

CHAPTER 61

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE — WORKGROUP — RESPONSE STRATEGY

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AN ACT relating to an Alzheimer's disease response strategy.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE — RESPONSE STRATEGY.

1. The department of public health shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to design a strategy to respond to the needs of Iowans with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia that includes action steps, a timeline for implementation, and identification of the parties responsible for specific activities. In developing the response strategy, the workgroup shall review the recommendations and the current status of the recommendations submitted to the governor and the general assembly by the Alzheimer's disease task force in January 2008; consider the most current research developments and available data regarding Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia; and integrate the activities and expertise of any existing public or private programs, initiatives, or opportunities that offer potential for coordination and collaboration relative to, or the financing of, the response strategy.

2. The stakeholder workgroup shall be comprised of, at a minimum, representatives of the department of public health, the department on aging, the department of inspections and appeals, the department of human services, the Alzheimer's association, the Iowa caregivers association, long-term care providers, home and community-based services providers, consumer advocates, and health care providers.

3. The stakeholder workgroup shall submit the response strategy to the governor and the general assembly no later than November 15, 2011. The strategy shall specifically include a recommendation for the location of an office for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia within state government, recommendations to institute the public and private partnership necessary to most efficiently and effectively implement the response strategy and provide continuing collaboration, and any recommendations for ongoing data collection and funding to support the response strategy.

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