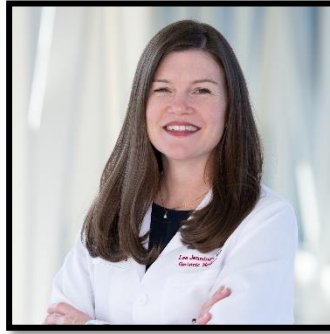


## From the Principal Investigator

Oklahoma Dementia Care Network is a program through the Section of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Oklahoma, College of Medicine and OU Health Science Center aimed at enhancing the care of and support for the growing number of Oklahomans affected by all types of dementia. The program was funded through a \$3.75 million grant by the Health Resources and Service Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and will run through 2024. We will be working with partners across the state of Oklahoma to address four main objectives:



1. Promote a statewide network of organizations and people dedicated to improve care for people living with dementia (PLWD) and their caregivers
2. Train primary care providers to assess and address the needs of older adults with dementia
3. Transform primary care and long-term care settings to be dementia friendly
4. Deliver community-based education and training to improve dementia-related health outcomes.

Through addressing these four objectives we aim to improve the health outcomes for the growing number of Oklahomans being affected by dementia, and those individuals helping with their care.

## Updates from the Objectives

### Objective 1:

Oklahoma Dementia Care Network held a stakeholders advisory committee meeting on January 17, 2020 to discuss the progress that was being made towards accomplishing the main objectives. During this meeting the Oklahoma Dementia Care Network also revealed their new logo (located at the top of the newsletter). At this meeting members from each objective team were present and provided updates on their objectives. Their updates have been summarized below.

### Objective 2:

Members of the Objective 2 workforce team are crafting the curriculum and implementation plans for dementia education at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

### Objective 3:

Members of the Objective 3 workforce team are framing what it means to be a “dementia-friendly” care setting or health system. Transforming primary care and nursing home clinical and training environments to become dementia-friendly health systems is a big task. The team is recruiting the first primary care clinics and nursing homes to implement our Dementia Friendly Curriculum. Successful settings will be recognized as a dementia friendly environment for their transformation.

### Objective 4:

Members of the Objective 4 workforce team are working to bring dementia friendly education to Nursing Facilities, Community Health Workers, and Family Caregivers. The team is documenting the number of people and facilities reached, along with the projections for the upcoming months. To date, 25 Nursing Homes and roughly 1100 health care providers have received dementia care education. A special curriculum for community health workers (CHWs) is being created for roll-out soon.

## Partner News: Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma

The Alzheimer's Association, Oklahoma Chapter provides help and support through care consultations, support groups and educational presentations. We are volunteer-driven and staff-supported, serving all 77 Oklahoma counties, and we have offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Lawton, Enid, and Ada. **All of our services & programs are free of charge.**

During a care consultation, we help assess the needs and discuss care planning, home safety and other concerns that arise for caregivers and their loved one with dementia. During Alzheimer's Association support groups - which take place across the state and are facilitated by trained volunteers - caregivers or persons with dementia meet with others facing the same challenges and can talk in a safe, confident environment.

At Alzheimer's Association education presentations, staff and volunteers present on a variety of dementia-related topics to families, organizations, communities, diverse populations, businesses and professional healthcare systems. This spreads awareness and equips Oklahomans with information about Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. The Alzheimer's Association fights for critical Alzheimer's public policy initiatives at the state and federal levels, and raises funds critical to research and services.

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. To find programs and events, please visit [communityresourcefinder.org](http://communityresourcefinder.org).

**Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.**

## Headliner

Terry W. Taylor was most recently the President of the Oklahoma Health Center Foundation.



The OHCF was responsible for establishing the Oklahoma Health Center as the primary destination for health care, biotech research and medical education. Terry was involved in many OHCF projects such as the annual College of Medicine Stanton L. Young Master Teacher Award, and the campus wayfinding signage project. A native of Woodward, OK, he is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University. Before joining the OHCF, Terry was employed with the City of Oklahoma City, where he managed studies such as the Downtown Oklahoma City Strategic Plan, the 10th Street Medical District Plan, Downtown Design Guidelines and the city landscape ordinance. While with the City, he served in the Planning Department, the Office of the City Manager and as Acting Assistant to the Mayor. Terry has been active in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of Automobile Alley, the St. Anthony Hospital Foundation Board, the Myriad Gardens Foundation, and the Mesta Park Neighborhood Association.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Website:

The Oklahoma Dementia Care Network website can be found at [DCN.OUHSC.EDU](http://DCN.OUHSC.EDU). Please remember that we are still developing the website and would appreciate all feedback or ideas you provide. Please feel welcome to send any ideas or feedback to [garrett-pierce@ouhsc.edu](mailto:garrett-pierce@ouhsc.edu) or [terry-taylor@ouhsc.edu](mailto:terry-taylor@ouhsc.edu).

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### OkDCN Partner Events:

Partner Events can be found at their respective websites. Some example websites are:

Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma  
([alz.org/Oklahoma](http://alz.org/Oklahoma))

Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative  
([ouhsc.edu/ohai](http://ouhsc.edu/ohai))

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine  
([oumedicine.com](http://oumedicine.com))

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