

Minutes

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

September 28, 2007

Department of Human Services

Members:	Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Elaine Barrett, Peggie Beck, Jeff Brandon, Patty Brost, Denise Dion, Chuck Frazier, Kay Kirkbride, Robert Lawrence, Lucy Morgan, Barbara Nelson, Kathleen Schonau, and Joan Staley
Guests:	Jennifer Mead, Joyce Phelps, Dawn Rustrum, and Public
Excused:	John Helm (Chair), John Brenne, Chris Flammang, Dolores Raymond, Majorie Reuling, Remona Simpson, and Kelly Wessels
Staff:	Marc Overbeck, and Becky Murphy

Called Meeting to Order

Introductions - Commission members and the public introduced themselves.

Approval of July Minutes

MOTION: Approval of minutes as written. (Peggie Beck/Lucy Morgan) **Passed.**

Review Agenda - No changes were made to the agenda.

Announcements/Correspondence

- Marc reported John Helm was recovering from a minor procedure, he intends to come if he can, but if he does, will be arriving later.
- Informational materials will be routed; members should let staff know they want a copy of.
- Copies of correspondence since the last meeting will be mailed.

Public Comment

Dolores Hubert, former member and chair, reported on the new rules for residential care facilities and assisted living facilities. These take effect November 1st. There are significant changes in these rules. Dolores reported that the training on the rules is very beneficial to have. Reference to the DHS website (Oregon.gov/dhs/spwpa) for the rules and training. Dolores suggested members inform local groups and communities about the new rules.

Gery Ghiglieri, a Lake Oswego resident, voiced concern about the lack of affordable housing in the area and thought it might be a more widespread concern across the state. She emphasized different kind of independent living opportunities as potential solutions. Eunice responded that housing is indeed important statewide, and that the Commission has been looking at the issue. <http://HUD.gov/local/index> is a resource for people to find available HUD-subsidized housing in their local area.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – The August Executive Committee meeting minutes were placed in members' meeting packets. Eunice reported on the September Executive Committee meeting. Several issues were discussed: an update about the special session in February 2008, proposed Future of Long Term Care activities and the Commission's desire to include a mental health component. The Committee also made a recommendation regarding the proposed forums for the Fall.

MOTION: Send a letter to forum participants informing them they have not been forgotten and that GCSS will keep them informed about its activities in the coming months, and letting people know their input will be requested. (Elaine Barrett/Marilyn Hinds) *Passed.*

Eunice asked the chairs if they had any additional comments from the reports they made at the Legislative Committee. None were offered.

Old Business

Annual Celebration – Eunice reported the preparations for the Annual Celebration are going well. Speakers include Dr. Goldberg, James Toews, and Terry Duffin. She thanked the subcommittee and staff for their assistance.

GCSS Appointment Protocol – A draft protocol for making recommendations to the Governor on new members was distributed to members in their folders. Eunice thanked subcommittee members for their hard work.

Eunice explained the proposal is for two executive committee members and two from the full Commission appointed to a committee that will review applications, interview prospective members, and make recommendations to the full Commission. After acceptance of the protocol procedure, it was suggested that to be part of or an attachment to the Bylaws. Chuck will check into the feasibility of this.

Marc reported that Debbie Bowers had met with staff from the Governor's Office regarding appointments, and their request to have all applications come to the Governor's office first. There was discussion on geographical locations of members according to congressional districts---a map was included in the folder.

A decision was made to brainstorm appropriate to questions for the selection committee to ask prospective members. Questions that came from the discussion were:

- Being a member of the Commission involves a time commitment, usually beyond just the monthly meetings. Can you meet the time commitment of being a member?
- What is your field of interest or background? Describe your experience/background and how it fits with the role of the Commission.
- Often, being a member of the Commission means supporting the Commission's priorities, and putting your own priorities aside (when you are representing the Commission). Can you/will you be willing to do this?
- What individuals or constituency do you think you can best speak for?
- What prompts your interest in services towards older adults?
- What are your strengths, and what can you bring to the Commission?
- Are you comfortable working with and advocating for people from diverse backgrounds, e.g., different ethnic backgrounds, people who are low income, people who have mental health issues?
- Tell us about your passion for seniors.

Changes will be made to the document based on the discussion, and questions for prospective members will be added to the protocol procedure.

Everyday Heroes Recognition Ceremony – Marilyn reported on the Third Annual Oregon Everyday Heroes Recognition Ceremony, which will take place on October 18 as part of the Quarterly O4AD meeting, at the Wittenberg Inn. Jan Margosian will emcee, and the Attorney General is planned as the keynote speaker. Call Marilyn if you want to attend the luncheon.

Working Lunch: Presentation from Lake Oswego 50+ Dialogue Advisory Board

A panel consisting of George Benson, Ardis Stevenson, Janine Dumphy, and Kim Gilmer presented their insights and experiences from the dialogues. Their presentation included how and why the Lake Oswego 50+ Dialogues began, the major themes, and the panelists' thoughts on how to make it happen elsewhere. "A Community Vision for Aging in Lake Oswego" was distributed.

Follow-up to July GCSS Member Evaluation

Discussion included a reminder of the conversation that began at the July GCSS meeting on the strengths, and limitations of the Commission; and the opportunities and the barriers. It was suggested that this be completed at the October meeting, and the meeting packet include refresher information to help restart the discussion.

Member Issues

- Robert and Denise reported on the Marylhurst Conference on Health. There was discussion about the earlier request to have GCSS as a sponsor, and that there had not been communication as expected about the role and the costs associated with this or the final agenda for the conference.

MOTION: Moved that GCSS request that its sponsorship be withdrawn for this event. (Peggie Beck/Joan Staley) *Passed.*

- Robert stated he would decline the request to speak for ten minutes on mental health.
- Lucy was approached by Bernedette Murphy to see if GCSS would consider representatives of the MOVE program come and make a presentation. It was decided to be discussed at another meeting. Eunice offered she would take it to the Executive Committee.
- Elaine asked if a motel reservation could be made for October by someone. Becky said she would.
- Jeff thought the two days were great and asked GCSS to consider going to more cities. Eunice reported GCSS had agreed to do this at the last Planning Days session. It is the hope to do more meetings at other locations; however, we need to also consider this in concert with the potential forums in the spring.
- Marilyn briefly gave a book report and a documentary review concerning the war in Iraq.

Adjourn: 2:30

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Letter to forum participants.	Marc	11/07
Revise "Protocol" procedure and add questions.	Marc	10/07
Add or attach protocol procedure to Bylaws.	Chuck	10/07
If attending Everyday Heroes Recognition Ceremony and lunch, inform Marilyn.	Members	10/07
Send refresher information in meeting packet to members regarding member evaluation.	Marc	10/07
Communicate withdrawal of GCSS sponsorship of the Health Reform Conference at Marylhurst.	Marc or Robert	10/07
Discuss potential MOVE presentation at Executive Committee and/or a future meeting.	Eunice/Lucy	10/07