

Minutes

General Issues Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

April 22, 2004

Keizer, Oregon

Attendees: Elton Greeley, Vice Chair; Mariana Bornholdt; John Brenne; Helen Liere; Bob Lawrence; Barbara Brewer-Nelson; Harvey Roth; Elaine Barrett; Dolores Raymond; Remona Simpson; Maria Smith; Adelina Sampang; and Dolores Hubert

Staff: Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry Whitehead

Excused: Eunice Dutton & Don Butsch

Called Meeting to Order

Approved March 2004 Minutes with revisions.

Announcements

May 14, 2004 is "Honor Seniors Day" in Warm Springs, OR. (The Executive Committee will be attending this conference)

Planning Ahead for Special Needs During a Disaster

The committee viewed a video regarding planning ahead for special needs during a disaster. The following instructions were given:

1. Prepare a 72-hour kit - Use a lightweight, easy to move trashcan. Fill your kit with the following items: blanket, two gallons of water a day per person, three days of non-perishable food, flash light, can opener, battery operated radio w/extra batteries, pet food and leash for any pets.
2. Portable Pack with health information
3. If disaster should occur call 911 immediately
4. Develop an evacuation route
5. Identify a "Buddy" in your area

72-Hour Disaster Kits

Helen brought in a Red Cross 72-hour disaster kit. The previous kit was not senior friendly so they made some changes such as adding scissors, straws, larger labeling, and a "Don't Forget Card" which includes a medication list. The new flashlight is lighter and easier to use, and there is an expiration date on the food and water. Red Cross worker, Renee Nelm, is writing a grant for this 72-hour kit pilot program, which will be introduced to Clackamas County in July.

Statewide Financial Abuse Public Education Campaign Workgroup Update

February 14, 2005 will be the kick off week for the financial abuse educational campaign. We have identified potential spokespeople for this campaign. Jan Margosian is going to contact the Governor to see if he can assist in finding a key spokesperson. Channel 8 News will be at the next meeting to “pitch” the workgroup.

Financial Abuse Legislation Update

Brad Berry, Yamhill County District Attorney, emailed Barbara Brewer-Nelson regarding 2003 financial abuse legislation; there were no significant changes to elder financial abuse legislation.

Transportation Subcommittee Update

Dolores Raymond gave an update regarding the Metro/Portland Tri-met public transportation system for seniors. Tri-met and Max use monthly passes, individual passes, and “Honored Citizen” passes. The Honored Citizens passes are \$.50. All tri-met and MAX systems are ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible. They have also implemented the Tri-met Lift Program for seniors and people with disabilities to use if they are unable to use fixed routes.

Next Meeting

- Disaster preparedness for long term care facilities from Helen Liere
- Finalize the ID Theft Poster
- Update on the Adult Protective Services on Domestic Violence With Elders
- Transportation update from John Brenne

