

Minutes

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

January 28, 2005

Department of Human Services

Members: Dolores Hubert, Chair; Elaine Barrett; Don Butsch; Estill Deitz; Jack Ewing; Chris Flammang; Marilyn Hinds; Kay Kirkbride; Charles Kurtz; Bob Lawrence; Linda Miller; Tim Malone; Barbara Nelson; Ed Payton; Dolores Raymond; Jack Roberts; Remona Simpson; and Maria Smith

Excused: Eunice Dutton; Mary Harvey; John Helm; Ham Jackson; and Marjorie Reuling

Guests: John Brenne

Staff: Marc Overbeck; Jane-ellen Weidanz; and Sherry Whitehead

Called Meeting to Order

Approved December 2004 Minutes.

Announcements

Reviewed the Commission's local affiliation list for additions and corrections.

Health, Abuse and Long Term Care Committee Update

Estill gave us an update on the abuse legislation (SB 106), MMA: Part D, the committees' proposal to move into subcommittees, and an APS update. The meeting resulted in the following motions:

MOTION: GCSS supports SB 106. (Estill Deitz) *Passed*

MOTION: GCSS accepts the proposal on developing subcommittees for the Health, Abuse, and Long Term Care Committee. (Estill Deitz) *Passed*

General Issues Committee Update

Remona gave us an update on the End-of-Life booklet, the ID theft poster, the Senior financial abuse kick-off week, the transportation conference in Washington DC, the Red Cross 72-hour senior friendly emergency kits, and an ID theft update.

MOTION: Dolores Raymond is assigned to the Housing Lobby Coalition and the Housing Advocacy Group as an official liaison. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

Legislative Advocacy Committee Update

Bob Lawrence gave an update on the Commission's meetings with the Congressional Delegation regarding our proposal to amend OAA, the advocacy roundtable, mental health legislative concept, the tax expenditure report, bill review, and the president's proposal to privatize SS. The meeting resulted in the following motions:

MOTION: Staff will contact Senator Smith's office to set an appointment with the Senator and the Commission regarding the Commission's proposal to amend the Older Americans Act to create a State Mandated Commission. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

MOTION: Write a letter to the Congressional Delegation opposing the president's proposal towards privatization of SS. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

Mental Health Committee Update

Tim Malone gave an update on the commission's mental health legislative concept and a DHS update.

MOTION: The Commission will aggressively move forward, using advocacy efforts over the next month, to educate legislators on the impact of the cuts within the Governor's Recommended Budget. (Tim Malone) *Passed*

GCSS Bill Review

Discussed the list of bills the Commission is tracking. The following motions resulted from that discussion.

MOTION: HB 2291 - change the priority from 2 to 1. (Dolores Hubert) *Passed*

MOTION: SB 298 - change the priority from 2 to 1. (6) Ayes (7) *Nay* - Estil Deitz, Chris Flammang, Charles Kurtz, Don Butsch, Ed Payton, Maria Smith. *Failed*

Introductions

Representative George Gillman introduced himself to the Commission. He discussed Oregon's revenue problems, his and his colleagues' dedication to senior issues.

Social Security Privatization

Discussed the President's proposals towards privatization of Social Security and Charles Kurtz draft letter to the Congressional Delegation.

Staff Update

Reviewed the Commission's pending projects list. Introduced Marc Overbeck who will now assist Jane-ellen and Sherry.

Executive Committee Update

Dolores gave an update on the January 2005 Executive Committee meeting.

SPD Update (James Toews, SPD)

Discussed the future of long-term care in Oregon, Medicare/Medicaid increase in the consumption of our future budget, concerns with the final rules for MMA – A letter will be going out to 264,000 people that may be eligible as low income, and the lay-offs in the field staff as recommended in the Governor's budget.

2005 Legislative Ways & Means

DHS' Ways and Means presentation starts on February 3, 2005. SPD' Ways and Means, Phase one, starts on February 21, 2005. Public comment will be in Phase 2, sometime in March or April.

OAA Update –Evaluation Tool

Chazz Kawabori, Administration on Aging Region 10, introduced an evaluation tool.

Impact of Service Priority Cuts

Reviewed and discussed the impact of service priority level cuts on clients.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Develop a fact sheet on the Governor's Budget.	Jane-ellen	2/25/05
Send Tim Malone the list of Legislators and their contact information	Sherry	02/22/05
Develop a fact sheet on the Oregon Senior Financial Abuse Public Education Campaign.	Jane-ellen	Completed