

# Minutes

## Governor's Commission on Senior Services March 25, 2005 Department of Human Services

**Members:** Dolores Hubert, Chair; Elaine Barrett; Don Butsch; Estill Deitz; Eunice Dutton; Chris Flammang; Marilyn Hinds; Kay Kirkbride; Charles Kurtz; Linda Miller; Senator Bill Morrisette; Barbara Nelson; Dolores Raymond; Jack Roberts; Remona Simpson; and Maria Smith

**Excused:** Jack Ewing; Mary Harvey; John Helm; Ham Jackson; Bob Lawrence; Tim Malone; and Marjorie Reuling

**Guest:** John Brenne

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

### *Called Meeting to Order*

Approved February 2005 Minutes with minor corrections.

### **Announcements**

April 20, 2005 rally at the Capitol Steps, Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities.

Commission member Ed Payton is resigning due to previous commitments.

### **Legislative Committee Update**

Don Butsch reported that the committee established a subcommittee on Federal Issues, and the Commission's Mental Health Bill and the Department of Human Service's program priorities for the 2005-2007 biennium; and that the Committee recommended a letter be sent to Senator Smith.

The Commission reviewed recommendations on legislative bills. The following action was taken by the full Commission:

SB 460 – The Commission will not track

HB 2987 – Change to a priority 2, Neutral

HB 3047 – The Commission will not track

HB 3051 – Change position to Neutral

HB 3057 – The Commission will not track

HB 3082 – The Commission will not track

HB 3087 – Change to a priority 3, Oppose

The meeting resulted in the following motions:

**MOTION: Write a letter to Senator Smith thanking him for his work and stand against further cuts to Medicaid. (Don Butsch) *Passed***

## Legislative Update (Senator Bill Morrisette)

Senator Bill Morrisette discussed with the Commission the \$11 million error in the Governor's Recommended budget and other budget items. Key issues of concern include the adult foster care facility insurance problems, the April 1, 2005 hearing in Sweet Home, and the Bulk Prescription Drugs bill. The Senate President has said that by April 8, 2005 all Senate bills are to be out of the Senate Committees and all House bills are to be out of the Senate Committees by April 28, 2005.

## General Issues Committee Update

Eunice Dutton reported that the committee discussed the Housing and Transportation Platforms, the Matter of Independence video, and the General Issues work plan. The meeting resulted in the following motions:

**MOTION: Approved the Transportation Platform.** (Eunice Dutton) *Passed*

**MOTION: Approved the Housing Platform.** (Eunice Dutton) *Passed*

## SPD Update (James Toews, Seniors & People with Disabilities)

James discussed the DHS priority services list, the Governor's rebalanced budget, the Senate Legislative Committees' efforts to not implement cuts in Medicaid services, the major cuts that the House Legislative Committees are looking at, and Phase 2 of the Ways and Means process.

## Mental Health & Addictions Committee Update

Elaine Barrett reported that the committee discussed the results of the PASRR survey,; received updates on SB 781, on PAMAC, on general SPD mental health issues, on OMHAS issues, and discussed the review of the county mental health plans. The meeting resulted in the following motions:

**MOTION: Staff will draft a letter to Bob Nikkel asking if the GCSS Mental Health Committee could serve as a subcommittee of PAMAC, representing older adults.** (Elaine Barrett) *Passed*

**MOTION: Approved the Mental Health Platform.** (Elaine Barrett) *Passed*

## Health, Abuse & Long Term Care Committee Update

Estill Deitz reported that the committee discussed the Health and Wellness Platform and the Caregivers Platform; and heard an update on MMA from Tina Kitchin, and an update on APS from Morgen Brodie. The committee also received a report on Home Care Workers worker compensation issues given by Karla Spence (SEIU) and an update on the Home Care Commission update from Sharon Miller (HCC); discussed SPD wellness issues with Jennifer Mead, and also the Health and Long Term Care subcommittee structure. The meeting resulted in the following motions:

**MOTION: Approved the Health and Wellness Platform. (Estill Deitz) *Passed***

**MOTION: Approved the Education, Training, and Supervision of Caregivers Platform with revisions. (Estill Deitz) *Passed***

### **Succession Planning**

The Commission reviewed and discussed the nomination for the Vice Chair of the Commission. Tim Malone will be stepping down from Vice Chair due to work scheduling conflicts. A nominating Committee consisting of Estill Deitz, Elaine Barrett, and Marilyn Hinds met and recommended Eunice Dutton to serve as Vice Chair.

The Commission also discussed the recruitment of two new members to the Commission for April, and the process of recruiting another five or six members to begin this October, which will include a letter to various groups and interview panels consisting of one Executive Committee member and one Commission member.

**MOTION: Accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee of Eunice Dutton as Vice-Chair of the Commission. (Elaine Barrett) *Passed***

**MOTION: Send recruitment letters out with revisions. (Eunice Dutton) *Passed***

### **Agency with Choice**

Chris Flammang and Charles Kurtz gave an updated on the Agency with Choice Advisory Group meeting.

<b>Action Item:</b>	<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
Write a thank you letter to Senator Smith regarding destroying Medicaid cuts.	Marc Overbeck	April 21, 2005
Revise the Education, Training, and Supervision of Caregivers Platform.	Marc Overbeck	April 12, 2005
Send GCSS Recruitment letters out.	Sherry Whitehead	April 6, 2005