

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creating the Texas Consortium of Alzheimer's
Disease Centers (Consortium)**

Whereas the 76th regular session of the Texas legislature enacted Chapter 101 (HB 1504), and this legislation added Chapter 151 to the Education Code. Among other purposes, Chapter 151 establishes the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (Council). Chapter 151 requires the Council to:

- Establish the Texas Consortium of Alzheimer's Disease Centers (Consortium) (§151.002).
- Include, at a minimum, four institutions: The Baylor College of Medicine, The Texas Tech University Health Science Center, The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (§151.002(a)).
- Provide funds to the Consortium participants to assist them in developing clinical centers that meet the standards of the Consortium (§151.002(b)).
- Aid the Consortium in developing, distributing, material and services for patients, caregivers, and health care professionals (§151.003(b)(3)).
- Establish a steering committee composed of one representative from each Consortium participant to advise the Council (§151.004).
- Establish a data coordinating center to be located at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (§151.005).
- Appoint a physician or other person with a similar clinical background to administer the center (§151.005(c)).
- Review and evaluate the performance of the Consortium participants and data coordinating center at least every five years with the recommendations from the steering committee (§151.008).

The Council may:

- Add additional Consortium participants as necessary (§151.002(a)).
- Receive state appropriated funds for the purpose of supporting the research activities of the consortium (§151.006(a)).
- Solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations for purposes of this chapter (§151.006(b)).
- Restrict access to the data maintained by the consortium or data coordinating center to Consortium participants that contribute data requested by the Council (§151.007(a)).

The Consortium shall:

- Develop clinical centers that meet the standards of the Consortium. (§151.002(b)& (c)).
- Develop standards of operation (implied by §151.002(b)).
- Coordinate and direct its programs to provide to the extent practicable centralized, uniform services among the consortium participants (§151.003(a)).
- Offer clinical services to all patients of the Consortium's clinical centers, notwithstanding the independent status of each participant (§151.003(b)(1)).
- Establish a database, working through the data coordinating center (§151.003(b)(2)).

- Develop and distribute material and services for patients, caregivers, and health care professionals (§151.003(b)(3)).

The Council and the four institutional members designated by the legislature agree:

- No money has been appropriated for the work of the Council during the biennium starting on September 1, 1999.
- Each of the institutional members desire to participate in the Consortium, and lend its expertise in helping effectuate the above listed designs of the law.
- Each of the institutional members shall have equal access to, or benefit from, the database.

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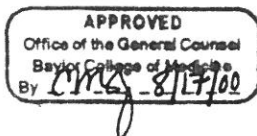
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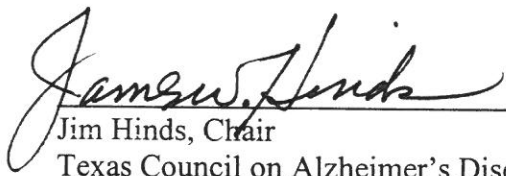
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