

I. Development Process for the Alzheimer's State Plan

Created by Act 92 of 2009, the Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Arkansas (Alzheimer's Task Force) is charged with assessing the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease in Arkansas and formulating recommendations for a Arkansas' State Plan that will address its impact on affected individuals, their families and caregivers, the state, and health care and other supportive services' resources. According to Act 92, the Task Force shall:

- Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia on the residents of Arkansas;
- Examine the existing industries, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers;
- Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the public health crisis created by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia;
- Formulate a comprehensive state plan for addressing Alzheimer's disease that includes a short-and long-term strategies for confronting the challenges presented by the rapid growth in the Alzheimer's disease population; and,
- Submit a final report of its recommendations for meeting the Alzheimer's disease needs in the State of Arkansas to the Governor and the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor in the form of an Arkansas State Plan by January 15, 2011. A draft with be submitted to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare and Labor on or before October 25, 2010.
- Members of the Task Force were appointed according to statute and represent a variety of perspectives related to Alzheimer's disease. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.
- Members are expected to participate fully in Task Force deliberations, including during meetings and in pre- and post-meeting activities.
- To ensure the integrity of the process, and the quality of Task Force discussions, members agree to personally attend meetings and not send alternates.
- If a member is unable to participate in a meeting, the member will notify the Task Force chair.
- A majority vote of the members present is required for action by the task force.

II. WORKGROUPS

Workgroups will be created that will meet between meetings to address specific topics requiring additional discussion and work beyond the regularly scheduled meeting of the Task Force. The scope of the workgroup will be agreed upon before it is formed. Workgroups will bring recommendations to the Task Force for its consideration.