

# THE GOVERNOR GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2013-01 ]

## The Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease Planning Committee

February 7, 2013

*Whereas*, creation of a plan to address the epidemic of Alzheimer's disease and other related brain disorders in our Commonwealth is a major concern of this administration; and

*Whereas*, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging was created in 1978 by Act 70 as a cabinet-level state agency whose jurisdiction, powers and duties specifically concern and are directed to advancing the well-being of Pennsylvania's older citizens; and

*Whereas*, Act 70 authorizes the Department of Aging to "develop and periodically update a comprehensive plan for coordinating all major Commonwealth services, programs and activities which are directed towards persons with chronic physical or mental impairments which necessitate long-term care"; and

*Whereas*, Act 70 further authorizes the Department of Aging to: "maintain a clearinghouse of information related to the interests of older persons and provide technical assistance and consultation to all agencies, both public and private with respect to programs and services for older persons"; and

*Whereas*, Act 70 directs the Department of Aging to undertake "special advocacy efforts to promote greater awareness of, and more effective response to, the problems of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other related brain disorders"; and

*Whereas*, Alzheimer's disease currently affects one in twelve Pennsylvania families; and

*Whereas*, the interests of this Commonwealth would be best served by establishing a planning committee within the Department of Aging to develop a State Alzheimer's Plan that will serve as a comprehensive approach to addressing the growing Alzheimer's disease crisis.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby establish the Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Disease Planning Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Committee").

1. *Purpose.* The purpose of the Committee shall be to charge state agencies, to consult with residential and community care providers, professional and family caregivers and persons affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders to create a comprehensive plan for a thoughtful, integrated and cost-effective approach to addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other related brain disorders.

2. *Responsibilities.* The responsibilities of the Committee shall be to:

- a. Examine the needs and research the trends in the Pennsylvania's Alzheimer's population;
- b. Study existing resources for addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease, and their families and caregivers;
- c. Develop a strategy to mobilize the Commonwealth's response to the anticipated increase in incidence of Alzheimer's disease in Pennsylvania; and
- d. Make recommendations to the Governor.

3. *Composition.* The Secretary of Aging or a designee shall serve as the Chairperson and shall provide administrative support and other resources determined by the Secretary of Aging necessary to fulfill the requirements of this Executive Order. Other members of the Committee shall consist of:

- a. The majority and minority chairpersons of the Aging and Youth Committee and the Public Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate or their designees;
- b. The majority and minority chairpersons of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives or their designees; and

c. Certain other members appointed by the Governor who shall consist of: one person affected by Alzheimer's disease, one caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease; one family member of a person with Alzheimer's disease; one representative of the nursing home industry; one representative of the assisted living industry; one representative of the personal care home industry; one representative of the adult day-care services industry; one representative of the home care industry; one representative of the medical care provider community; one Alzheimer's disease researcher; one representative of a statewide Alzheimer's association; one representative each of the Pennsylvania Departments of Health and of Public Welfare; one representative of the hospice industry; one representative of a senior center; and one representative of the area agencies on aging.

4. *Terms of Membership.*

a. Members shall be appointed for terms of one year. All members appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

b. Committee vacancies that may occur shall be appointed in accordance with Section 3 of this Executive Order. Successors shall be appointed for the remainder of the original one year term; and

c. A member who is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Committee, without excuse, shall forfeit membership on the Committee, and a replacement member shall be appointed in accordance with Section 3 of this Executive Order.

5. *Compensation.* Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their service.

6. *Effective Date.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

7. *Termination Date.* This Executive Order shall expire on November 30, 2013.



Governor

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