



## **February 12, 2026 Meeting Notes**

Fourteen members of the community gathered at Piper’s Opera House on Thursday, February 12, 2026 to attend the first public community member meeting of Dementia Friendly Storey County.

Those in attendance encompassed members from the first responder community (Fire and Sheriff), county and partner agencies (Storey County and Community Chest staff), charter members, and community members representing either a family member or a person living with Dementia, and our UNR representative.

The group reviewed the following documents.

- ✓ DFNV and What We Do Advertisement Flyers (2)
- ✓ DFNV Values (**represents the “Why”**)
- ✓ Authentic Partnership for Community Groups (**represents the “How”**)
- ✓ DFNV Statewide Aspirations 2022-2027 (**represents the “What” and is up to our group to determine**)
- ✓ NV State Plan to address Alzheimer’s 2025-2026 (51 pages)
- ✓ Community Needs Survey Results

Casey Venturini from DEER/DFNV at UNR provided a detailed explanation of the importance of each document and its relevance to our community (**Why, How, What**). He also clarified that this information is intended to guide our group in determining the future direction of DFNV Storey County.

The group discussed possible ideas for launching DFNV Storey County into the public sector; how best to bring awareness; how first responders can identify the signs of a person living with dementia; having a proactive approach; and what potentially should be our priorities.

While no definitive items were determined at this first meeting, it was informative and productive, providing an open forum for conversations on how to write the book that will be Dementia Friendly Storey County.

At our March meeting, we will review one of the DFNV Values and one of the Statewide Aspirations as reminders of the direction we are headed as well as discuss further information from the Community Needs Survey Results and page 11 of the NV State Plan to Address Alzheimer’s.

Rhea will contact one of our commissioner’s and extend an invitation to our next meeting.

Sara C will meet with Fire Chief and Assistant Sheriff to hand out the *First Responder Pocket Guides* so that their teams can familiarize themselves with that information.