

Minutes	Executive Committee Governor’s Commission on Senior Services
	August 24, 2007 676 Church Street, Salem
Members:	John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Peggie Beck, Denise Dion, Chuck Frazier, Charles Kurtz, Robert Lawrence, and Remona Simpson
Guests:	None
Staff:	Marc Overbeck and Becky Murphy
Excused	None
Call Meeting to Order (10:00 a.m.)	
Review of Chair’s Message of August 21st	
<p>John reviewed SCR-1—the parameters regarding the 2008 Legislative Session: “Upon convening the 2008 special session, the presiding officers shall ensure that the 2008 special session adjourns <i>sine die</i> no later than February 29, 2008, and that the special session is limited to consideration of the most pressing fiscal and policy issues.” It is the sense of many that there does not appear to be much of an opportunity for submission of bills.</p> <p>Robert also reviewed discussion around the Future of Long Term Care (FLTC) and Seniors & People with Disabilities (SPD), a possible mental health focus, interim committees, and the 2009 legislative session. Also, he suggested that GCSS could reconsider some of its earlier plans, and perhaps focus on one topic such as “mental health,” collaborate with external and internal partners, etc.</p> <p>Robert praised Chuck’s legislative agenda proposal.</p>	
DECISION/ACTION NEEDED: Chuck’s proposal will be emailed to all members and staff.	
Future Long Term Care (FLTC) Planning Meeting	
<p>Marc summarized the FLTC Planning Meeting on August 23rd that included the Advocacy Unit (Debbie Bowers, Dawn Rustrum, Marc, and Becky), Lee Girard, Joyce Phelps, Jennifer Mead, Jeanette Burkett, Cathy Cooper, and James Toews.</p> <p>Marc explained that James shared his expectations for steps to achieve</p>	

recommendations for comprehensive and ongoing planning efforts for the system that serves seniors and people with disabilities.

Marc noted there will be three focus groups under Debbie whose efforts will be compiled for a Budget Note #6 report:

- Jennifer Mead – Healthy Living/Aging
- Lee Girard – Livable Communities
- Judy Bowen (or another SUA staff member) – Community Supports and Resources (Information & Referrals, Caregiver, and Volunteer Networks, etc.)

A draft report needs to be submitted to the Emergency Board by June 2008 and a final report needs to be submitted to the 2009 Legislative Session.

Focus groups will meet with pertinent stakeholders. An implementation plan will be developed with a process, timelines, costs, community toolkits, etc. It was suggested to involve the League of Oregon Cities (with perhaps John Brenne as a liaison) and the Association of Oregon Counties.

James and Cathy plan to share more about the process as it develops, in the September 14th Executive Committee--and also make a formal request for GCSS to assist SPD in its efforts

Forums

Discussion included:

- It might be premature to have fall forums.
- It may be a better idea to delay plans because of what we don't know.
- Some members' expression of concern about the time lapse between the first forum and a follow-up visit.
- Others' belief that next spring might be a better time for forums---with firmer ideas.

It was suggested for members to meet with interim Committee Chairs to keep connected with the legislature.

Members asked if staff still had the database with attendee addresses. The response is that we still have that information.

Some type of debriefing session with seniors was suggested---possibly a letter with key issues GCSS is working on, forums in the spring, and contact information for legislators and area commissioners. More discussion about this after September 14th Executive Committee.

DECISION: The meeting planned for August 30, 2007, has been canceled by consensus.

September's Agenda and Location

Robert recommended September's meeting be held in Lake Oswego (free facility and parking) for both days. GCSS could invite area groups to visit and can give public input and for guest speakers. Discussion ensued around focus, structure, timeline, etc. Robert hoped to invite the 50-Plus Group to give a presentation.

It was mentioned that both the League of Oregon Cities meeting and Transportation Conference are both taking place at the end of September.

DECISION: Marc and Robert would send the Executive Committee members a proposed agenda of the two days with possible speakers listed. Robert volunteered to invite the speakers after the chairs make a decision.

DECISION: Marc and Becky will meet Robert in Lake Oswego at the facility to discuss logistics, motels, and catering.

Other Issues/Announcements

Robert and Denise mentioned the importance of Mental Health funding. Charles stated sometimes implementation of a program should happen because of a need or to be helpful, but not always because there is a measurable result---as in we can't always say that a program may be cost effective as a business model would show, but it may be the "right thing to do". Denise mentioned common sense is needed and better data tracking is certainly possible.

Eunice reported the Protocol group needs to meet again; the process will be written up for the Executive Committee meeting in September and the report given at the September meeting.

Denise reported she did apply to be on the Oregon Health Fund Board (SB 329) and was not accepted. John H. mentioned the appointments were predetermined, but was glad she applied. Denise wanted feedback about what subcommittee to apply for (Finance & Cost Containment, Eligibility, Federal Laws, Benefits, and Delivery System). She was encouraged to apply; she was leaning towards Finance and Cost Containment.

Chuck reported receiving a letter from U.S. Representative Greg Walden on the Children's Health & Medical Protection Act of 2007 – HR 3162 (257 pages of legislation). This would be a shift in funds (elderly to children) with major cuts to Medicare, a total of \$190 Billion. Three democrats introduced the bill.

REMINDER: Reimbursement for any reasonable business expense incurred while doing Commission business can be done.

Adjourned at 11:45 p.m.