

# **ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE**

## **Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the 2019 Interim**

**November 19, 2019**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The 7th meeting of the Alzheimer's and Dementia Workforce Assessment Task Force was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 1:00 PM, in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Deanna Frazier, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Robby Mills, Co-Chair; Representative Deanna Frazier, Co-Chair; Senator Reginald Thomas; Representative Lisa Willner; Bill Cooper, Steven Davis, Mackenzie Longoria, Devon McFadden, Andrea Renfrow, Mary Romelfanger, Kelly Upchurch, and Denise Wells.

Guests: Representatives George Brown and Joe Graviss.

LRC Staff: Dana L. Simmons, Lead Staff, Chris Joffrion, and Becky Lancaster.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting was made by Senator Mills, seconded by Mary Romelfanger, and approved by voice vote.

### **Discussion and Approval of the Draft Memorandum for the Task Force Findings and Strategies**

Senator Reginald Thomas stated that there are many budget issues that need to be addressed in Kentucky. In reviewing the draft memorandum for the Task Force Findings and Strategies, Senator Thomas is in favor of finding one, strategy one, on page two; however, the state is already providing significant funding to the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. He believes the state is best served with funding going to the center and not a separate entity.

Mary Romelfanger stated that she is in favor of funding so that emerging technologies that help caregivers in the home will be able to be tracked.

Steve Davis stated that finding three, on page two, adequately states what the Office of the Inspector General believes is needed for Alzheimer's and dementia patients. He

stated that finding four, on page three, reflects the tiered congregate living scenario, and he concurs with the recommendations. He stated that he concurs with the recommendations in finding six, on page four.

Mackenzie Longoria made a motion to remove “focus solely” from the draft memorandum on page five, line 14, and to insert “incorporate”. The motion was seconded by Senator Thomas and approved by voice vote.

Representative Lisa Willner made a motion to add “resources” after “Association” to the draft memorandum on page eight, line 26. The motion was seconded by Senator Mills and approved by voice vote.

Denise Wells made a motion to remove “ex-offenders” from the draft memorandum on page eight, line three. The motion was seconded by Ms. Romelfanger and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Upchurch commented on the status of 1915(c) waivers that are not being used because people are not informed about the services that are available to them if they meet qualifications. He supports using “required” in finding 21, strategy four.

Ms. Longoria made a motion to remove finding 21, strategy four on page nine. After comments from Mr. Upchurch, Ms. Longoria withdrew the motion.

Representative Willner made a motion to remove “should” and to insert “shall” on page nine, line eight. The motion was seconded by Ms. Longoria and approved by voice vote.

Senator Thomas made a motion to remove strategy four of finding 21, on page nine and to insert “of the utility and economic viability” to page nine, line eight. The motion was seconded by Mr. Upchurch and approved by voice vote.

Ms. Longoria commented on additional recommendations for changes that she submitted to the task force by email. There was not a motion to amend the draft memorandum.

Ms. Romelfanger gave an overview of legislation that has been introduced at the federal level regarding the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) policy to prevent facilities from engaging in certified nursing assistant (CNA) training within the facility if the facility has received penalties. She stated that the Kentucky Nurses Association and the Kentucky Nurses Foundation appreciated the opportunity to be represented and participate in the task force.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Willner, Senator Mills stated that to continue the task force a resolution would need to be passed in the 2020 Regular Session and leadership would have to appoint members.

Mary Romelfanger made a motion to accept the draft memorandum for the Task Force Findings and Strategies as amended, and it was seconded by Mackenzie Longoria. After a roll call vote of 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 pass votes, the amended memorandum was approved by the task force.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.