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### **Panhandle Dementia Coalition Meeting & Alzheimer's Association Community Forum Set for May 13**

Community members, healthcare professionals, caregivers, and advocates are invited to attend the upcoming Panhandle Dementia Coalition Meeting and Alzheimer's Association Community Forum on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Regional West Medical Center Education Center in Scottsbluff, NE.

This collaborative event aims to bring together those passionate about improving dementia care, supporting caregivers, and enhancing local resources for individuals affected by dementia.

#### **Event Schedule:**

- Lunch: 11:30 AM MST
- Panhandle Dementia Coalition Meeting: 12:00 – 1:00 PM MST  
*(RSVP required)*
- Alzheimer's Association Community Forum: 1:30 – 2:30 PM MST  
*(Open to the public – No RSVP required)*
- Location: Regional West Medical Center Education Center, Scottsbluff, NE
- Virtual attendance available

#### **Panhandle Dementia Coalition Meeting**

The Panhandle Dementia Coalition is a collaborative network focused on improving dementia care and expanding resources in western Nebraska. During the meeting, attendees will:

- Connect with others dedicated to dementia care
- Share updates on local initiatives and resources
- Learn about upcoming training and service opportunities
- Explore strategies to strengthen support networks and advocacy

Please RSVP by completing the form at <https://tinyurl.com/3r3zmbj6> or by emailing Janelle Visser at [jvisser@pphd.ne.gov](mailto:jvisser@pphd.ne.gov).

## **Alzheimer's Association Community Forum**

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM MST

Hosted by: Alzheimer's Association - Nebraska Chapter

This public forum provides a space for open dialogue, resource sharing, and community feedback to help shape future services and support for those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Attendees are encouraged to share:

- Personal or professional experiences with dementia
- Challenges faced in accessing or navigating dementia-related care

We look forward to your participation in this important conversation. Together, we can build a more dementia-friendly Panhandle.

Special thanks to our partners: the Alzheimer's Association, the Aging Office of Western Nebraska, and Regional West Medical Center for their continued support and collaboration.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community.