

Blue Ribbon Task Force on Unification of
State Administration of
Services for Older Iowans

1. The Long-Term Care System Task Force recommends that the leadership of the Senate and the House of Representatives establish a blue ribbon task force to develop a plan for unifying the state administration of services utilized by older Iowans who are age 60 or older.

2. Membership of the blue ribbon task force on unification of state administration of services for older Iowans shall include all of the following:
 - a. The directors of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Elder Affairs, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Department of Inspections and Appeals, or the respective director's designee.
 - b. The director of an area agency on aging.
 - c. A representative of the office of the Governor.
 - d. A representative of the banking industry in this state who has significant experience with reorganization or restructuring of agencies.
 - e. The chief executive officer of a United Way organization located in Iowa.
 - f. The president of an Iowa resource center for nonprofit organizations.
 - g. The president of the University of Northern Iowa.
 - h. The chairman of the board of the largest private employer in the state.

- i. An individual retired as president of the state's largest private health insurer who has served as mayor of Iowa's largest city.
 - j. The head of the AARP Iowa chapter.
 - k. The chief executive officer of an Iowa-based financial services company ranked by Fortune magazine as the sixth among life and health companies.
 - l. Four members of the General Assembly, consisting of two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives. The Senate members shall be appointed jointly by the Co-presidents of the Senate, in accordance with Senate Resolution 1, adopted during the 2005 Legislative Session, after consultation with the Republican and Democratic Floor Leaders of the Senate. The House of Representative members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, after consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
3. a. The plan developed by the blue ribbon task force shall address options for implementing the unification of the state administration of services for older Iowans through legislation, funding changes, or other appropriate means, and shall address the services paid for or provided to older Iowans by the Departments of Human Services, Elder Affairs, Public Health, and Inspections and Appeals.
- b. The plan shall be designed to meet all of the following goals:

- (1) Provide for a more effective delivery of services to older lowans.
- (2) Create financial efficiencies.
- (3) Increase accountability.

c. The plan shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 2005, and presented to the members of the 2004 Interim Long-Term Care System Task Force, to be shared with the members of the Human Resources Committees of the General Assembly.