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Governor Creates Nursing Home Quality and Accountability Task Force

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed an Executive Order on Friday creating the Ohio Governor's Nursing Home Quality and Accountability Task Force chaired by Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) Director Ursel J. McElroy. An ODA press release explains the task force will study issues surrounding quality of life and quality of care in Ohio's nursing homes and report their findings. Task force members will visit communities between now and May to meet directly with nursing home residents and their loved ones about their experiences.

The task force will schedule community listening sessions and conduct regular meetings to discuss public input and formulate recommendations on improving quality of care and quality of life in all Ohio full-care nursing facilities. The Task Force's inaugural meeting will be 1pm March 2 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Shipley Atrium in Columbus. Its first community listening session will be 1-3pm March 3 at Columbus State Community College's Event Center at Mitchell Hall. A full schedule of events will soon be released and listed online at aging.ohio.gov/nhtaskforce. Ohioans unable to attend in-person events but wish to make their voices heard will be able to submit their insights to the [task force webpage](#).

Governor DeWine stated: "While many of our state's nursing homes are very good, others are not meeting the standards we expect for those caring for our older loved ones. All too often – we hear of preventable tragedies occurring: medication errors, failure to provide care, poor infection prevention and control, and sometimes even elder abuse."

The ODA release notes that Ohio ranks 39th in the most recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services overall Quality Star Ratings.