



Legislative Task Force on Aging

Friday, April 12, 2024
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Room G-3, State Capitol

April Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Representative Klevorn
Representative Zeleznikar
Senator Housley
Maureen Schneider
Jen Foley
Councilwoman Agatha Armstrong
Dr. Joe Gaugler

Members Excused:

Senator Morrison

Public Testimony

Dr. Jean Lee provided testimony to the Task Force

Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging

Adam Suomala, Executive Director of the Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging, provided testimony and recommendations to the Task Force

Intergenerational Public Health Interest Group Testimony

A collaborative Intergenerational Public Health Interest Group comprised of the University of Minnesota Aging Studies Interdisciplinary Group and residents of the Pillars of Prospect Park provided testimony and recommendations to the Task Force.

Walkthrough of Draft Interim Report

Andrew George, Task Force Administrator, provided a walkthrough of the draft interim report.

Task Force Discussion

The Task Force discussed the following questions:

- Are there any discussion and feedback on the content, framework and formatting of the draft interim report?
- Given everything we have heard that is presented in the draft interim report, is Minnesota well-prepared to address the needs and welcome the contributions of our aging population? Is there more we need to do?

- We will be hearing presentations on the models and structures of different states for the Task Force to learn about as we consider our ultimate duty, to determine the governmental entity to plan, lead, and implement policies and funding for all aging Minnesotans. What would we like to hear about them and their work?

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Task Force meeting minutes for the March 8th, 2024, meeting were adopted by a voice vote.

Public Engagement

The Chair invited members of the public who were interested in providing input to the Task Force to do so. Mike Mitchell, Mary Jo Schifsky, Leif Grina, Gregg Wright, Fyzeen Ahmad, Kristine Sundberg, Roxanne Jenkins, Dr. Mary Dierich, and Dr. Darlene Zangara testified to the Task Force.

There being no further business, the Task Force adjourned at 2:44 PM.