



Dementia Friendly Nevada (DFNV) Statewide Meeting  
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM PST | Zoom Videoconference

**Zoom meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87694190093>

Or call in by telephone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting ID: 876 9419 0093

**Co-Facilitators:**

- Jennifer Carson, Director, Dementia Engagement, Education and Research (DEER) Program, UNR, and Program Director, DFNV
- Casey Acklin, Coordinator, DEER Program, UNR, and Program Coordinator, DFNV

**Community Group Co-Facilitators:**

- LeeAnn Mandarino, Kate Ingalsby, and Susan Hirsch, Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Dementia Friendly Southern Nevada Urban
- Tonya Brum, Nevada Rural Counties RSVP, Dementia Friendly Pahrump
- Carla Eben, Numaga Program, Pesa Soaname Advisory Group
- Gini Cunningham, Age- and Dementia-Friendly Winnemucca

**Support:**

- Tessa Swigart, PhD, Public Health Communications Specialist, Nevada Public Health Training Center, UNR
- Mekai Smedley, DEER Program, UNR, and AmeriCorps VISTA for DFNV

Note: Please mute yourself when you are not speaking  
and take personal breaks as needed.

\* = Please see attachments that were sent with this agenda.

**Meeting Agenda**

## 1. **Welcome** (15 min)

- a. As members are logging onto Zoom, please use the 'Chat Box' feature, using a single entry (hitting "return" only at the very end), to share your:
  - i. Name
  - ii. Role in supporting people living with dementia and/or family care partners
  - iii. Your favorite place in the world!
- b. Let's warm the soil and have some fun on Zoom!
- c. Review Dementia Friendly Nevada mission and meeting purpose
  - i. Mission: By working together, we aim to develop and promote communities that are **respectful, educated, supportive** and **inclusive** of persons *living* with dementia and their care partners.
- d. Review one Dementia Friendly Nevada Mobilizing Belief\*
  - i. Let's hear from 2 members about why this Mobilizing Belief is so important.

## 2. **Learn**

- a. Brief program updates (15 min)
  - i. **Dementia Friends\***
    - Monthly session on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:00 – 1:00 PM via Zoom
    - Looking for additional, invited online opportunities
  - ii. **Dementia Conversations**
    - **Dementia Conversations with Chuck and Jennifer\*** every Monday from 10:00 – 11:30 AM via Zoom
    - **Dementia Conversations with Nancy and Kat\*** every Friday from 1:00 – 2:30 PM via Zoom
    - Potential new idea: Dementia Conversations Recorded!
  - iii. **BOLD Public Health Program** updates
    - We will be convening focus groups of people living with dementia, family care partners, and professionals to discuss

gaps in existing public health and dementia messaging materials and identify potential new materials to develop.

iv. **Pesa Sooname Resource Notebooks**

- The Pesa Sooname Advisory Group is compiling resource notebooks (physical binders filled with dementia-related resource information) to distribute to each of Nevada's tribes.
- In addition to material focusing on dementia in Native communities broadly, the group hopes to include Nevada-specific information such as the Nevada Dementia Supports Toolbox.
  - a. If you know of any resources that you think we should include, please send to Casey Acklin: [cacklin@unr.edu](mailto:cacklin@unr.edu)

b. International Exchange of Ideas! (60 min)

i. **Presentation from Dementia Friendly Nevada**

- Introduction - Dementia Friendly Nevada (Jennifer Carson)
- Dementia Friendly Pahrump (Tonya Brum)
- Pesa Sooname Advisory Group (Carla Eben)
- Dementia Friendly Southern Nevada, Urban (Kate Ingalsby, Susan Hirsch, LeeAnn Mandarino)
- Dementia Friendly Washoe County (Casey Acklin)
- Age- and Dementia-Friendly Winnemucca (Gini Cunningham)
- Dementia Friendly Elko County (Jennifer Carson)

ii. **Presentation from *Empowering Dementia Friendly Communities Hamilton and Haldimand***

- Tracy Gibbs, Project Manager
- Phyllis Fehr, team leader, international dementia rights advocate (diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's in 2012)
- Debbie Keay, team leader, international dementia rights advocate (diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's in 2018)

3. **Reflect** (20 min)

- a. What strengths do these two initiatives share?
- b. What creative approaches (to authentically engaging people living with dementia, to surmounting obstacles, to spreading awareness, etc.) taken by one initiative might apply to the other?

4. **Share** (10 min)

- a. Is there anything happening locally—or across the state or nation—that members of DFNV should know about and can possibly help promote?
  - i. **Life Enhancing Activities for Family Caregivers (LEAF)**
    - Anakaren Lamas, Director, Site Operations & Recruitment, Recruitment Partners LLC

**Thank you for all that you do to make our communities and state dementia-friendly and inclusive!**