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Alzheimer's Council Procedures

The Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Disorders Advisory Council, created by the General Assembly in 1996, consists of 15 members appointed by the governor. The Department for Aging and Independent Living serves as the staff designee for this council. Meetings are held quarterly at Bluegrass Community Action Agency in Frankfort, KY and DAIL staff coordinates these meetings. The board currently has two vacancies. Current members are:

Diane Spencer- UK Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
Phyllis W. Sosa- Department for Aging and Independent Living
Diana "Cecy" Grisham- Health Care Providers
Jane Thibault, PhD – Medical Research Community
Tonya Cox-Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Alzheimer's Association
Betty Higgins-Consumers
Stephen J. Olding- Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati
Nancy J. Addington-Local Health Departments
Sarah J. Wilding-State Government Agencies Dealing with Dementia
Keith R. Knapp-Health Care Providers
Pamela Klope-Health Care Providers
Dona Whitenack-State Government Agencies dealing with Dementia
Deborah Danner- Medical Research Community
Jan M. Scherrer-consumers
Christine Pietrandrea-Department for Aging and Independent Living

The Council has recently completed a State Plan entitled, "Setting a Roadmap to Address Alzheimer's in the Commonwealth: A Report on the Assessment of the Current and Anticipated Future Impact of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias on Kentuckians with Recommendation for Action"

Plan implementation has included a priority system rating the importance of the following issues from members. They include:

- (1) Evidenced based training curriculum for Long Term Care Facilities
- (2) Utilizing the Council to evaluate state regulations on home care, adult day and home health to assure they are dementia friendly
- (3) Request for an increase in the Alzheimer's Respite Services line in the State budget
- (4) Increase training for state adult protective service workers on dementia
- (5) Develop a protocol detailing how to interface with individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their families.

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- (6) Recreate the “office” to become the Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias unit working with the council
- (7) Utilize the Council and stakeholder community to revise the current definition for the provision of respite
- (8) Develop a demonstration to test the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of adult day care clients receiving services in other long term care institutional setting in order to expand access and accommodate anticipated growth
- (9) Identify specific training resources for targeted audiences across the state
- (10) Require training for providers and state staff associated with any of Medicaid home and community based waivers
- (11) Support a pilot demonstration project to address the problem of facility the discharge of residents exhibiting challenging behavior