

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Wednesday • February 25, 2009 • 10:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.
Comfort Suites (Oregon Conf Room) • 630 Hawthorne Street SE Salem, Oregon 97301

CAREGIVER SUPPORTS AND SENIOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffry Brandon
Bob Lawrence
Ross Mathews

Barbara Nelson
Marilyn Patton
Remona Simpson

Joan Staley

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Elaine Barrett
Chuck Frazier

John Helm
Kathleen Schonau

GUESTS:

Regan Gray
Dolores Raymond

Bandana Shrestha
Peggie Beck

Valerie Eames
Tim McQueary

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator
Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

- Introductions
- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Announcements

Public Comment

Family Caregiver Supports Update

Adult Protective Services Update

Family Assistance Leave Bill

AARP Presentation

Agenda Items for March Meeting

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Remona Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Marilyn Patton moved to approve the agenda. Jeffry Brandon seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0-5

Yeas: Brandon, Mathews, Nelson, Patton, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Barrett, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, Schonau

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Jeffry Brandon moved to approve the minutes. Marilyn Patton seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0-5

Yeas: Brandon, Mathews, Nelson, Patton, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Barrett, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, Schonau

Motion carried.

Announcements

Jeffry Brandon reported on the hearing for HB 2443 that relates to the Task Force on Public Guardianship for Vulnerable Adults. Jeffry reported that Gelser's bill may not be pursued this session. Jeffry also reported that GCSS's bill on Guardianship will be HB 2883.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORTS UPDATE

Judy Bowen was unable to attend today's meeting.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Valerie Eames gave an update on Adult Protective Services. Valerie distributed and discussed a handout on Adult Protective Service Non-Abuse Data. Barbara Nelson questioned Valerie regarding elder abuse being reported to police and what happens after the police are notified. Valerie shared that it depends on the county but that the police will sometimes report the incident to APS. Valerie also reported on HB 2537 which relates to uniform power of attorney.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEAVE BILL

Regan Gray, with Children First for Oregon, reported on the Family Assistance Leave bill. This bill provides up to six weeks of paid time off after the birth or adoption of a new child, or when a family member is seriously ill. The insurance is funded by two pennies per hour payroll deduction from eligible employees that goes into a fund for \$300 a week benefit. This will cover all workers whose employers have twenty-five employees or more. There is also an opt-in for smaller employers. California and New Jersey are two successful states that have something similar to this Family Assistance Leave Bill. Regan asked GCSS to join their coalition and left an application.

AARP PRESENTATION

Bandana Shrestha, with AARP, reported on the AARP Public Policy Institute Value of Caregiving. Bandana distributed and discussed a handout on the Effects of Family Caregiving on Use of Nursing Home Care. Bandana gave an update on Gale Sheed and what she is doing nationally. Bandana informed the committee of a 30 minute DVD on Family Caregiving that was aired on PBS and provided staff with a copy. Bandana distributed and discussed a handout on the Campaign for Oregon's Seniors and People with Disabilities. Bandana also reported on outreach and education in local communities.

Action Item: Bandana Shrestha will email the AARP Public Policy Institute Value of Caregiving information to Dawn Rustrum and Dawn will distribute to the Caregiver Committee.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH MEETING

Remona Simpson reviewed the following agenda items for the March committee meeting:

- Emergency Preparedness

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- Family Caregiver Supports Update
- Adult Protective Service Update
- Lifespan Respite Update

Tim McQueary reported that he was asked to serve on the Housing with Services Committee and that their meeting conflicts with the Senior Issues Committee. Tim asked the Caregiver Committee to consider switching meeting times with the Senior Issues Committee so he can attend the Housing with Services Committee and Senior Issues Committee.

Motion: Bob Lawrence moved to accept the change of meeting times with the Caregiver and Senior Issues Committee. Starting in March the Caregiver Committee will meet at 1 p.m. and the Senior Issues Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Joan Staley seconded the motion.

Vote: 8-0-0-3

Yeas: Brandon, Frazier, Lawrence, Mathews, Nelson, Patton, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Barrett, Helm, Schonau

Motion carried.

Remona Simpson discussed the Family Assistance Leave bill with the committee.

Motion: Jeff Brandon moved to sign the endorsement form on the Family Assistance Leave bill and to include the bill on the legislative agenda for GCSS. Bob Lawrence seconded the motion.

Vote: 8-0-0-3

Yeas: Brandon, Frazier, Lawrence, Mathews, Nelson, Patton, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Barrett, Helm, Schonau

Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:49 a.m.