

Minutes

General Issues Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services December 9, 2004 Department of Human Services

Attendees:	Eunice Dutton, Chair; Remona Simpson, Vice Chair; Elaine Barrett; Don Butsch; Chris Flammang; John Helm; Kay Kirkbride; Charles Kurtz; Bob Lawrence; Ed Payton; Dolores Raymond; and Jack Roberts
Guest:	John Brenne
Staff:	Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry Whitehead

Called Meeting to Order

Approved October 2004 Minutes.

Announcements

John Brenne submitted the article regarding ID theft to the Local Focus, Oregon League of Cities Newsletter. The article will be published this month.

Financial Abuse Update

Loren Brown with Excel Marketing came to our December Financial Abuse Coalition meeting. Preparations were made for the Senior and Boomer Expo in February 2005. The financial abuse booklet has been sent to the printer and the translators. Jan Margosian's trainings on financial abuse are going to be in Salem, Medford, Pendleton, Albany, and Portland. Commission Members are asked to participate on Feb. 14, 2005 for the Governor's Proclamation signing event and to man the booth at the Senior & Boomer Expo. There will be presentation on Scams, ID theft, predatory lending, long-term care, and Medicare fraud at the Expo. We will also be handing out bags, and other materials. We also discussed the free pass for all GCSS members and their spouses and for the SACs to distribute.

Disaster Preparedness (Jim Carlson, OHCA & Lauren Rhoades, OHCA)

Discussed OHCA's findings regarding disaster preparedness planning in long-term care settings. Many of the facilities have comprehensive plans that went above and beyond that of the Policy, Practices & Procedures manual given by the Fire Marshall. However, work needs to be done on community plans, e.g. if a natural disaster takes out many care facilities, hospitals, etc. where do the residents go? Will they get their medicine? It was determined that we need to coordinate our efforts with the Oregon Health Care Association, the Fire Marshal, LTC facilities and the Office of Emergency Management Services, and to develop community plans on disaster preparedness.

MOTION: Set a preliminary meeting with the Office of Emergency Management Services, DHS, GCSS, OHCA, and the Fire Marshall to discuss holding a summit on community disaster preparedness. (Don Butsch) *Passed*

Next Steps - Housing

Discussed the next steps in addressing the Committees issues with affordable and accessible housing. The Committee wants more information on this matter. Discussed having a speakers from the following agencies: HUD for an overview; Housing and Community Development to discuss the impact of cuts in section 8 housing vouchers; Washington County Housing Authority (Susan Wilson); and Housing and Community Development (John Fletcher).

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Schedule a meeting with the Office of Emergency Management Services, DHS, GCSS, OHCA, and the Fire Marshall to discuss holding a summit on community disaster preparedness.	Sherry	1/28/05
Arrange for housing speakers.	Staff	1/28/05