

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • January 22, 2009 • 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Comfort Suites (Oregon Conf Room) • 630 Hawthorne Street SE Salem, Oregon 97301

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elaine Barrett
Peggie Beck
Jeffrey Brandon
John Brenne
Patty Brost
Chuck Frazier

John Helm
Robert Lawrence
Timothy McQueary
Lucy Morgan
Barbara Nelson
Marilyn Patton

Dolores Raymond
Millie Salt
Remona Simpson
Kathleen Schonau
Joan Staley

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ross Mathews

Chris Flammang

GUESTS:

Cathy Cooper
Charles Richards

Lisa Emerson
Jerry Cohen

Kelsey Wilson
Senator Morrisette

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

SPD Updates

SHIBA Program

Working Lunch: Committee and

Liaison Reports

Commission Business

- Oregon Gerontology Conference
- Workers' Compensation Update
- Budget and Expense Report Update
- Review Proposed 2009-11 GCSS Budget

Oregon Transit Association Plan

Review and Prioritize Bills

Agenda Items for February

Meeting

Adjourn

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CALL TO ORDER

John Helm called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Tim McQueary moved to approve the agenda. Peggie Beck seconded the motion.

Vote: 16-0-0-3

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Raymond, Salt, Schonau, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Flammang, Mathews, Staley

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Lucy Morgan moved to approve the minutes. Remona Simpson seconded the motion.

Vote: 16-0-0-3

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Raymond, Salt, Schonau, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Flammang, Mathews, Staley

Motion carried.

Announcements

Dawn Rustrum gave an attendance update for members not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Cohen, AARP, presented on the Long Term Care Survey and Focus Group results. The following information was shared:

- Telephone Survey

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- 600 likely voters in Oregon
- Conducted November 19-23, 2008
- 18 minutes to administer
- Quotas established for age, genders and area to ensure a representative sample
- Margin of error +/- 4.%, at the 95%

Focus groups:

- 3 groups
- 27 total participants
- Randomly recruited for each community
- Coos Bay, Medford, and Portland
- Conducted December 13, 14, 15, 2008

Priorities:

- Why should long term care be a priority?
- What priority should Elected Officials and Policy Makers give to the following
 - K-12 education
 - Healthcare for children
 - Economic job creation
 - Long-term care for low income Seniors and People with Physical Disabilities
 - Long-term care for Seniors and People with Disabilities
 - Public safety
 - Higher educations including community colleges and universities
 - Transportation improvements including roads, highways, bridges

Budget and Funding:

- Why is Long-term care important
- Do you support or oppose increasing state funding for services that would allow Seniors and People with Physical Disabilities to stay in their own homes for long-term care services?
- Do you support or oppose increasing taxes to provide long term care services for Seniors and People with Physical Disabilities to stay in their own homes for long-term care services?
- How important is it to keep Oregon's current long-term care services in the face of a tough economic budget cut

Best reasons to support:

- Why Support Funding long-term care?
- Top three reasons Oregonians should invest in Long-term Care
 - Save the state money by providing

- The state should take full advantage of the federal government funding match of dollars spent on long-term care for low income Seniors and People with Disabilities
- State invest in prevention programs and early intervention

SPD UPDATES

Cathy Cooper, Deputy Assistant Director for Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD), addressed the following:

- Updates on session
- Status on the budget shortfall and Ways and Means process
- Revenue forecast on February 20th
- Unemployment rates
- Status of LC's and POP's
- Federal stimulus packages
- MMIS
- Increased demand for services during economic down turn

Action Item: Dawn Rustrum will email Dolores Raymond a link of the county by county information on local impact of budget cuts.

SHIBA PROGRAM

Lisa Emerson, State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Director, presented the following information:

- What is SHIBA
- SHIBA Organizational Chart
- SHIBA State Office Staff
- SHIBA Mission (State Perspective)
- SHIBA Purpose (Federal Perspective)
- SHIBA Goals (State Level)
- Federal SHIP Grant Program Objectives
- Four Objectives
- SHIBA Volunteers
- Volunteer Job Description
- Desired Volunteer Skills
- 2007 Governor's Volunteer Awards Most Outstanding Statewide Volunteer Program
- SHIBA Volunteers in Action Medicare Mobile Office Tour Support

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- SHIBA Volunteers in Action Exhibitor support at outreach events
- Volunteer Management Challenges
- Local SHIBA Sponsoring Organizations
- SHIBA Client Service Requests
- SHIP Client Contact Form National Performance Report System
- Oregon Guide to Medigap, Medicare Advantage and Part D Plans
- Medicare 1,2,3 for 2009 Handout Review
- SHIBA Field Officers/Trainers in Action

WORKING LUNCH: COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Executive Committee

John Helm reported that the Executive Committee discussed budget information and agenda items for the January meeting. There was also public comment by Jim Klahr regarding the I-28 medicinal marijuana dispensary initiative.

