

## Tasks of the Purple Ribbon Task Force

- Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia on the state.
- Examine the existing industries, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and their family caregivers.
- Examine the needs of persons of all cultural backgrounds having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and how their lives are affected by the disease from younger-onset, through mid-stage, to late-stage.
- Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to this public health crisis.
- Provide information regarding:
  - State trends with respect to persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and their needs, including, but not limited to:
    - The role of the state in providing community-based care, long-term care, and family caregiver support, including respite, education, and assistance to persons who are in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, who have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease, or who have a related form of dementia.
    - The development of state policy with respect to persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.
    - Surveillance of persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia for the purpose of accurately estimating the number of such persons in the state at present and projected population levels.
  - Existing services, resources, and capacity, including, but not limited to:
    - The type, cost, and availability of dementia-specific services throughout the state.
    - Policy requirements and effectiveness for dementia-specific training for professionals providing care.
    - Quality care measures employed by providers of care, including providers of respite, adult day care, assisted living facility, skilled nursing facility, and hospice services.
    - The capability of public safety workers and law enforcement officers to respond to persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, including, but not limited to, responding to their disappearance, search and rescue, abuse, elopement, exploitation, or suicide.
    - The availability of home and community-based services and respite care for persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and education and support services to assist their families and caregivers.
    - An inventory of long-term care facilities and community-based services serving persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

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- The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons having behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.
  - Residential assisted living options for persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.
  - The level of preparedness of service providers before, during, and after a catastrophic emergency involving a person having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and their caregivers and families.
- Needed state policies or responses, including, but not limited to, directions for the provision of clear and coordinated care, services, and support to persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and their caregivers and families and strategies to address any identified gaps in the provision of services.
  - Hold public meetings and employ technological means to gather feedback on the recommendations submitted by persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, their caregivers and families, and the general public. Meetings of the task force may be held in person without compensation or reimbursement for travel expenses, by teleconference, or by other electronic means.