what can be done to assist them.

Subcommittee members unanimously approved the annual report.

Jenny Horgan mentioned that the Subcommittee will be presenting their annual report to the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee in January.

Senator Avard opened discussion regarding potential presenters to the Subcommittee and potential legislative ideas.

Sunny Mulligan Shea suggested Cynthia Cunningham who runs the Frisbee Memorial Geriatric Psych Unit.

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Senator Avard agreed that the Subcommittee should invite Cynthia Cunningham to present.

Maureen Murtagh discussed the housing shortage, which is impacting the healthcare workforce shortage around the state. New nurses entering the field are not staying in New Hampshire because of the high cost of living. Suggested legislation to implement a 20% rebate on new nurses' rent in order to mitigate the high cost of living and retain more healthcare professionals.

Senator Avard acknowledged the various factors impacting our healthcare workforce shortage. Suggested considering a study to look at all the ways to tackle this issue holistically.

Kathy Harvard brought up the concept of a dementia care coordinator. She shared that the Alzheimer's Association recently had a conference with dementia care coordinators from across the country. She suggested that the Subcommittee have a dementia care coordinator from another state present and outline the work that they do.

Ms. Horgan explained that there are various different models for how a dementia care coordinator works. Often care and services are accessed in different silos. A dementia care coordinator would work across those silos to effectively meet the needs of individuals. She thinks that examining how this could be done the New Hampshire way could result in real benefits. Ms. Horgan expressed that the Association could reach out to see if a dementia care coordinator would be willing to present to the Subcommittee.

Kate Kaplan spoke about how there are some similarities between a dementia care coordinator and the closed loop referral process and ServiceLink. She shared how ServiceLink works to provide information, support, and referrals to individuals impacted by Alzheimer's or dementia.

Senator Avard asked if someone from the Department could provide the Subcommittee with an overview of all the services available to an individual living with Alzheimer's or dementia and the services available to their caregivers.

Ms. Harvard explained that a dementia care coordinator is a state agency level position that operates on a statewide level and would help to implement the state plan the Subcommittee is required to develop.

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Representative Layon raised the idea that a lot of the coordination a dementia care coordinator could do, can be done in this Subcommittee. She suggested the Subcommittee look at how those issues could be taken on now. She discussed the idea of supporting individuals in a cohesive way that may allow them to stay in their home with younger family members. She pointed out that there are some barriers to supporting people staying in their homes. It is a balance between preventing abuse, but also making sure good actors are treated fairly.

Ms. Mulligan Shea stated that there are good programs available to support the renovation of homes or other grants that help people to remain in their homes. She brought up the Choices for Independence Program (CFI) and the challenges with qualifications that are required to access those resources. She explained that many people cannot afford to access the kind of care that they need.

Representative Layon suggested looking at a roommate model framework that would allow people to stay in their homes with unrelated individuals sharing a home space.

Ms. Mulligan Shea noted that Mount Washington Valley is looking into that concept, but they are encountering barriers to implementation. She also stated that the idea of home sharing was discussed at the Commission on Aging earlier this week. She pointed out that the CDC has identified isolation as a health crisis, and something like home sharing could help combat that, as long as the right safeguard were in place.

Ms. Kaplan explained that CFI has changed the resource limits that an individual must meet before they are able to access CFI funds. The resource limit has been increased from \$2,500 to \$7,500, and they have seen an increase in approvals. Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) have been doing a good job explaining what the CFI program looks like and how people can apply.

Senator Avard asked if people are aware of the CFI program or other supports available at ADRCs.

Ms. Kaplan explained that they have been working on a video tutorial that goes through the process and the timeline of the program, and they are hoping to begin promoting that as well.

Ms. Horgan noted that the Department is also working on a public awareness campaign on Alzheimer's and dementia that was funded in the 2023 budget that will provide the public more information about the resources available to them.

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Senator Avard offered to work with the Department to bring this up on his show to help raise awareness.

Ms. Murtagh suggested a public service announcement.

Senator Avard and Representative Layon noted how public access TV may be a more effective way to reach individuals who are aging and need to know about these services.

The Subcommittee discussed next meeting dates, and agreed to meet in December.

Senator Avard noted that there is an opportunity to bring forward legislation if there are gaps in the system that can be addressed.

The meeting was adjourned.