

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



February 9, 2026
Live stream: <http://www.hhs.gov/live>

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

AGENDA

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND NEW MEMBER SWEARING IN

10:00 – 10:30 am **Welcome and Introductions – Advisory Council Chair**
Michelle Branham, MTS

10:30 – 10:45 am **Opening Remarks**
Cynthia Goss, MBA, MPM
Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (Health Policy)

Roger D. Klein, MD, JD
Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Stephanie E. Haridopolos, MD, DABFM
Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor, Office of the U.S. Surgeon General

Mary Lazare, MA, MBA
Administrator, Administration for Community Living

10:45 – 11:00 am **National Alzheimer's Project Act Overview**
Helen Lamont, PhD

FEDERAL AGENCY ROLES AND PROGRESS

Maria-Theresa Okafor, PhD, MCG

11:00 – 11:15 am **Introduction of New Federal Agency Partners**
Department of Justice – Andy Mao, JD
Federal Emergency Management Agency – Michael Butkovich
Social Security Administration – Robert Weathers, PhD, and Michael J. Goldstein

11:15 am – 12:45 pm **Federal Agency Roles and Progress: Part 1**
National Institutes of Health – Richard Hodes, MD, and Amy Bany Adams, PhD
Food and Drug Administration – Teresa Buracchio, MD
National Science Foundation – Rebecca Ferrell, PhD
Department of War – Melissa Miller, PhD

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services – Shari Ling, MD

12:45 – 1:45 pm

Closed Lunch (Room 800)

Ethics Training for Special Government Employees – Catharine Hess, JD

INNOVATION IN ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE INTERVENTIONS

1:45 – 2:05 pm

Ten Years of Transformative Progress in Alzheimer's Dementia Research: From DIAN Insights to AI-Powered Discovery: Alzheimer's Prevention, Aging, and Artificial Intelligence

Randall Bateman, MD

FEDERAL AGENCY ROLES AND PROGRESS (continued)

Maria-Theresa Okafor, PhD, MCG

2:05 – 2:50 pm

Federal Agency Roles and Progress: Part 2

Administration for Community Living – Erin Long, MSW

Health Resources and Services Administration – Joan Weiss, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Fleetwood Loustalot, PhD, FNP, FAHA

2:50 – 3:35 pm

Federal Agency Roles and Progress: Part 3

Indian Health Service – Jolie Crowder, PhD, RN, MSN, CCM

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Kevin Chaney, MGS

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation – Helen Lamont, PhD

INNOVATION IN ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE INTERVENTIONS (continued)

3:35 – 3:50 pm

Robotic Surgical Procedure to Address Alzheimer’s

Mark Toland, CEO, MMI

NATIONAL PLAN TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE

3:50 – 4:00 pm

Approach to Updating National Plan for 2026-2035

Helen Lamont, PhD, and Maria-Theresa Okafor, PhD, MCG

4:00 – 4:20 pm

Advisory Council Discussion

4:20 – 4:55 pm

Public Comments

Maria-Theresa Okafor, PhD, MCG

4:55 – 5:00 pm

Concluding Remarks and Adjourn – Advisory Council Chair

Michelle Branham, MTS
