



## **Dementia Friendly Nevada (DFNV) Statewide Meeting**

Monday, October 11, 2021 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | 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 and Kate Ingalsby, Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Dementia Friendly Southern Nevada Urban
- Tonya Brum, Nevada Rural Counties RSVP, Dementia Friendly Pahump
- Carla Eben, Numaga Program, Pesa Soaname Advisory Group
- Gini Cunningham, Age- and Dementia-Friendly Winnemucca
- TBD, Dementia Friendly Douglas County

### **Support:**

- Michelle Harden, MPA, BOLD Public Health Program Coordinator, Population Health and Wellness, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Daniela Cortes-Arriola, Graduate Assistant, 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.

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## Meeting Agenda

### 1. Welcome (20 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:
  - Name
  - Role in supporting people living with dementia and/or family care partners
- b. Let's all have some fun saying "Hello!"
- c. Review Dementia Friendly Nevada mission and meeting purpose
  - 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\*
  - **Mobilizing Belief #14:** Supporting engagement, autonomy and partnerships with people living with dementia will promote improvements to their quality of life and well-being, and strengthen the social fabric of communities. Elders need communities and communities need elders.
  - Let's hear from 2 members about why this Mobilizing Belief is so important.

## 2. Learn: Storytelling in Action - Theme: Teamwork (30 min)

**Storytelling In Action** is a movement-based creative engagement program designed to offer people living with dementia an opportunity for expression, community-building, and meaning-making. The program is built on the twin ideas that:

- Communication and engagement are the building blocks of our communities.
- Our brains and our bodies possess multiple pathways for connection and multiple modes of communication.

Participants in the **Storytelling In Action** program engage in facilitated “conversations” that grow their communication resources by activating the body in the creative process of “speaking” and “listening”.

The **Storytelling In Action** program is developed by **Magda Kaczmarska** and **Chris Bravo**.



**Magda Kaczmarska** is a dancer's, choreographer and creative aging teaching artist based in New York City. Magda is passionate about facilitating community access to dance and exploring ways to use dance to strengthen community relationships. She co-founded Evolve Dance~West, a creative movement program based in

Arizona, and was a lead teacher with Dances for a Variable Population. Currently Magda is an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at the Global Brain Health Institute.



**Chris Bravo** is a filmmaker and artist based in Brooklyn, NY. His work focuses on building platforms that can elevate and amplify the voices of people and communities that are facing processes of marginalization and displacement.

## **Let's experience some Storytelling in Action!**

1. Warm up
2. Say your Name, and come up with a movement (your signature move!)
3. Check in - Teamwork & Collaboration
4. Story In Action - Weaving Fabric

### **3. Reflect (30 min)**

- a. Ball Passing: What is one resource that I bring to the DFNV community (in 1-3 words)?
- b. Thinking of Dementia Friendly Nevada as a team...
  - What are the different roles team members play?
  - What roles are missing that would strengthen our team?
  - What tools and resources do we need to play our roles?
- c. Build a Story In Action, together!

### **4. Strategize (30 min)**

- a. What questions do you have for Magda and Chris about Storytelling in Action?
- b. How does your experience with Storytelling in Action connect with your conception of teamwork and collaboration within DFNV?

- c. How can we use Storytelling in Action as a community-building force in Nevada? How can Storytelling in Action help strengthen the DFNV efforts?

One more Story In Action:

- a. Ball Passing: What is one thing I can do in the next week to make Nevada more Dementia Friendly?

**Share** (5 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?

- Storytelling in Action! Thursday, October 21st, 2021.

If you would like to attend, email [iamdirect@gmail.com](mailto:iamdirect@gmail.com)

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