



## WORKGROUP SUBJECT AREAS

### INFORMAL SERVICES/STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE ROLES

#### Members:

- Bill Bridgwater
- David Harris
- Jeanette Hensley
- JoAnna Miller
- Sen. Betty Boyd

This workgroup will develop recommendations to address the large number of unpaid caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Recommendations may range from support services to tax incentives to respite care. The group may also look at Alzheimer's disease infrastructure in the state, such as transportation issues and single point of entry for individuals and families, and the role that state government can play. The recommendation subject areas from other state plans included in this workgroup are Unpaid caregiver support, Infrastructure/Services and State administrative and legislative roles.

### FORMAL SERVICES

#### Members:

- Bill Dahlquist
- Barbara Prehmus
- Linda Mitchell
- Howard Roitman
- DeeAnn Groves
- Arlene Miles

This workgroup will develop recommendations concerning formal services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease; including a properly trained and educated workforce, regulation and quality assurance of home and community based services, and a look at how Medicaid, Medicare and private pay play into Alzheimer's disease care financing. Recommendations may include minimum training hours and content for direct care workers, protocols to permit persons with dementia to remain in their current living environment, and evaluations and support of long-term care insurance. The recommendation subject areas from other state plans included in this workgroup are Workforce, HCBS and Medicaid/Private Insurance.

## QUALITY AND RESEARCH

### Members:

- Carol Riggerbach
- Paul Bell, Ph.D.
- Deb Wells
- Lynn Betz-Seybold
- Steve Cavendar

This workgroup will examine best practices for quality assurance in Alzheimer's disease treatment and care. The group will develop recommendations for ensuring quality in Colorado, as well as determine quality measurements. As a part of quality, the group will examine education and training for people who are likely to come into contact with persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Further, research and data collection concerning Alzheimer's disease will be addressed by the group. The recommendation subject areas from other state plans included in this workgroup are Quality, Research and data collection and Education/Training.

## PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### Members:

- Michael Wasserman, MD
- Kristina Bomba
- Shelley Hitt
- Rep. Jim Riesberg
- Rep. Ken Summers

This workgroup will develop a public awareness plan for Colorado, ensuring the public is aware of the signs and effects of Alzheimer's disease. As part of public awareness, prevention and risk management strategies will also be taken into consideration. The group will also address public safety issues, such as wandering. The Senior Alert program in Colorado exists to locate a wandering or lost individual, and the workgroup will make sure the program is effective and suggest ways to increase awareness of this program and other locator programs. The recommendation subject areas from other state plans included in this workgroup are Public awareness, Public safety/law enforcement and Prevention.