

Advisory Council on **Alzheimer's** Research, Care, and Services



August 3, 2026

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Location: Great Hall, H.H. Humphrey Building | 200 Independence Ave, SW, Washington DC, 20201

AGENDA

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 10:00 – 10:05 am** **Call to Order – Designated Federal Officer**
Maria-Theresa Okafor, PhD, MCG
- Welcome and Introductions – Advisory Council Chair**
Michelle Branham, MTS

RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

- 10:05 – 10:10 am** **Opening Remarks – Research Subcommittee Chair**
Randall Bateman, MD
- 10:10 – 10:30 am** **Biomarkers**
Lawren VandeVrede, MD, PhD, University of California San Francisco
- 10:30 – 10:50 am** **The Convergence of Down Syndrome and Alzheimer's Disease — Scientific and Ethical Imperatives**
Michael S. Rafii, MD, PhD, University of Southern California
- 10:50 – 11:10 am** **Can We Detect and Treat Alzheimer's Disease a Decade Before Dementia? (And Why We Must!)**
Reisa Sperling, MD, Harvard
- 11:10 – 11:30 am** **AI and Alzheimer's Disease**
Wendy Nilsen, PhD, National Science Foundation
- 11:30 – 11:40 am** **C-BRAIN AI-Powered Discovery & Potential Applications**
Randall Bateman, MD

- 11:40 am – 12:05 pm** **Discussion**

- 12:05 – 1:05 pm** **LUNCH (Room 800)**

- 1:05 – 2:05 pm** **Federal Agency Updates**
Maria-Theresa Okafor, PhD, MCG

2:05 – 2:25 pm	The Federal Role in Bringing Breakthrough Treatments to Patients <i>Richard Hodes, MD, Teresa Buracchio, MD, Shari Ling, MD</i>
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES	
2:25 – 2:35 pm	The ASAP Act <i>Rachel Conant, MS, Alzheimer’s Association</i>
2:35 – 2:45 pm	The BRIDGE Act <i>Jim Taylor, Voices of Alzheimer’s</i>
2:45 – 2:55 pm	The CHANGE Act <i>Erika Sward, UsAgainstAlzheimer’s</i>
INNOVATION IN ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE INTERVENTIONS	
2:55 – 3:15 pm	Robotic-Enabled Microsurgical Intervention for Neurodegenerative Disease <i>Ricardo Hanel, MD, PhD</i>
3:15 – 3:20 pm	BREAK
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS	
3:20 – 3:35 pm	Research Subcommittee <i>Randall Bateman, MD</i> <i>Research Subcommittee Chair</i>
3:35 – 3:50 pm	Clinical Care Subcommittee <i>John Couris, DBA, MSM</i> <i>Clinical Care Subcommittee Chair</i>
3:55 – 4:10 pm	Long-Term Services and Supports Subcommittee <i>Kathryn Newkirk, LGSW-DC and Kristi Putnam</i> <i>LTSS Subcommittee Co-Chairs</i>
4:10 – 4:25 pm	Risk Reduction Subcommittee <i>Jonathan Weiss, DPT, MPT</i> <i>Risk Reduction Subcommittee Chair</i>
4:25 – 4:35 pm	Voting and Adoption of Recommendations
4:35 – 5:00 pm	Public Comments <i>Maria-Theresa Okafor, PhD, MCG</i>
5:00 pm	Concluding Remarks and Adjourn – Advisory Council Chair <i>Michelle Branham, MTS</i>