

Kentucky

KY State Plan, submitted it to the Governor and Legislature in January 2008; here is the link:

<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/DF111120-71BB-4461-850D-02F8AB159AC9/0/StateAlzheimerPlan.pdf>

- The Kentucky legislature passed a resolution March 2007 calling for a Kentucky state plan to address Alzheimer's in the Commonwealth to be completed by December 2007. (Not only did we have no budget, we also had a very tight timeframe.)
- Kentucky already had an existing State AD Advisory Council ("Council"), established by statute with members appointed by the Governor. Administrative support is provided to this council by the state Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL). Fortunately, our DAIL Commissioner was very supportive of this effort and assigned staff time to assist with administrative, research and drafting tasks.
- There are two members of this Council from the Alzheimer's Association, one of whom was a co-chair at the time. This Council served as the steering committee for the KY State Plan process. After an initial planning meeting, work groups were named, each focusing on a topic area. "Experts" and stakeholders were invited/recruited to volunteer to serve on these work groups. Work groups were given specific questions to address, and asked to come back to the whole Council with recommendations.
- The KY AD Council membership includes representatives of state and local public health departments, state and local aging agencies, universities, Alzheimer's Association, consumers, and service providers. Hindsight: it would have been beneficial to include more consumer voices (i.e., persons with dementia and family caregivers; and advocacy groups) and elected officials in this process.

Unofficially: the Alzheimer's Association drove this process; we utilized National's state AD plan process tools and we had Chapter Association leadership and/or representation on each workgroup. The whole Council met at least monthly with the workgroups meeting in between as needed. We did not have time for public input sessions; again, this is something we would recommend doing next time.

Mechanics: each workgroup submitted section drafts and after changes and approval by the Council, the state staffer pulled together the draft document. The Alzheimer's Association printed the copies of the final plan for submission to the legislators and Governor.

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Missouri

Missouri passed legislation in 2009 calling for the Governor to appoint a 19 member task force to be chaired by the Lt Governor. The bill had a zero fiscal note. **An interim report was written and delivered to the Gov and General Assembly late February. We will continue to meet and submit a final report next December.**

- The task force is chaired by the Lt Governor and his staff has played a leadership role in organizing meetings etc. The person appointed was his chief of staff. Additionally, the dept of health and senior services legislative director was actively engaged and extremely helpful. All that being said, the Alzheimer's Assoc was critical to moving the process forward.
- We leveraged community partners to host initial meetings (the first was held at the Jewish Federation headquarters in St. Louis). The initial meeting was educational with a number of presentations from various departments. The committee decided to host public input sessions around the state to set the foundation for activities.
- Five sessions were held attending by 400 plus. They were excellent and I would be happy to share more information about format etc if you like. We then held public hearings with input from trade associations, medical groups, hospital association, etc. Those were done at the Capitol in a Senate hearing room.
- The Alzheimer's Association covered the cost of the input sessions through a grant we had for advocacy. The grant also helped with the cost of printing the report and provided a small stipend to an MSW student who was doing a practicum with us. He helped with logistics, research, and data collection - extremely valuable. A PWD serves

on the Task Force and the grant covered her travel expenses. She was the only member to be reimbursed for travel.

- Next step was to develop workgroups and develop priority goals and activities. We did not expand the workgroups to include other professionals although others were consulted. As a result, the task force was responsible for a lot of work. Our plan was developed and delivered to the Gov and General Assembly on time. It was a group write and although not polished, everyone had buy in. The committee continued to meet (3 or 4 times over the next year) to work on the activities in the plan. The reality ... if the Alzheimer's Association was not moving this forward, I think little would have happened after the plan was written. Strongly urge setting up work group structure and engaging others not appointed to the committee.

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