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Rep. Meyers Appointed to the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia

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MADISON – Today, Representative Beth Meyers (D – Bayfield) announced she has been appointed to serve on the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia. This bipartisan group of elected officials from the Wisconsin State Assembly will look to improve and promote community-based resources and raise awareness, as well as address legal issues and determine possible state participation in treatment and research.

“I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to serve on this important and much needed legislative taskforce. As the former executive director for CORE Community Resources, I know firsthand what Alzheimer's and Dementia can do not only to the ones affected by it, but also to the families that care for their loved ones. With the increasing population of older adults and increasing cost of care, I believe this taskforce is something that is greatly needed, especially for those in Northern Wisconsin,” said Meyers.

The Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia is directed to study and make recommendations on policy initiatives that would improve care of those experiencing Alzheimer's and Dementia. The task force will invite testimony from experts in the field and make recommendations. This taskforce is comprised of an Assembly Republican chair and an Assembly Democratic vice chair, with other Wisconsin State Assembly members from throughout the state. The Speaker of the State Assembly, Robin Vos, has asked the chairs to tap into the knowledge of community experts and those affected in the individual issue areas. This committee will begin this summer with the hope to complete work before the end of the 2015-2016 legislative session.

“This Taskforce is a great opportunity for us as legislators to come together, and put politics aside and instead focus on an extremely important issue that affects all of our legislative districts. I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to help craft bi-partisan solutions to address this crucial issue,” stated Meyers.

Before being elected to the 74th Assembly District last November and serving as executive director of CORE Community Resources, Representative Meyers has had extensive experience with the elderly community, serving on several non-profit boards and volunteering with many programs focused on aging populations.

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