Legislative and Advocacy Committee

John Helm announced that Millie Salt will be moving from the Legislative Committee to Senior Issues. Bob Lawrence reported that the committee started to review and prioritize bills. Peggie Beck reported on the Oregon Community Health Coalition meeting.

Health and Wellness Committee

Peggie Beck reported that Patty Brost will be the Vice Chair for the Health and Wellness Committee and that Joan Staley has moved from Health and Wellness to the Senior Issues Committee. Peggie reported that David Fischer presented on the Preferred Drug list and that the committee workplan will be finalized at the February meeting.

Caregiver Supports and Senior Safety Committee

Remona Simpson reported that Judy Bowen gave an update on Family Caregiver Supports and shared information on nutrition programs. Valerie Eames gave a report on Adult Protective Services and discussed HB 2137.

Senior Issues Committee

John Brenne reported that the Senior Issues committee had two guest speakers. Suzie Clarke, Certified Aging in Place Specialist, and Janet Byrd, Oregon Housing Alliance. John reported that Janet asked GCSS to endorse their legislative agenda. Tim McQueary presented on the Housing Workgroup within SPD and John Brenne shared ideas around volunteerism.

Liaison Reports

None.

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COMMISSION BUSINESS

Oregon Gerontology Conference

John Helm reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the information on the Oregon Gerontology Conference that will be held April 2nd and 3rd and would like the full commission to be aware of the event. The commission agreed that they would like at least one representative to attend the conference. The cost for one person is \$220 the for two day conference. Chuck Frazier reported that he will be in attendance and would be happy to be the official liaison at no cost to the commission.

Workers' Compensation Update

John Helm reported on the memo in the packet. Members reviewed the memo clarifying that GCSS members are covered under workers' compensation.

Budget & Expense Report Update

Elaine Barrett reported that she had a meeting with DHS regarding the object codes and then reviewed the expense report with the commission.

Motion: Bob Lawrence moved to accept Elaine Barrett's expense report. Peggie Beck seconded the motion.

Vote: 15-0-0-4

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Raymond, Salt, Schonau, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Flammang, Mathews, Patton, Staley

Motion carried.

Review Proposed 2009-11 GCSS Budget

Elaine distributed and discussed a breakdown of the proposed GCSS budget for 2009-11.

OREGON TRANSIT ASSOCIATION PLAN

Kelsey Wilson, Oregon Transit Association, reported on the proposal for funding transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities. Kelsey distributed and discussed a handout on the Oregon Transit Association proposal for the 2009 session. She reported that the Oregon Transit Association is asking the 2009 Legislative Assembly for a one-time seven cent increase in cigarette tax, and an inflationary increase of four cents every two years thereafter through 2016.

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The proposal would increase the state share for demand response service to approximately 1/3 of total costs.

Kelsey mentioned the following bills:

- HB 2379 – Rep. Beyer’s bill. Includes 7 cents tobacco tax. OTA supports this bill but would like it to be included in HB 2120.
- HB 2122 – The Governor’s bill. There are blank lines for % tobacco tax (possibly 2.5 cent tobacco tax).
- HB 2075 – Rep. Barnhart’s bill. Includes 3 cent tobacco tax.
- HB 2009 – Rep. Greenlick’s bill. Pulling tobacco tax out of bill and put into HB 2122.
- HB 2120 – The Governor’s Jobs and Transportation Act. OTA wants the tobacco tax to be included in this bill. Currently does not have tobacco tax in it.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE BILLS

Members reviewed bills of interest and made initial assignments for commission member assignments.

Action Item: Dawn Rustrum will update the report and send to the commission for members to review. Members assigned to review bills will send their brief analysis including priority level to Bob as soon as possible.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

John Helm identified the following agenda items for the February committee meeting:

- SPD Updates
- Liaison Assignment lists
- Recruitment for District 2 representation.

Action Item: Commission is to review Liaison lists and email revisions to Kelsi Eisele before the February meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:31 p.m.