

MINUTES
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Clint Penzo, Co-Chair; Representatives Les Warren, Co-Chair

Non-legislative members present: Naomi Atkinson (Non-Voting), Charlotte Sudmeyer (Non-Voting), Mindy Brigance, David Cook, Kenya Eddings, Jay Hill (Non-Voting), Kerry Jordan (Remote), Kimberly Kinder, Dr. Amyleigh Overton-McCoy, Tatum Owenby, Cristy Sellers (Non-Voting), and Jodiane Tritt

Other members present: Senators Steve Crowell, and Fredrick J. Love; Representatives Fred Allen, Glenn Barnes, Joey L. Carr, and James Eaton

Representative Warren Called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve Minutes from August 12, 2026, Meeting [Exhibit B]

Kenya Eddings made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by David Cook. The motion carried.

Discussion of Arkansas State Plan [Exhibit C]

David Cook, Director of Government Affairs, Alzheimer's Association, Arkansas Chapter gave an overview of the Arkansas State Plan; A motion was made by David Cook to approve the current state plan, seconded by Jodiane Tritt. The motion carried. Representative Warren; Jodiane Tritt, Executive Vice President, Arkansas Hospital Association; and Kerry Jordan, Professor at UCA; discussed their concerns on Arkansas reimbursement rates and how it needed to be addressed at the Federal level.

Discussion of Legislative Changes to Existing Statute

Representative Warren discussed the involvement of the advisory council, stating he would like to add someone from the Baptist program who would be more involved in the Advisory Council.

Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

David Cook suggested the members and non-members look over Handout C2; Discuss the state plan before the deadline; and approve them at the next meeting. The next meeting is set for September 22, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.