Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Fund
2016-2017 Annual Report

Section 89-e of the State Finance Law (SFL) established the Alzheimer’s Disease Assistance Fund, which is under the joint custody of the Commission of Taxation and Finance and the Comptroller of New York State. Section 89-e (2-b) of the SFL requires the Commissioner of Health to annually report to the Legislature, the Comptroller, and the public specified information concerning the utilization of such funds during the preceding calendar year. This report sets forth that information for calendar year 2016.

During calendar year 2016, $997,742.77 was dispersed from the Alzheimer’s Disease Assistance Fund. The funds were dispersed as follows:

**Recipient: Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers (ADACs): $222,368.54**

*Purpose of Funding*

New York State currently funded nine ADACs, which serve as "Centers of Excellence" for the diagnosis and management of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.

ADACs provided the following services:

- Diagnosis and Assessment
- Patient Management and Care
- Training, Education and Consultation
- Clearinghouse of Alzheimer’s Disease Information

*Award Process Used: Provided to existing contractors selected through a competitive solicitation*

**Recipient: Alzheimer's Disease Community Assistance Program (AlzCAP): $470,302.33**

New York State funds the Coalition of Alzheimer’s Association Chapters (AlzCAP) to implement the Alzheimer’s Disease Community Assistance Program. The goal of AlzCAP is to reduce the enormous toll of Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias (AD/D) on patients and their families by promoting effective patient management, education and appropriate support for patients with AD/D, family caregivers, health care personnel, volunteers, community agencies first responders and self-help groups. Each organization provides the following services:

- Care Planning and Consultation
- Caregiver Training
- Support Groups
- 24-hour Helpline
- Community Awareness
- Increased Training for Important Constituencies
Award Process Used: Provided to existing contractors developed through a sole source process

**Recipient:** Support for Two Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Modules: $80,000

**Purpose of Funding**

Funds are utilized to support questions which are part of the cognitive impairment and caregiver modules in the BRFSS. These questions allow for better data to study the incidence and impact of Alzheimer's disease in NYS as well as the impact of the disease on families and caregivers.

**Award Process Used:** Not applicable

**Recipient:** Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley for a Demonstration Project to Reduce Disparities in Persons with Dementia: $187,894.99

The Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley received a contract for a two-year demonstration project focused on addressing disparities in Alzheimer's disease. The contract began on January 1, 2016. The goal of this demonstration project is to increase AD/D screenings in primary care settings for African American and Hispanic populations, to promote earlier diagnosis and treatment of AD/D among these populations, and to connect those diagnosed with AD/D to community support, medical services and clinical trials. Long term objectives include effective disease management, continued community residence and decreased caregiver burden.

The Alzheimer’s Association of the Hudson Valley’s project, *Increasing Access to Dementia Diagnosis and Care: Faith-Based Outreach and Continuing Education for Primary Care Providers and Other Medical Professionals*, educated medical professionals on identifying and addressing disparities related to Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias through a statewide webinar, provided outreach to African American and Hispanic communities through faith-based organizations, and expanded its Rapid Referral program.

**Award Process Used:** Competitive solicitation process

**Recipient:** State University at Albany School of Public Health “Public Health Live” to Produce One Public Health Live Broadcast: $28,858.00

One broadcast was conducted:

Ensuring access to high quality education and services for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, particularly for African Americans and Hispanics, is a goal of the New York State Department of Health and the Alzheimer’s Association of the Hudson Valley. This webcast presented information intended to increase recognition of the early signs of Alzheimer's disease among African Americans and Hispanics. Information included how dementia should be diagnosed among racially and ethnically diverse people, how dementia is treated, as well as resources to assist family and caregivers in supporting people from these communities affected by Alzheimer's disease.

**Award Process Used:** Added to an existing MOU between the University at Albany School of Public Health and NYSDOH
Albany Medical College – Continuing Medical Education Project: $8,318.91

A payment was made to this project, which was conducted in 2015-16.

Summary Financial Plan for the Alzheimer’s Disease Assistance Fund

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