

**Department of Human Services
Senior Program Activities**

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on certain senior program activities.

Some projects initially approved or discussed for funding from the special purpose appropriation for seniors, required additional interim reporting or legislative updates. In this report, the Department of Human Services provides updates on three projects:

- 1) Caregiver Training – as of the end of March 2015, 1,269 unique individual caregivers had been trained with 41% of caregivers taking multiple classes. Modules include geriatric medication management, dealing with dementias, challenging behaviors, and specialized training for emergency responders.
- 2) Quality Care Fund grants – a mix of projects across all types of long term care settings have been funded, including an infection control pilot, video and other trainings, care preference and staffing evaluation tools, and consumer education.
- 3) Community Base Care Capacity Index – the agency is centralizing adult foster home licensing activities into an existing system. The next step is to follow-up with stakeholders on how best to capture other information needed for the index, such as vacancy information and customer satisfaction.

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