

<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b> <b>Governor's Commission on Senior Services</b>
	<b>February 10, 2006</b> <b>Salem, OR</b>
<b>Members:</b>	John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (VC), Charles Kurtz, Kay Kirkbride, Robert Lawrence, Barbara Nelson, Dolores Hubert (ex-officio)
<b>Guests:</b>	Cathy Cooper
<b>Staff:</b>	Morgen Brodie, Marc Overbeck, and Wendy Russell
<b>Excused</b>	Dolores Raymond, Elaine Barrett,
<b>Call Meeting to Order 10:05</b>	
Approval of Minutes-Charles/Barbara approved as written. Passed.	
Review of Agenda-	
<b>Announcements</b>	
<p>Bob heard presentation on what was happening with Medicare Part D. As of March 31<sup>st</sup> all limited duration positions will be going away and the hotline will go away. As of February 15<sup>th</sup> the federal government will no longer reimburse states anymore. He would like to see the limited duration positions should be reinstated. Get e-board action from the legislature. As of the end of January there were still 3,000 unresolved cases. All changes in codes made at the state level to the CMS system were overridden and so the pharmacies and clients had trouble again in February getting the prescriptions filled.</p> <p>Recommend send letter to secretary object strenuously and send letter to governor and e-board that LD be reinstated for another 60 days due to the issues regarding the CMS database.</p> <p>Cathy is talking about extending hotline with Dr. Goldberg. Sent letter to regional office all changes made on plans. CMS database overrode all changes in LIS codes. Cathy will give feedback about whether letter would do any good since meeting on Tuesday.</p> <p><b>Action: Letter to advise governor and director of concern about Medicare Part D and all of the issues surrounding it.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Letter to secretary of health and human services, the congressional delegation, with copy to governor and director as well as MMA staff, Mark McClellan of CMS, the president and speaker of the house urging them to remedy the issues surrounding Medicare Part D.</b></p>	

## **SPD Update (Cathy Cooper)**

### **DHS Budget:**

There is no new information regarding the budget since the last full commission meeting. The Department is in the process of forecasting and rebalance for the legislative e-board in April. There has been an overall increase in new applications for services but more have been ineligible than is typically seen. There is a new staffing study procedure that will now measure work load versus case loads. This will show denials and gives more information on those who were denied services.

Effective July 1, 2006, all people asking for services will be required to show proof of citizenship. This will require a birth certificate, passport or citizenship card. All clients currently receiving benefits will be required to provide this proof at reassessment.

**Action: Send Walden a strong letter questioning his vote on the reduction act bill.**

## **Discussion Items**

**GCSS Meeting Schedule:** March's executive committee meeting is on first Friday because James Toews is unavailable for meeting on second Friday. It will also give more time to plan for full commission meeting.

### **Long-Range Planning/Community Forums:**

There was a discussion on including more on the video links to the forum. Such as Hillsboro or Oregon City.

It was decided that the June 1<sup>st</sup> forum will be held in Hillsboro with video link to somewhere in Clackamas County. There should be Plenty of access with the combined in person and video forum.

The members feel that it should be more than just seniors involved in the long term care discussions. The Commission should be getting the message out with talking points to other groups.

It was also decided to look to see if a Portland forum should also be video linked out to Gresham to pick up more neighborhoods.

The job descriptions Marc put together for the forums will be forwarded to the full commission. There will also be an update given on how things are going as far as the scheduling.

### **Planning Days:**

Will be adopted into the regular scheduled meeting days.

**February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Won't meet on 17<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 a.m. (Find a room)**

### **March Commission Agenda:**

Prioritize to make sure subcommittees are positioned to work on the #7 questions for the long term care planning forums.

Try to make sure the state lead staff for each question will be available for subcommittees so that they fully understand what they are looking for as far as answers to each questions. Get names of staff who might be meeting in regards to questions.

It was suggested that Julia Huddleston, Administrator, Office of Rate Setting & SPD Budget come and speak about monetarily what is going on with the department for the March meeting.

Duncan Weiss, Oregon Business Association Council, was also suggested for the March meeting. His expertise is more around how real people may understand how revenues are arrived at.

Tom Patowski was suggested to come and talk in April.

With these speakers it is the hope that the commission will be better prepared to answer questions from the public and to also get some answers themselves before going out on the road with the 7 questions.

The hope is now to have the staff briefing in April on Thursday and then have Tom Patowski speak on Friday.

It was requested to see if Representative Krummell and Lucy Shelby from Rural Community Assistance Corporation might be able to come speak about HB2389, the mobile home bill, and what it means for seniors.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Health, Abuse & LTC (Kay Kirkbride)**

Kay will ask if all the subcommittees could work on LTC issues as of March meeting.

### **Mental Health (Elaine Barrett)**

Nothing to report

### **General Issues (Eunice Dutton)**

Eunice has been invited at 12:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to a meeting in which the Florida disaster preparedness team will be talking.

John will attend OGA disaster preparedness conference.

Eunice has given Marc her agenda.

### **Legislative (Robert Lawrence)**

### **Staff Update**

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:04.**

<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
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