

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

April 18, 2002

3:08 p.m.

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

OVERVIEW: DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND  
ADMINISTRATION: LONG TERM CARE TASK FORCE; ASSISTED LIVING

**TAPES**

02-33, SIDES A & B

**CALL TO ORDER**

REPRESENTATIVE FRED DYSON, Chair, convened the House Health,  
Education and Social Services Standing Committee at 3:08 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Committee members present were Representatives Dyson, Coghill,  
Joule, Kohring, Wilson, Stevens, and Cissna.

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

ALISON ELGEE, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner,  
Department of Administration, presented an overview that: 1)  
summarized the accomplishments made through the Long Term Care  
Task Force and those items that might require follow-up; 2) the  
position of the department concerning issues that may require  
legislative authorization of future task forces; and 3) the  
existing status of assisted living options in Alaska.

STEVE ASHMAN, Director, Division of Senior Services, Department  
of Administration, spoke of blending funds through Medicaid  
waivers. He also answered questions from the committee  
regarding training manuals and regulations.

ELMER LINDSTROM, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health and  
Social Services, was present to answer questions on behalf of  
the department.

MELVIN RICHARDSON joined the presentation via teleconference. He offered to answer questions concerning the Long Term Care Task Force.

MARIE DARLIN, AARP, reported findings from the AARP members' survey concerning health care.

MARY NICHOLSON, Nicholson Assisted Living, reported that consumers can determine their level of care.

TOM NICHOLSON, Nicholson Assisted Living, was available for questions via teleconference.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIR DYSON closed this portion of the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee meeting at 4:20 p.m. [Minutes for HB 180 can be found in the 4:22 p.m. minutes for the same date.]

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