

Minutes

General Issues Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

January 22, 2004

Keizer, Oregon

Attendees: Eunice Dutton, Chair; Elton Greeley, Vice Chair;
John Brenne; Don Butsch; Helen Liere; Dolores Raymond;
Remona Simpson; Maria Smith; and Dolores Hubert

Guests: Bob Lawrence

Staff: Jane-ellen Weidanz, Sherry L. Whitehead

Excused: Ellie Spangler, Harvey Roth

Called Meeting to Order

Approved December 2003 minutes.

Announcements

Discussed Oregonian article series on identity theft; 20% of Oregonians are affected. Eunice also brought an article regarding Social Security.

Identity Theft Discussion

The Committee viewed an identity theft video, "Identity Safeguard" and a risk assessment handout. The next step on this issue is to educate seniors on how to protect themselves. We could begin the process through creating brochures and posters for distribution to appropriate sites. This topic could to be discussed with SAC members at their May meeting.

MOTION: Produce a brochure and poster on identity theft to disseminate to locations where seniors will see it. (John Brenne) *Passed*

MOTION: Send a letter to Jacqueline Zimmer Jones, O4AD, asking her to incorporate an identity theft speaker at their November conference. Suggested speaker: Chuck Whitlock. (Don Butsch) *Passed*

Action items:

Assigned to:

Deadline:

Create draft brochure and poster.

Staff

2/23/04

Send letter to Jacqueline Zimmer Jones, O4AD, asking her to incorporate an identity theft speaker at their November conference.

Jane-ellen

3/11/04

Update on End-of-Life Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will meet before the January 23, 2004 meeting of the full Governor's Commission on Senior Services.

Transportation Subcommittee

The subcommittee has been talking with Tri-Met and ODOT about the impact on public transportation if Ballot Measure 30 fails. More information will be presented at the May 2004 meeting. The committee plans to have guest speakers from Tri-Met and Ride Connection come to that meeting.

Disaster Preparedness

The committee discussed the emergency meals that some in-home clients received. We should meet with the SACs and the nutrition managers to show them the old American Red Cross disaster preparedness kits and the new "senior-friendly" kit. Perhaps this can be done at the May O4AD Quarterly. Also, the committee wrote a letter to SPD and met with James Toews to encourage a more active involvement from SPD on this issue. However, there continues to be little response on their part. The Committee discussed the next steps involving disaster preparedness.

Jane-ellen gave an informational update; FEMA has been developing information about special needs that can be downloaded off of their web site.

MOTION: Send a letter to the AAA Directors and SPD Program managers asking them what they have done recently regarding disaster preparedness, including; are they involved in local disaster planning, have they been involved in any drills and have they talked with clients about disaster preparedness. (Helen Liere) *Passed*

Action items:

Assigned to:

Deadline:

Get information from O4AD staff to coordinate a meeting with the nutrition managers and SACs.

Jane-ellen

2/20/04

Write a letter to the AAA Directors & SPD Program managers regarding disaster preparedness.

Helen Liere

2/2/04

Next Meeting

- End of Life Committee Update
- Transportation Committee Update
- Review Responses from AAAs and Program Managers
- Ken Murphy, OEMS

