



2009 Priorities

The top five priorities for
the Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging.

1) WORKFORCE

- increase in the number of qualified mental health professionals who can provide evidence based care to older Iowans.

2) DIRECT SERVICES

- support continued development of the Collaborative Model of Mental Health Care for Older Iowans.

3) NURSING FACILITIES

- assure that accountability measures for nursing facilities uphold PASRR requirements concerning admission and care of older Iowans with mental illnesses (Senate File 2425).

4) VETERANS AFFAIRS

- support efforts pertaining to older veterans with mental health needs including the Veterans Suicide Prevention Program and Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Treatment Coverage.

5) ALLIANCES

- the ICMHA endorses similar priorities supported by the Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the MH/MR/DD/BI Commission, the Iowa Psychiatric Society, the Iowa Caregivers Association, and Iowa Veterans.