



Alaska Commission Aging

TRUSTEE MEETING
PRESENTATION

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Mission

Ensure the dignity and independence of all older Alaskans, and to assist them to lead useful and meaningful lives through planning, advocacy, education, and interagency cooperation.

Advocates for the needs and concerns of older Alaskans to the Governor, Legislature, Congressional delegation, and the public.

Advises the Governor, Legislature, Congressional delegation and the public on current and potential programs and services for older Alaskans and their caregivers.

Provides recommendations to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority on programs and services to improve the lives of senior trust beneficiaries.

Alaska Mental Health Trust
Authority and Trust Beneficiaries

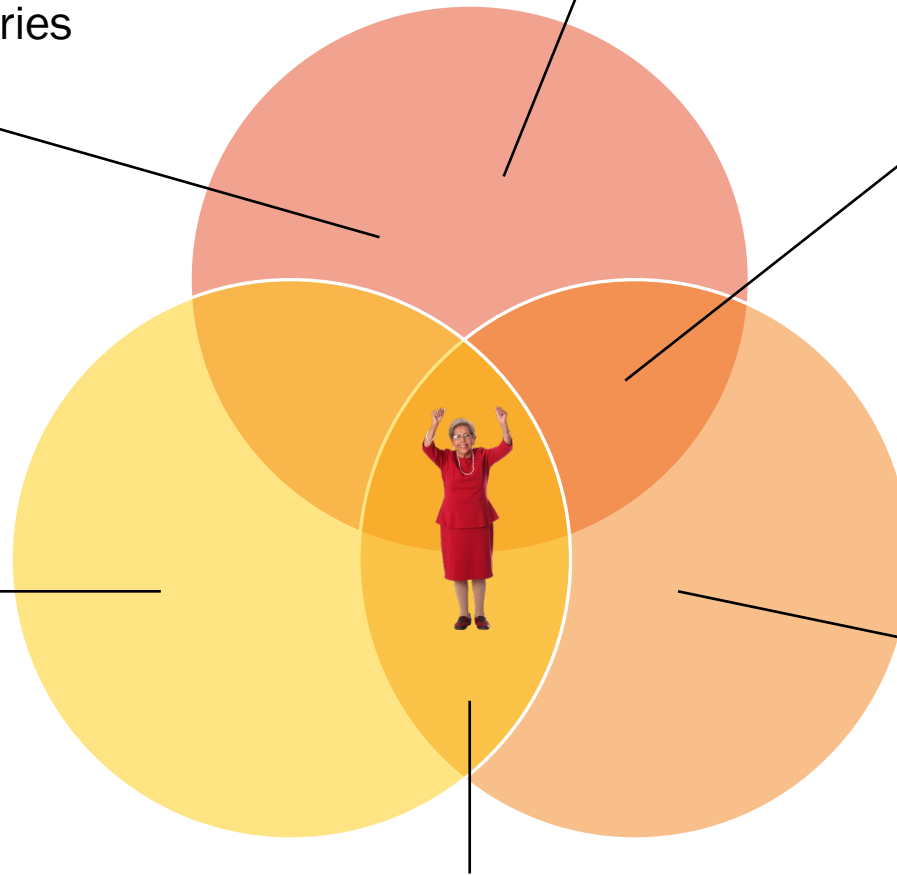
Other Partners
AARP, Alzheimer's Association,
ANTHC, AHFC, etc.

Senior Services
Providers /
AGENET

Alaska
Commission on
Aging / Older
Alaskans

Department
of Health
and Social
Services

State Unit on
Aging



Building
capacity to
support
individuals
with ADRD
and their
families.

