

Minutes	Executive Committee Governor’s Commission on Senior Services
	September 14, 2007 676 Church Street, Salem
Members:	John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Denise Dion, Robert Lawrence, and Remona Simpson
Guests:	Cathy Cooper and James Toews
Staff:	Debbie Bowers and Becky Murphy
Excused	Peggie Beck, Chuck Frazier, and Charles Kurtz
Call Meeting to Order (10:00 a.m.)	
<u>Approval of August Minutes</u>	
MOTION: Approval of August minutes as written. Passed. (Eunice Dutton/Remona Simpson)	
<u>Review Agenda</u> – No changes were made to the agenda.	
<u>Announcements</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eunice shared of plans to travel to Oklahoma right before the October meeting • The Marylhurst Conference press release reports that GCSS as a sponsor. No one remembered the decision. Denise reported there was discussion and questions were emailed to contacts about what sponsorship entails and costs and she received no response. 	
ACTION NEEDED: Robert will check with Jim, and this will be researched by Marc also.	
<u>Staff Updates</u>	
Debbie Bowers shared as new manager of the combined unit of Legislature, Advocacy Groups, and Future of Long Term Care activities. Debbie also reported that Marc and Becky moved to the Barbara Roberts Human Service Building the week before.	
<u>SPD Update—Conversation with Cathy Cooper and James Toews</u>	
Cathy and James shared:	

- The Legislature gave some tough assignments and deadlines to DHS in regard to budget notes. Summary of proposed long range planning with what needs to be done and recommendations will be part of the report to the Legislature.
- Planning will be what resources are in the community to keep consumer safe and healthy, when need paid supports, and quality. Internally there will be three or four work teams with much research and then to focus groups or stakeholders.
- Two interim committees of the legislature meeting in October.
- Crisis with existing Medicaid system, facilities dropping Medicaid clients and rising costs of care. There needs development of a rate system to complexity of needs, comparable to private pay, providers dump Medicaid, acuity, complexity of need; differential of Medicaid and private pay; reward providers who participates, incentives to take more Medicaid patients.
- Pick key priorities – not enough money to do all. Short-term crisis.
- A white paper will be developed with analysis in a few weeks and will share information. Debbie’s team will be working on the non-Medicaid side – list of deliverables, funding in each community, prevention. More of budget – community preparedness and activities for non-Medicaid or pre-Medicaid. Need a plan.
- Eunice and Robert made comments regarding the behavioral hospital unit closing in Roseburg, adult foster homes closures and union participation, OPI (marketing different, minimal care), and mental health as part of FLTC.
- Program managers – across division lines – mental health, addictions, etc. Some facilities won’t take mental health or addiction clients.
- Healthy lifestyles (keep off Medicaid, managing chronic diseases, liveable communities (housing, transportation, planning), and information & referral (resources, networks, etc.). Natural partners.
- Asking GCSS to assist in committees over the next year – partnership, research, funding sources, community level – start building an infrastructure.
- Member comments: City and county expenses with sewer and bridge replacements, crisis in three years – preventative, think outside the box, perspective aging, mental health history, community involvement and discussion with program managers, advisory committees as good venue, Marc attending an advisory committee, proposed timelines for forums in spring, and Baby Boomer Expo at Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday.

Committee Updates

Caregivers - Remona reported that Kay will chair at the September meeting; she will be celebrating her 55th anniversary.

Mental Health - Denise reported her agenda will not much different than Bob proposed. Did ask Cathy and James about mental health concerns, and troubles in

nursing homes. Denise mentioned the Mental Health Coalition, funding issues and partners. With the “baby boomers” there is a crisis in services but mental health is still stigmatized.

Legislative and Advocacy – Bob reported he was finding out from other groups what they are doing, bills, the Human Services Coalition, and an announcement for the February session.

John mentioned about the Oregon Transit Board and DHS’ budget note about seniors and disabled transportation.

It was agreed whatever message GCSS projects to keep it consistent.

September Meeting

Robert facilitated discussion on the proposed agenda, directions, invitations, press releases, menu, etc. He asked the committee chairs to draft a letter to send to their speakers.

Other Items

GCSS Recruitment Protocol – The drafted “Protocol” was distributed. Eunice reported about the subcommittee’s hard working trying to get ready prior to the need of recommending new members. She reviewed the guidelines.

MOTION: Recommend to accept protocol for new members with corrections. Passed. (Eunice Dutton/Denise Dion) [Robert Lawrence abstained.] It was also discussed about putting into the bylaws---Chuck said he would research it.

Annual Celebration Progress – Eunice reported about what decisions the subcommittee has made and that they are on track. She mentioned about the lists, invitations, awards, possible outgoing members, and program. [Eunice had members and guests to help with the invitations during the meeting.]

ACTION: John to contact members who may not apply for reappointment.

Chair’s Update

John asked for clarity from Executive Committee members on July and August discussions and meetings around possible forums and that GCSS decided to wait for Spring. This was in reference to one member’s passion for a meeting in her area and her e-mails and phone calls to the chair. Members agreed that it had been decided to wait until later, and that the September meeting in Lake Oswego was more of a

research type meeting which have been done historically.

Adjourned.