

# Minutes

## General Issues Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

February 26, 2004

Keizer, Oregon

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

**Guests:** Bob Lawrence and Adelina Sampang

**Staff:** Jane-ellen Weidanz, Sherry L. Whitehead

**Excused:** Eunice Dutton, Chair; and Helen Liere

### *Called Meeting to Order*

Approved January 2004 Minutes.

### **Announcements**

The Executive Committee has requested that we post the Ground Rules for all GCSS meetings and maintain a list of issues and ideas that need to be addressed at a future date (Parking lot).

### **Update from Ken Murphy, Oregon Emergency Management Systems**

Ken Murphy, Director of Oregon Emergency Management Systems (OEMS), spoke with the Committee regarding disaster preparedness. OEMS has been working with Counties and the Health Departments addressing issues of "special needs populations," including communication with long-term care facilities, in the event of a disaster. They are also working with evacuation services (e.g., the American Red Cross) to address the special needs some people may such as medications, and needing a bed vs. a cot in the shelters. OEMS will continue working with DHS, Citizen Core Councils, and others to identify clusters of special needs populations. OEMS is developing a "Mapping" system, to gather all of the data on special needs clients. GCSS played a major role in getting OEMS to look at these issues.

We have asked Mariana to take the issue of disaster plans not being reviewed to the LTC Advisory Committee in long-term care facilities.

### **Action items:**

### **Assigned to:**

### **Deadline:**

Set up meeting with Ken Murphy, to give him information regarding special needs communities.

Jane-ellen

Discuss long term care facilities' disaster plans with the LTC Advisory Committee.

Mariana  
Bornholdt

## **Presentation by Funeral Consumers of Oregon (Chuck Roberts)**

Chuck Roberts, President of the Funeral Consumer Alliance of Oregon, spoke to the committee regarding the Alliance's purpose; to ensure that consumers understand the disposal of remains process, consumer rights and ethical funeral services at low cost to the community.

## **OPI Client Fee Schedule**

The OPI Fee Schedule is a sliding fee scale for OPI clients. They pay a portion of the hourly wage of their Home Care Workers based on their income. GCSS needs to approve the schedule before it is implemented.

**MOTION: That the Commission approve the 2004-revised OPI fee schedule.**  
(Don Butsch) *Passed*

## **ID Theft Project**

Discussed the ID Theft project. The Committee reviewed a draft poster and made suggestions for changes. The Commission also wanted to create a brochure, however, there are many brochures already out there, especially from the FTC, so we do not need to proceed with a brochure.

**MOTION: Table the ID Theft brochure and proceed with the poster.** (Don Butsch) *Passed*

## **Financial Abuse Meeting Update**

The Kick-off week is February 14, 2005 for the financial abuse education program to adult children, boomers, and seniors.

## **Next Meeting**

- Have a Nutritional Manager come to the next General Issues Committee meeting.