



Mayor's Dying Before Their Time Task Force Call for Policy Recommendations

Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick's Dying Before Their Time Task Force is sponsoring a variety of special events to get community input on policy recommendations that will help seniors live long and live well for its Blueprint for Action Report to be presented to the Mayor in January 2005. This **Call for Policy Recommendations** is designed to obtain innovative policy recommendations or strategies that can be used to expand long term care options for Detroit seniors.

Dying Before Their Time Facts

- ◆ For every 222 deaths of Detroit seniors age 50-59, there are 100 deaths for seniors in this age group in other parts of Michigan.
- ◆ About 54.5% of Detroit area seniors live in Medically Under-served Areas.
- ◆ Detroit area seniors have a 37% higher hospitalization rate than seniors in other parts of the state.
- ◆ About 89% of Detroit area seniors have at least one chronic illness and 39% have three or more.
- ◆ Only 25% of Detroit area seniors use information and assistance services to find out about long term care options.



Who is eligible to submit Policy Recommendations?

- ◆ Aging Associations
- ◆ Eldercare Coalitions
- ◆ Senior Citizens Commissions
- ◆ Policy Boards
- ◆ Aging Consortiums

Deadline/Requirements

- ◆ Develop a policy recommendation or White Paper.
- ◆ Have your organization to approve the recommendation(s).
- ◆ Submit policy recommendation(s) with the required form to the Dying Before Their Time Task Force by November 12, 2004.

Policy Recommendation Subject Areas:

- ◆ Continuum of Care (Senior services)
- ◆ Healthy Aging Strategies
- ◆ Improved Access to Health Care
- ◆ Improved Residential Care Options
- ◆ General Aging Issues



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Mayor's Dying Before Their Time Task Force Policy Recommendation Format

The Dying Before Their Time Task Force is encouraging policy boards, eldercare coalitions, commissions on aging, and aging-focused associations to provide policy recommendations or White Papers to the Task Force.

Organization Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Contact Name: _____
Telephone #: _(____)_____ Email: _____
Organization Membership Size: _____

Policy Recommendation (Select the appropriate category):

- Continuum of Care Healthy Aging Health Care
 Residential Care General Issue(s)

Rationale:

Key System Change Required:

Attach White Paper or Policy Recommendation and mail to:
Paul Bridgewater, Chairman
Dying Before Their Time Task Force
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For more information about the Task Force or to download Recommendation Forms visit the DAAA Web site at:
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