

Dying Before Their Time Task Force Governance Structure

The Dying Before Their Time Task Force consists of members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Detroit. The governance structure consists of a Steering / Leadership Committee, full Task Force membership, four subcommittees, and a Staff Support Workgroup. Subcommittees include: Healthy Aging, Health Care, Continuum of Care and Residential Care. The Task Force also has access to a Resource Panel comprised of members with various types of expertise.

The Task Force supports a community planning process that encourages broad-based community participation, prioritization of services, and the targeting of community resources to at-risk populations. The following mechanisms are being used to obtain community input:

- **Long Term Care Conference** – The Living Long Living Well Conference (held on July 22-23, 2004) to discuss health disparities as well as long term care and health care options needed within the community.
- **Town Hall Meetings** – Two community forums (convened on August 30, 2004 and September 2 2004) to get input from older adults as well as caregivers, family members and those interested in senior issues regarding ways to promote healthy lifestyle choices.
- **Focus Groups** – Select focus groups to help the Task Force obtain community insight on health care, long term care options, housing/residential care options and innovative healthy aging interventions.
- **Call for Policy Recommendations** – Testimony solicited from key policy boards, associations, commissions and aging coalitions mandated to shape aging policy in the City of Detroit.

The Task Force convenes full membership meetings as well as subcommittee meetings to conduct its business and is charged with developing a Final Report and presentation to Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick. See page 2 for a diagram of the Task Force Governance Structure.

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