

231.58 Senior living coordinating unit.

1. A senior living coordinating unit is created within the department of elder affairs. The membership of the coordinating unit consists of:

- a.* The director of human services.
- b.* The director of the department of elder affairs.
- c.* The director of public health.
- d.* The director of the department of inspections and appeals.
- e.* Two members appointed by the governor.
- f.* Four members of the general assembly, as ex officio, nonvoting members.

2. The legislative members of the unit shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate, after consultation with the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate, and by the speaker of the house, after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the house of representatives.

3. Nonlegislative members shall receive actual expenses incurred while serving in their official capacity and may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6. Legislative members shall receive compensation pursuant to section 2.12.

4. The senior living coordinating unit shall:

- a.* Develop, for legislative review, the mechanisms and procedures necessary to implement a case-managed system of long-term care based on a uniform comprehensive assessment tool.
- b.* Develop common intake and release procedures for the purpose of determining eligibility at one point of intake and determining eligibility for programs administered by the departments of human services, public health, and elder affairs, such as the medical assistance program, federal food stamp program, homemaker-home health aide programs, and the case management program for frail elders administered by the department of elder affairs.
- c.* Develop common definitions for long-term care services.
- d.* Develop procedures for coordination at the local and state level among the providers of long-term care.
- e.* Prepare a long-range plan for the provision of long-term care services within the state.
- f.* Propose rules and procedures for the development of a comprehensive long-term care system.
- g.* Submit a report of its activities to the governor and general assembly on January 15 of each year.
- h.* Provide direction and oversight for disbursement of moneys from the senior living trust fund created in section 249H.4.
- i.* Consult with the state universities and other institutions with expertise in the area of elder issues and the long-term care continua.

C87, § 249D.58

89 Acts, ch 52, § 1

C93, § 231.58

2000 Acts, ch 1004, §13, 22; 2003 Acts, ch 141, §14; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §215; 2005 Acts, ch 45, §15