

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



August 3, 2026

Live stream: <http://www.hhs.gov/live>

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>
2:25 – 2:35 pm	The ASAP Act <i>Maria C. Carrillo, PhD, 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>Katryn 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>