

Minutes

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

February 25, 2005

Department of Human Services

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

Excused: Jack Ewing; Mary Harvey; Ham Jackson; Marjorie Reuling and Jack Roberts

Guest: John Brenne

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

Called Meeting to Order

Approved January 2005 Minutes with minor corrections.

Announcements

Staff noted various publications that were complete: End-of-Life Guide and ID theft/Financial Abuse material all ready for members to take and distribute. Jane-ellen announced that she had accepted the position of MMA coordinator for the Department, and would be leaving at the end of March.

Correspondance

Staff reviewed recent correspondence with members.

Legislative Advocacy Committee Update

Bob and Marc met with Laurie Wimmer-Whelan of the Oregon Revenue Coalition, who expressed interest in the Commission participating in the work of the Coalition. Bob distributed the draft platform on Revenue. The group discussed the Commission's opposition to the President's plan to prioritize SS. Bills were reviewed by the Committee.

MOTION: That interested members of the Commission meet with select members of the Oregon Legislature to support the Commission's position on SS. (Charles Kurtz) *Passed*

MOTION: Resolved that GCSS join the Revenue Coalition. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

MOTION: That GCSS accept that draft platform on Revenue (Elaine Barrett) *Passed*

**MOTION: HB 2555 is to be a priority 1, Support
HB 2626 is to be a priority 3, Support**

SB 870 is to be a priority 1, Support

HB 2587 is to be a priority 3, Neutral (Charles Kurtz) *Passed*

Health, Abuse and Long-Term Care Committee Update

Estill Dietz briefed the Commission on the recent meeting, including work done to develop platforms on Health and Caregiver issues, and the presentation from Dee Humphries on liability insurance for adult foster home owners. The Committee adopted a motion that the full Commission support the LTC Ombudsman Budget, including increased staffing; and that the Commission register into the Steps to Healthier Aging program.

Capitol Coordinator Update

Don Butsch briefed the Commission on his meeting with Senator Ben Westlund on his revenue bill (SB 382), and suggested that perhaps the Commission should research the bills.

General Issues Committee Update

The Committee began work on Housing and Transportation platforms, and approved a draft of the OPI Platform. Sheryl Aanerud, Medical Program Coordinator for DMV, gave a presentation with a handout regarding DMV's Medically At-Risk Driver Program. The Committee debriefed the Senior and Financial Abuse Week.

MOTION: That GCSS accept that draft platform on OPI. (Eunice Dutton) *Passed*

Mental Health Committee Update

Tim Malone briefed the Commission on a series of reports heard on Alzheimer Care Units in assisted living facilities, on a bill to create a traumatic brain injury registry, adult day centers and how they are being used by a number of people with mental health issues, and a new enhanced care dementia program that may be started before the end of the biennium. Tim also noted the PASRR conference in mid-May and a Suicide Prevention Conference March 1 and 2, sponsored by SAMHSA.

MOTION: That staff contact OMHAS to request all 36 Community Mental Health Plans. (Tim Malone) *Passed*

SPD Update (James Toews, SPD)

James Toews discussed the Ways and Means budget process with members: Phase 1 ended, Phase 2 is expected to begin within a few weeks; the "Governor's Re-Shoot" will be released in April, and the Legislature will take it from there. James mentioned Tina Kitchen's testimony in front of Senator Smith's Select Committee on Aging and that we would send copies to GCSS members. James also spoke about the Task Force on the Future of LTC in Oregon and nursing home caseload reports.

MOTION: GCSS formally request that SPD collect data that shows the number of open cases and how long they have been open. (Charles Kurtz) *Passed*

Succession Planning

Members held a discussion of what skills and abilities are needed for leadership and for membership in the Commission. Staff will type of the list and distribute it at the March GCSS Meeting.

Liaison Reports

Estill Dietz reported that SEIU negotiations are ongoing concerning Home Care Workers, that there is a request pending for a \$.50 per hour wage increase; that there continue to be problems with the workers compensation system; and that Agency with Choice model is still in the formulation stages.

Eunice Dutton reported on the Medicaid Long-Term Care Quality effort.

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