

Appendix A

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO 01-10

TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF SERVICES TO SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

This Executive Order creates the Task Force on the Future of Services to Seniors and People with Disabilities. The Task Force will help Oregon prepare for the aging of the Baby Boomer Generation and the growth in the numbers of people with significant disabilities. It will review, analyze, and recommend changes as needed in the State's age and disability-related programs and policies.

The Task Force will be comprised of concerned seniors and people with disabilities, policymakers, and representatives from both private and non-profit organizations serving these populations.

The Task Force will make recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Assembly on improvements to systems serving seniors and people with disabilities in their communities

It is essential that Oregon prepare for the aging of the Baby Boomer generation and for the increasing numbers of people with severe disabilities. Failure to prepare and build systems capable of meeting the needs of these individuals will result in substantial costs and diminished quality of life for these individuals.

WHEREAS the numbers of seniors and persons with disabilities has been growing rapidly, and is expected to continue to grow rapidly over the next 25 years;

WHEREAS the ratio of seniors to available caregivers is expected to diminish over the next 25 years;

WHEREAS there is evidence that many individuals who will be retiring over the next 25 years will not have access to sufficient financial resources to allow economic self-sufficiency throughout their lives;

WHEREAS Oregon does not currently have enough accessible, affordable housing to shelter this growing senior and disabled population;

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WHEREAS Oregon does not have enough accessible transportation to allow the senior and disabled population to fully participate in community life;

WHEREAS it takes many years to build the community-based infrastructure required to house, transport and care for growing numbers of seniors and persons with disabilities in a manner that optimizes dignity and autonomy;

THEREBY IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. The Task Force on the Future of Services to Seniors and People with Disabilities is hereby created. The membership of the Task Force shall be no greater than 25, comprised as follows:
 - a. Six members of the Legislative Assembly with interest and expertise in the subject of social services, long-term care or financial planning.
 - b. One representative from each of the following agencies and organizations, as nominated by the executive authority of the organization or agency and appointed by the Governor:
 - i. The Governor's Commission on Senior Services;
 - ii. The Oregon Disabilities Commission;
 - iii. Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disability;
 - iv. The Housing and Community Services Department;
 - v. The Department of Human Services;
 - vi. The Long Term Care Ombudsman; and
 - vii. The Governor's Office.

Organizations are encouraged to nominate persons who are knowledgeable about systems serving seniors and people with disabilities and who have a specific knowledge about the priority areas that constitute the focus of the Task Force.

- c. Twelve additional members appointed by the Governor who are as follows:
 - i. Three persons representing consumers and advocates for individuals with long term care needs;
 - ii. Four persons from statewide organizations representing long term care providers, including two from not-for-profit providers;
 - iii. One in-home care provider;
 - iv. One person from an organization representing services to persons with special needs;

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- v. One person from the financial services industry; and
 - vi. Two physicians specializing in gerontology who are licensed to practice under ORS chapter 677.
2. The Governor shall appoint two members of the Task Force as co-chairs. One member shall be a member of the Legislative Assembly and one member shall be a representative from a provider or advocacy organization. The co-chairs shall establish an agenda for the Task Force, facilitate communication among members of the Task Force, and shall assign duties to Task Force members and appropriate staff.
3. The Department of Human Services shall provide support to the Task Force. The directors of other state agencies with programs that impact the dignity, quality of life, safety, health and independence of seniors and people with disabilities shall cooperate by providing information as needed and available, and by meeting with and reporting to the Task Force as requested. The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall share the staffing functions of the Task Force. The Legislative Fiscal Office and the Legislative Administrator may consult and work with the Task Force in the performance of its functions and may furnish such information and advice as the members of the Task Force consider necessary to perform its functions.
4. The Task Force shall carry out the following activities:
 - a. Develop a long range plan on the future of services to seniors and people with disabilities;
 - b. Consider the different types of long term care services necessary to meet the needs of Oregon's aging population;
 - c. Review and recommend legislative actions and levels of funding necessary to implement the long range plan;
 - d. Review the effectiveness of such recommendations and make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature to detail findings and advice to appropriate agencies on any recommended changes.

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5. In carrying out these activities, the Task Force shall focus upon the following priorities:
 - Evaluating and improving where needed methods of governing and managing state programs for assistance to the elderly and persons with disabilities;
 - Identify methods for controlling the costs of long term care services;
 - Identify cross generational issues expected as demographics shift;
 - The development of long term care services sufficient to meet the needs of a rapidly aging population;
 - Exploring long-term care financial planning options that reduce the potential impact on the state's General Fund;
 - Identifying strategies to ensure adequate private and public funding of long term care services;
 - Identifying housing needs of the senior and disabled population;
 - Identifying strategies to replace, modernize or update deteriorating long term care facilities in order to meet the physical, psychological and medical needs of the long term care population;
 - Managing chronic health care issues and strengthening the connection between medical providers and caregivers through the study of behaviors to reduce the incidence of chronic disease;
 - Identifying the different types of long term care services that are needed in rural and urban areas of the state; and
 - Coordinate strategies to assure there is an adequately trained workforce to meet the needs of the growing senior and persons with disabilities.
6. The Task Force shall meet at least monthly, and may hold additional meetings as deemed necessary by the chairs.
7. The Task Force shall make its first report to the Governor by September 1, 2002, so that its recommendations can be considered in the development of the Governor's Recommended Budget.

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8. This Order expires September 30, 2004, unless explicitly extended by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 30 th day of June, 2001.

/s/ John A. Kitzhaber
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Bill Bradbury
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SECRETARY OF STATE