

Minutes	<p>Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Keizer Training Center October 6, 2006 Keizer, OR</p>
	<p>Members: John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Robert Lawrence, Remona Simpson, Dolores Hubert (ex-officio) [in person] Denise Dion, Chuck Frazier, Charles Kurtz, Jack Roberts [by phone]</p>
Guests:	None
Staff:	Marc Overbeck and Becky Murphy
Excused	None
Call Meeting to Order	
<p>Approval of September minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOTION: Approval of September 7th minutes as sent. Passed. (Eunice Dutton/Robert Lawrence) • MOTION: Approval of September 21st minutes as sent. Passed. (Eunice Dutton/Remona Simpson) • MOTION: Approval of September 22nd minutes as sent. Passed. (Remona Simpson/Eunice Dutton) 	
<p>Review of the Agenda – the following items were added for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert - Everyday Heroes under Good of the Order. • Eunice - Financial Abuse water bottles and ID theft brochures. • Robert/Remona – Proclamation from Governor for November as Family Caregiver month. • Robert – Training through Older Americans Act. 	
Announcements	
<p>Marc reported that Cathy will join the meeting by phone in about 15 minutes.</p>	
<p>Bob reported on the Legislative Forum in Clackamas County---all legislators thought Ballot 41 and 48 needed to be defeated, and reform was needed around the “kicker.” He also reported that Chris planned on attending a meeting about a proposed tax</p>	

reform package that had bipartisan authorship. A copy of the information will be sent electronically and/or hard copy distributed at the October meeting.

Marc reported on the Older Americans Act Reauthorization, which was approved by Congress and the analysis of the impact. There may be funds available for projects with mental health and an “elder abuse” position, and caregiver funds. Copies of the information will be sent to all members, electronically and in the meeting packet.

DECISION: Staff sending informational materials electronically or distributing them at the next meeting would depend on if the material is time-sensitive and/or the length of the document (amount of paper and ink to be used).

Marc reported Sandra Moreland, who was a key resource for the Mental Health committee, has left the state for a job in Beaverton, where she lives. Marc attended training on “Ethics” the day before and met the Deputy Assistant Director for Mental Health, who let him know someone great would be assigned to assist GCSS.

Discussion Items

Committees Schedule agreed upon:

Thursday

10:00-12:00 - Caregivers

1:00-3:00 – Abuse

3:00-5:00 – Mental Health

Friday

8:00 (or 8:30)-10:00 – Legislative

10:00-3:00 – Full Commission

Because of the Annual Celebration, all committees will need to meet for a shorter time at October’s meeting —10:00-11:30; 11:30-1:00; 1:00-2:30, and 8:30-10:00.

Location of October’s meeting: Meeting rooms at Comfort Suites and Keizer Training Center were not available. Room 166 of the Human Services Building is available; however, it was suggested staff to check about reserving Room 473 instead, if possible.

MOTION: Meeting to be held at HSB for October. Passed. (Jack Roberts/Eunice Dutton)

GCSS Finances: Marc reported that as far as we can tell, GCSS is still under its allocation in terms of spending to date. Accounting staff has changed and we’re no longer receiving regular reports in the same manner. Charles wants to further discuss this with Marc.

DECISION: Create a list of cost efficiencies that GCSS has done for the biennium. Included on the list: Executive Committee meetings by phone; the importance of volunteer hours; not all members claiming stipends; reimbursement under per diem basis; community forums’ expenditures to be paid by SPD, etc.

Work Plan Drafts:

Remona's plan was reviewed. Dolores suggested adding "training" for staff for Adult Day Care centers.

Denise's plan was reviewed. Denise reported it was the same plan as discussed at Planning Days with the addition of a review of PASRR Utilization. Denise received an email about the mental health county plans. Dolores commented SB 781 funding needs to be addressed by the Legislature.

Jack's plan was reviewed. Dolores commented on the fact that state certification of guardians is not sufficient and she believes Oregon guardians should be required to meet the federal standard. There will be follow up with Jack about guardianship. Robert suggested inviting someone to speak on the history of guardianship legislation.

Robert – Reminded members that all concepts need to be thought out and decided by the full Commission.

SPD Update – Cathy Cooper

Cathy thanked members for the opportunity to participate by phone. She welcomed the new members to the Executive Committee. She reminded all members they were welcome to come to James or Cathy on issues.

- **Budget** –The DHS budget as proposed is at DAS. The Governor will develop and release his proposed budget on or around December 1. DHS will not know what's on the Governor's Budget until then.
- Cathy reported on several grants through the Older Americans Act:
 - Oregon expects to receive an award of \$900,000 over the next three years to empower healthy choices for seniors, and helping government collaborate with the private sector. SPD worked with the AAAs—the goal is for evidence-based results and less long term care needs.
 - SPD worked with OMAP to apply for the CMS transformation grant (\$300,000). DHS staff would be looking at transferring individuals from facilities to community-based accommodations---there would be a three to nine month period of work on a strategic plan and a research component to this grant.
 - SPD is current working on an application for "Money Follows the Person" – trying to move people out of facilities to community-based or in-home services. There is a possibility of opening smaller, specialized units, and adjusting how we now operate adult foster homes. The grant would be five years. SPD will ask GCSS to attend a stakeholder's meeting and support efforts to the next steps in community-based care. Denise questioned would any of these allow more efforts of SB 781 and mental

health certification. Cathy clarified that the grants are dedicated funds, and cannot be used to supplant existing funding. Members said that they would recommend to the GCSS at the October meeting that GCSS write a letter of support.

- Bob asked about Equity and would it be helpful to send a letter to the Governor, and if there is anything else that can be done by GCSS that would be helpful. Cathy said that a letter from GCSS to the November Emergency Board could be helpful if the Commission wished to do that.

Committee Workplans

John asked each Committee Chair to talk about their workplans briefly.

Denise spoke about the Mental Health Committee, asking that we follow up with the Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) to get summaries of the county MH plans

Jack addressed the major issues of the Abuse Committee, including a recommendation that a speaker be brought in on what the Commission can do in the area of supporting guardianships. He plans to appoint a vice-chair soon.

Remona talked about the potential issues involved in caregiving that the Commission could address.

Robert presented his thoughts on the Legislative Committee. Chris Flammang has agreed to be Vice-Chair of the Committee. Charles will be the “point person” on the state budget. Robert would like to see a personalized letter to all members of the Legislature from their local members. John noted that the most important point that could go in the letter is for the Commissioner to offer themselves as a resource to the legislator.

MOTION: Staff draft a letter of support for federal House Resolution 3428 (Lifespan Respite Care Act). *Passed.* (Robert Lawrence/Eunice Dutton)

Recruitment of New Members

Marc distributed copies of the applicant information we had received in the office from three potential members.

MOTION: Invite all three prospective members to attend the next meeting and the Annual Celebration. *Passed.* (Eunice Dutton/Remona Simpson)

Good of the Order

Remona noted that she was appointed a liaison to O4AD last year but has not received the notices. Marc said he would call them and update the liaison list.

Eunice indicated that the Financial Abuse Coalition is still active and distributing material around the state.

Robert requested that committee chairs attend the meeting of the Legislative Committee at 8:30 on October 27 if appropriate, and be sure to have action items concerning legislation come through his committee.

Adjourned at 1:45 p.m.