Dementia Collaborative

Alzheimer's Disease Program
Initiative Grants

Complex behavior neighborhood
at the Anchorage Pioneer Home

Hope Resources Forest Home

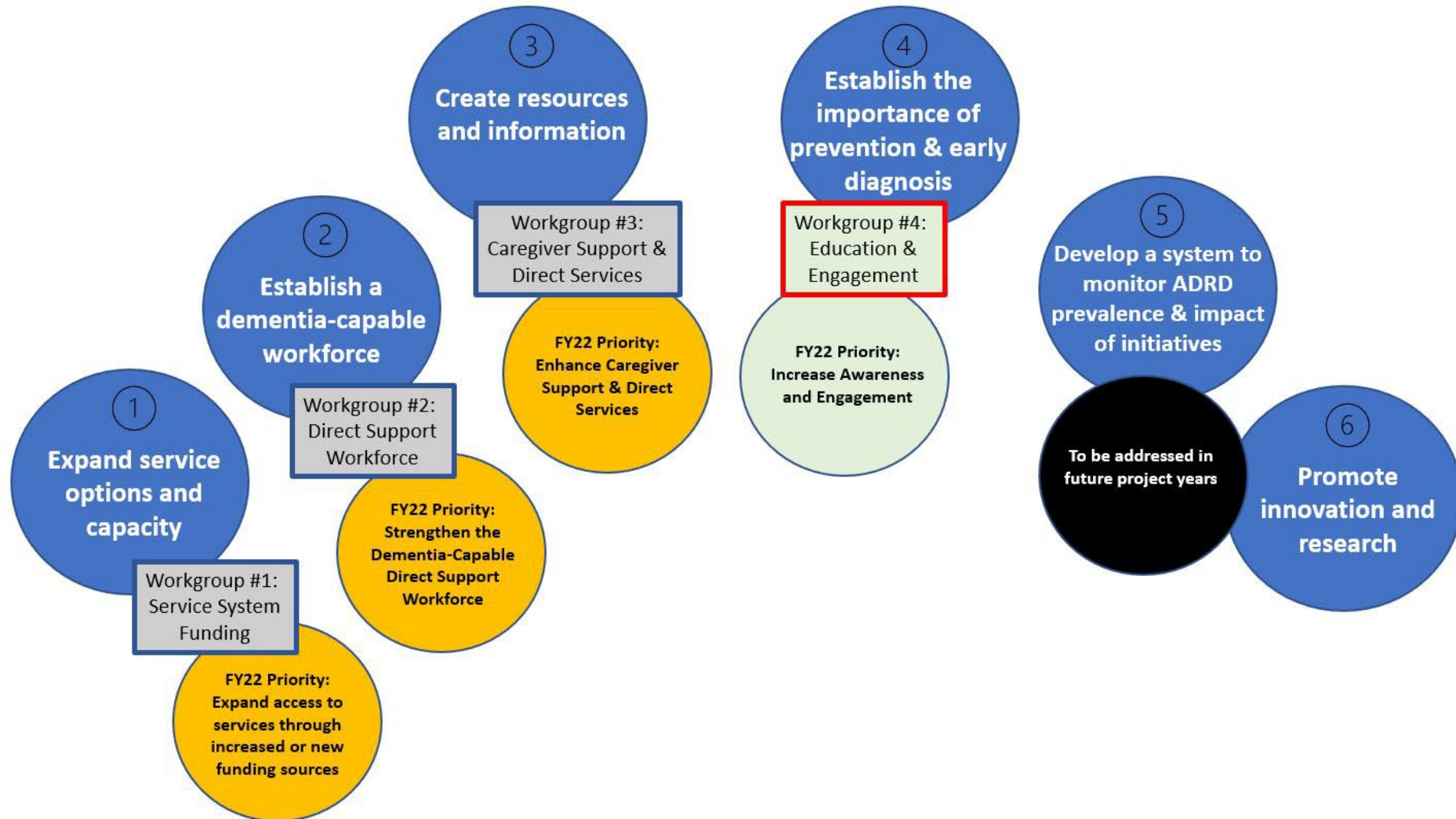
Dementia Collaborative Workgroup

10-YEAR GOALS

1. Expand services options and capacity
2. Establish a dementia-capable workforce
3. Create resources and information
4. Establish the importance of prevention and early diagnosis
5. Develop a system to monitor ADRD prevalence and impact of initiatives
6. Promote innovation and research

FY2022 PRIORITIES

1. Expand access to services through increased funding
2. Strengthen the dementia capable workforce
3. Enhance Caregiver support and direct services
4. Increase awareness and engagement



Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative

- Grants to states funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- Programs include significant direct service components and include implementation of evidence-based interventions.
- Projects were funded to develop dementia-capable systems to provide quality, person centered services and supports that help individuals remain independent and safe in their communities.

Senior and Disabilities Services

Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.

Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska

LINKS Mat-Su Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and Stone Soup Group Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC)

Support for Complex Behaviors

ANCHORAGE PIONEER HOME COMPLEX BEHAVIOR NEIGHBORHOOD

- New neighborhood opening at the end of 2021
- Eligible to individuals 60 and over with complex behaviors related to dementia
- 9 residents, 3 direct care staff and 1 nurse during the day, 2 direct care staff and 1 nurse at night
- Must be on the Pioneer Homes waitlist

HOPE RESOURCES FOREST HOME

- Assisted Living Home developed to support individuals transitioning from API who have complex behaviors related to dementia.
- Unable to support additional recipients due to workforce shortages.

Disturbing trends in senior care are leading to increased costs and fewer options for individuals with ADRD and their caregivers

62% increase in senior population between 2011 and 2020

Average cost per individual for HCB waiver services in 2020 was \$38,308

Average cost per individual for nursing home care in 2020 was \$162,108

25.9% decrease in home and community-based waiver services between 2011 and 2020

18.7 % increase in nursing home care between 2011 and 2020

Home and community-based services are the KEY



- Develop a reliable dementia capable workforce
- Increase rates for direct service workers and care coordinators to recruit and retain workforce
- Assess the needs of family caregivers and provide adequate support
- Develop a statewide marketing campaign to raise awareness of Alaska's Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Adopt a resolution to make ADRD a public health priority with specific targets that are evaluated annually
- Develop a specific eligibility category that allows individuals with ADRD to qualify for the Medicaid Waiver.
- Transition individuals with ADRD in API and Department of Corrections into appropriate settings.

Projects Supported by the Trust

There are many projects supported by Trust funds that are already helping to develop capacity for individuals with ADRD and their caregiver.

- Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- The Alaska Training Cooperative
- SHARP 3 workforce recruitment and retention program
- ADRD Mini-grants
- ACoA Planner and administrative support
- System infrastructure and capacity development for implementing the ADRD state plan (Dementia Collaborative Workgroup)
- Services and supports identified as priorities in the ADRD state plan

Questions?

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