

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • January 22, 2009 • 8:15 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

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

LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffry Brandon
John Brenne
Patty Brost
Chuck Frazier

John Helm
Robert Lawrence
Barbara Nelson
Timothy McQueary

Marilyn Patton
Dolores Raymond

GUESTS:

Peggie Beck
Remona Simpson
Keith Putman
Lucy Morgan

Charles Richards
Cathy Cooper
Kathleen Schonau

Jerry Cohen
Joan Staley
Elaine Barrette

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

Mental Health Update

Review Bills and Prioritize

Agenda Items for February Meetings

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Lawrence called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

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

Vote: 8-0-0-2

Yeas: Brandon, Brost, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Patton, Raymond

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Nelson

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Marilyn Patton moved to approve the minutes. Tim McQueary seconded the motion.

Vote: 8-0-0-2

Yeas: Brandon, Brost, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Patton, Raymond

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Nelson

Motion carried.

Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Keith Putman shared that he heard rumor of the trusted agency program for seniors going away, expressed concern with this, and questioned if it is a part of the Governor's cost savings plan.
- Jerry Cohen reported on:
 - AARP public policy priorities
 - Consumer protection
 - Campaigning for Oregon's Seniors and People with Disabilities
 - Livable communities and volunteerism
 - Elder friendly businesses
 - Identifying community leaders on transportation and housing
 - Zoning issues
 - Elders in Action

MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Jane-Ellen Weidanz, Addictions and Mental Health Division, Department of Human Services was unable to attend the meeting due to a last minute hearing being scheduled at the capitol.

REVIEW BILLS PRIORITIZE

The committee reviewed the draft report listing bills assigned to the commission for review. Initial bill assignments were made. Individual members assigned to review bills will report back to Bob after reviewing the bills with a brief analysis, including whether or not the bill should be tracked by GCSS, what the priority level should be, and if necessary, the recommended position.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Bob Lawrence identified the following agenda items for the February committee meeting:

- Discussion of tracked bills by committee

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:52 a.m.