

# Minutes

## Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services

March 3, 2006  
Salem, OR

**Members Present:** John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Elaine Barrett, Charles Kurtz, Kay Kirkbride, Robert Lawrence, Barbara Nelson, Dolores Raymond, Dolores Hubert (ex-officio)

**Guests:** Cathy Cooper and James Toews

**Staff:** Morgen Brodie, Robert Gordon, Marc Overbeck, and Wendy Russell

**Excused** None

### ***Meeting Called to Order at 10:18***

Approval of February Minutes – MOTION: Barbara/Eunice to accept minutes as written.  
***Passed.***

### **Review of Agenda**

Announcements- Robert reported that John Mullen is stepping down as director at the end of the year.

Dolores R., who is the official liaison to the Manufactured Home Coalition, has been asked to spearhead a committee in Washington County regarding displacement of mobile home owners due to park closure. State Rep. Brad Avakian is willing to write a legislative bill dealing with the closing of mobile home parks to turn them into other types of housing, such as apartments or condominiums. This topic will be discussed in the General Issues subcommittee at the March meeting.

Eunice received an e-mail from Kelly Wessels regarding funding proposals for the Senior Health Insurance Benefit program (SHIBA). It was decided to be brought up at the full Commission meeting in March when Claudia Grimm is present from SHIBA.

Elaine thanked Barbara for filling in leading the Mental Health and Addictions Committee meetings. She is back for March meeting.

### **Discussion Items**

**Long-Range Planning/Community Forums-** Marc, James & Cathy met with Type B AAA directors last Friday afternoon. James & Cathy presented about the community forums and said that GCSS has been asked to host these in each community. They asked if the AAAs would be willing to have a staff person serve as local contact and who that person would be. Many offered names immediately. Dates are those provided last month. There is still a question about the location for the Clackamas/Washington meeting.

Tim Malone recommended the Stan Owens room in Mental Health Clinic in Bend to Elaine. That forum is being held June 21<sup>st</sup>. The room holds 80-90 people. The room is free if we tell them Tim sent us. He would also be available to attend. **Elaine will email the information from Tim to Marc and Chuck. Elaine asked about efforts in Lane county and who to contact.**

Carolyn Wilson has been working to identify local sites throughout the state. Rod Branyon has replaced Mary Lou Ritter as director for Washington County Health and Human services. Dolores Hubert asked about video conferencing out to the Gresham/Troutdale area; Marc responded it is unlikely to happen as part of the Portland on-site meeting. There were questions raised about the costs and if GCSS was paying for part of the forums. Morgen said that it would be fair to absorb the GCSS meeting in Eugene, but the cost of the forums themselves is up to SPD.

The Commission will look again at sites and communities and look to fill in the gaps at March meeting. Also the Commission will find out who wants to join at what forums and what the cost might be. Charles will run the numbers.

The next Future of Long-Term Care Committee will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30 on Cherry Avenue. All Executive Committee members are invited.

**Committee Work-** The issue of how to use the committee time was discussed, since SPD staff will be unable to attend each of the relevant committees on Thursday. If the committee chairs attend the FLTC meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> there can be roundtable discussions in each committee. Marc will speak to each chair about agendas to include discussion on the 7 questions.

The committees need to wrap up all other business for when the Commission goes on the road. The Legislative Committee is working on Network of Care and O4AD websites during their subcommittee meeting. The General Issues agenda has been set and they will discuss what was learned at March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Senators Greenlick and Westlund have offered, for educational purposes, to talk about the HOPE Initiative, and the Senate Commission on Health Care.

**June Planning Days-** We are changing the name to "GCSS Planning Days." The workgroup met a couple weeks ago. They talked about objectives for Planning Days and the values that might be used during planning days. The work that the committee is doing is to get ideas that can be brought to the Commission for consideration and discussion. Marc will present these objectives with the steering committee members' help at the commission subcommittee meetings. They would like the ownership of Planning Days to be as a team not as individuals.

It was clarified that election of officers will take place in September. Committees will also be appointed. Staff will find the easiest way within the bylaws to accommodate these

changes.

Rick Bennett will be at the full Commission meeting in April discussing the legislative agenda of AARP. The Executive Committee felt that maybe he should speak to the legislative committee first. **Robert will contact Rick Bennett and Jack Roberts.**

**March Commission Agenda-** Marc went through the agenda as drafted, and asked members for any additions or suggestions they had. Senator Krummel or his assistant will be discussing HB2389 during lunch on Thursday.

