

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • February 26, 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
Patty Brost
Chuck Frazier

Robert Lawrence
Barbara Nelson
Timothy McQueary

Dolores Raymond

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Marilyn Patton
John Brenne

John Helm

GUESTS:

Jane-Ellen Weidanz
Keith Putman
Chris Flammang
Bob Miller

Remona Simpson
Charles Richards
Ross Mathews
Joan Staley

Kathy Danielson
Kathleen Schonau
Peggie Beck

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 Draft GCSS Legislative Agenda

Review GCSS Bills of Interest

Agenda Items for March Meeting

Adjourn

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CALL TO ORDER

Robert Lawrence called the meeting to order at 8:26 a.m.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Remona Simpson moved to approve the agenda. Barbara Nelson seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-3

Yeas: Brandon, Brost, Frazier, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Raymond,

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Helm, Patton

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Dolores Raymond moved to approve the minutes as written. Remona Simpson seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-3

Yeas: Brandon, Brost, Frazier, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Raymond,

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Helm, Patton

Motion carried.

Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Jane-Ellen Weidanz, with Addictions and Mental Health, reported on Legislation that Addictions and Mental Health is tracking. Jane-Ellen touched on the following:

- Judiciary committee is discussing the new state hospital
- Budget cuts update to AMH
- \$1.2 Million cut out of lottery money
- Cutting treatment for people with addictions
- 50% cut in mental health services
- Closing Blue Mountain Recovery Center in Pendleton
- Beer tax
- AMH driven by caseloads
- SB 160
- HB 2052
- SB 402

REVIEW DRAFT GCSS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Bob Lawrence reported on the Seniors Serving Oregon Coalition. Bob also reviewed the GCSS Legislative Agenda for the 2009 Legislative Session.

- Oregon Project Independence: (SB 340, SB 341 and HB 2391)
- Long Range Planning: (HB 2391)
- Alcohol and Addiction Services: (HB 2461)
- Health Care Reform: (HB 2523 & HB 2009)
- Protective Proceedings: (LC 2432 & SB 238)
- Restoration of the General Assistance Program: (HB 2051)
- Senior and Disabled Transportation: (HB 2122, HB 2120 and HB 2075)

After meeting with Claudia Black this week, Bob reported that he would like to identify the top three areas of focus for GCSS. Bob suggested the following as the top three:

1. Long Range Planning
2. Protective Proceedings
3. Health Care Reform

Jeffrey Brandon reported that he attended the hearing on Gelser's bill, HB 2443, yesterday and shared that the bill probably won't move this session. Jeffrey reported that the GCSS guardianship bill will be HB 2883 and said it seems to have a lot of support by Legislature. Bob Lawrence reported on Oregon Project Independence. Chuck Frazier reported on Oregon Healthcare Reform.

Action Item: Bob Lawrence asked for volunteers to help construct the Legislative Agenda with GCSS top three categories of focus. The handout would include the bill numbers with a date at the bottom. Jeff Brandon, Chuck Frazier and Bob Lawrence will work together on the Legislative Agenda handout.

REVIEW GCSS BILLS OF INTEREST

Bob Lawrence reported on the 2009 Legislative session and read through the customized report on bills that the commission is tracking.

- HB 2051 will be tracked as a 2 in support and Marilyn Patton has testified on this bill already.
- HB 2137 will be tracked as a 1 and in support. This will be reviewed by Jeff Brandon.
- HB 2255 will be tracked as a 2 and reviewed by Dolores Raymond.
- HB 2343 will be changed to a do not track.
- HB 2436A will be tracked as a 2 and reviewed by Dolores Raymond.
- HB 2441 will be tracked as a 3 and reviewed by Kathleen Schonau.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY MEETINGS

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

- Review GCSS bills of interest

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:04 a.m.