



March 12, 2026 Meeting Notes

Sixteen members of the community gathered at Piper's Opera House on Thursday, March 12, 2026, to attend the second public community meeting of Dementia Friendly Storey County.

Those in attendance were comprised of members from the first responder community (Fire, Sheriff, and Emergency Management), county and partner agencies (Storey County and Community Chest), charter members, and community members representing either a family member or a person living with Dementia.

The group reviewed the agenda and handouts and moved into reviewing Draft #1 of the 'Proposed Initial Goals'.

Regarding Goal #1, Sara C explained that we are meeting or exceeding this goal with the attendance in the room. Goal #3 is currently being revised based on the Storey County Resident Emergency Form created by the Sheriff's Office to combine with the Health & Community Services form and is slated to include information about whether the person is vulnerable and lives alone, their contacts and geographically close relatives who should be contacted in the event of emergencies and evacuations. She noted that Sara V is working on this project to capture additional information, and the finalized form will be called Silver.Care; The purpose of this single, streamlined form is to allow community members or their caregivers the opportunity to provide information that will help responding agencies identify vulnerable individuals. Adam from Emergency Management emphasized that during an evacuation, having this information—along with a local family contact (address and phone number)—is crucial. It would allow responders to move vulnerable individuals immediately to a nearby relative rather than a hotel, helping to reduce additional stress during an already difficult situation. Capt. St. Clair added that identifying residents who live alone or have other disabilities will support both first responders and Emergency Management, particularly in the kinds of scenarios Adam described and adding that it would be helpful to know also about dogs, or how to get in.

Sara V spoke about a family member living with Parkinson's and the positive impact his disease had by simply changing his diet and sticking to it. Phillip Glenn, Firefighter/Paramedic, suggested that nutrition classes may be helpful in getting in front of these diseases. Some form of Nutrition classes will be added as an annual goal.

Samantha suggested a support group, which will be added to the goals.

The group was asked to bring an idea they think feasible and would like to see come to fruition to the April meeting. At that 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 Draft #2 of 'Proposed Initial Goals'.

The group is hopeful of having finalized goals for adoption at the May or June meeting.

The next meeting is April 9th at 2:30 pm at Piper's Opera House.