

Minutes

Elder Abuse Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services December 7, 2006 Department of Human Services

Attendees: Peggie Beck (vice-chair), Eunice Dutton, Marilyn Hinds, Kathleen Schonau, and Joan Staley

Excused/Absent: Kay Kirkbride

Guests: Jeff Brandon, Lucy Morgan, Marjorie Reuling, and Kelly Wessels

Staff: Marc Overbeck and Wendy Russell

Called Meeting to Order 1:00

Review Agenda: There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The approval of October minutes was deferred until the January meeting.

Announcements:

Eunice distributed information received from another meeting about the proposed statistics of unreported abuse.

The Committee will ask Judy Giggy of Adult Protective Services for the current statistics regarding calls and cases from July 2005 to the present.

Marilyn reported the next meeting of Everyday Heroes will focus on social marketing and outreach strategies as well as finalizing the structure for the new campaign. Everyday Heroes has found a new home, and will also be able to receive financial contributions through the Oregon Center for Retired Citizens. The new Everyday Heroes smaller size posters will be available tentatively on December 12th for anyone who would like to take some out to their community.

Review and Comments on Jeff Brandon Presentation

There was discussion on the presentation Jeff Brandon gave during the lunch break regarding the need for public guardianship. The Committee discussed whether public guardianship was a possible goal during the next 18 months.

Elder Abuse Committee Work Plan

- The Committee would like to invite Pete Shepherd, the Deputy Attorney General who chairs the Elder Law Task Force to their next meeting to discuss SB116 and its feasibility. The next meeting of the Elder Law Task Force won't be held until February

19th.

- The Committee would like to look into adding a geriatric mental health professional to each local adult protective services (APS) office to go out on home visits. They are also supporting the addition of APS caseworkers in the Governor's recommended budget.
- The Committee will ask Judy Giggy for any statistics on elder abuse and her opinion of the validity of those statistics.
- Staff needs to contact Julia Huddleston to find out if there are any national statistics or data regarding elder abuse.

Agenda for next committee Meeting

- Judy Giggy to report on data.
- Marilyn to report on Everyday Heroes.
- Eunice to report on Financial Abuse.
- SB 116.

Adjourn: 2:47