### **Staff Updates**

Marc is in the process of working with a web developer inside DHS for the Future of Long Term Care web page that the GCSS website will link to. It will have an overview of FLTC initiative, committee member roster, the schedule for the community forums, the 7 questions, and a place for people's comments.

### **Committee Updates—Urgent Items**

**Health, Abuse & LTC:** The subcommittees have been working in between meetings. Marilyn been very busy with Everyday Heroes. Kay plans to work on questions from LTC forums. Adult foster home is on hold. Kay asked Eunice if she would present the ideas for Planning Days at the meeting.

**Mental Health:** Barbara says the committee has wrapped up discussions on the subject of police working with mental health. They are planning on having a round table on LTC questions for March. Bob Miller will be coming to talk about SB781, and Sandra Moreland will talk about the county profiles for older adults' mental health and addictions.

**General Issues:** The subcommittee will go over housing and transportation. Eunice has attended a few of the Real Choice grant meetings. Remona will be chairing the April meeting for Eunice, who will be on vacation. Eunice will have the agenda set for her in advance. Marc said that Oregon Housing and Community Services will get homeless count statistics for us when they are ready in May.

**Legislative:** The Coalition on Human Needs letter was given to Becky. Robert is recommending that GCSS sign letter if appropriate. It was agreed that Marc would send out an electronic version of the letter to all GCSS members, and there would be an electronic vote by Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. A majority of the Executive Committee, or 5 members, is needed to endorse the letter.

Charles brought up the idea that the Commission should take a position on the issue of the "Kicker" which may be the subject of an upcoming Special Session.

## SPD Update- James & Cathy

**Long-Range Planning-** James and Cathy met with team leaders in last week or so. The separate groups should have more detailed proposals by the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. All leads must have draft by April 15<sup>th</sup>, since the goal is to have things ready by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The only problem James is foreseeing is if the legislature has a June special session, in which case the Department staff will have to remain in Salem and not be able to travel. Cathy said they would put together alternative plans for what to do if that happened. James met with Erinn Kelley-Siel and Dr. Goldberg about the FLTC. There is basic agreement on what has been proposed. James expects we will probably not get much into detail on budget numbers in this round of discussion, but it will more likely be a higher-level conversation about the overall trends and ideas that may help. There will be contact with community outreach coordinators and the Commission should make those contacts to make sure all areas covered. Video conferencing to rural areas has been encouraged. The AAAs are also willing to share mailing lists they use for community activities and fundraisers and are willing to share and help publicize.

**Other Items-** James asked the Executive Committee if there is anything that they are thinking about introducing as bills in the next session. Robert said that the Legislative Committee hasn't begun on legislative concepts yet. They will be involved in the O4AD summit in the fall. They will also look at any ideas at GCSS planning days. James said the Department is starting to prepare their list, and the draft list of concepts should be out pretty quickly and will be shared with the Commission.

James mentioned the issue of a ban on weapons in LTC facilities. There have been two prior murder/suicides in Assisted Living residences already this year and noted this week's shooting makes the 3<sup>rd</sup> major incident in a year.

The Department is preparing for the April rebalance plan. SPD believes the numbers are getting further away from what was projected, with nursing facility numbers are about 200 over projection and a 'spike' in children with disabilities coming into caseload from child welfare. The Department needs to begin extensive planning around the nursing facility situation.

There is now a chart that shows where those who lost Medicaid have been brought back into the system; more than half are in assisted living or adult foster care. **Cathy and James will give the chart to staff.** The Executive Committee asked if someone might come to explain at the April commission meeting. James mentioned there have been some organizational changes in SPD to better align programs. Most of the changes have been around programs that deal with developmental disabilities. New organizational charts will be available soon.

## Other Items—Good of the Order

It was decided that the letter to Representative Walden was no longer necessary or appropriate. **MOTION:** Rescind letter to Rep Walden. Robert/Kay. **Passed.**  
The letter approved last month did go out to HHS; there was also a personal thank you letter also sent out to MMA temporary staff and volunteers.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:13.**

Action Items:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Send info on local AAA/SPD contacts to Charles and Elaine	Marc	3/8/06
Send “talking points” on Objectives and Values for Planning Days for use in Committees	Marc	3/15/06
Obtain chart on DHS clients who lost Medicaid from Cathy and send to GCSS	Marc	3/8/06
Contact Rick Bennett and Jack Roberts	Robert Lawrence	3/13/06
Send proposed federal letter to all GCSS members	Marc	3/3/06
Vote on GCSS signing onto letter	Members	3/7/06