

Long Term Care Council Background

The Mazzone Long-Term Care Act of 2000 (AB 452, Chapter 895, Statutes 1999) established the Long Term Care Council. The act:

- Requires that the Health and Human Services Agency Secretary establish and chair the Long Term Care Council (LTC Council). The LTC Council is comprised of Directors of the Departments of Aging, Developmental Services, Health Services, Mental Health, Rehabilitation, Social Services, Veterans Affairs and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (note: In January 2001, the Directors of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Housing and Community Development, and Transportation were invited to serve on the Council)

The LTC Council's duties, as articulated in AB 452, include:

- Promoting coordinated LTC planning and policy development, including the development of service and utilization data necessary for policy development;
- Developing strategies to improve the quality and accessibility of consumer information on the LTC programs administered by these state departments;
- Designing strategies to better monitor the consumer responsiveness of LTC services and programs;
- Developing strategies to streamline the regulatory process for LTC programs and services;
- Identifying subgroups needing LTC services who are underserved and developing strategies responding to their needs;
- Establishing priorities and timelines for carrying out the Council's duties;
- Reviewing and making recommendations on all LTC budget changes being proposed by departments participating on the Council; and
- Reporting annually to the Legislature on the Council's progress to date, commencing in January 2001.

The LTC Council sunsets in January 2007.