

# Minutes

## General Issues Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services February 24, 2005 Department of Human Services

<b>Attendees:</b>	Eunice Dutton, Chair; Elaine Barrett; Chris Flammang; John Helm; Dolores Hubert; Kay Kirkbride; Charles Kurtz; Bob Lawrence; Barbara Nelson, Dolores Raymond; Remona Simpson and Maria Smith
<b>Excused:</b>	Ed Payton and Jack Roberts
<b>Guest:</b>	John Brenne, Sheryl Aanerud, ODOT
<b>Staff:</b>	Kim Hector, Marc Overbeck and Sherry Whitehead

### *Called Meeting to Order*

Approved January 2005 Minutes.

### **Announcements**

Remona asked for clarification on the coffee schedule.

John Brenne's article regarding ID theft has been submitted and should be published in the March or April newsletter.

We have been asked to have a booth at the Portland Boomer and Senior Expo in September. Senior Forums still has money left for the project and we have water bottles, booklets and the banners.

### **Housing Legislation Review**

Discussed the Committee's platform on Housing. The major problem is the lack of affordable and accessible housing statewide for seniors and people with disabilities. Some of the issues that need to be addressed are: accessibility for occupants; accessibility for visitors; educating builders and development of affordable housing.

A conference call will be held Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> with the Housing Issues Team (Dolores Raymond, Ed Payton, and Eunice Dutton) to finish discussing the platform for this issue.

### **Senior Financial Abuse Coalition**

The Coalition held its inaugural events this month. Though we did not receive press for the kick-off event we did receive excellent coverage for the meeting with the Governor. The Governor charged the Commission with continuing the project. The local meetings need work next time. The Expo was very successful and we were able to handout many of our materials. Thank you to all the Commission members who participated. We need to ensure that assignments and expectations are clear to anyone who takes on a piece of the project.

## ODOT Driver Program

Sheryl Aanerud, Medical Program Coordinator for DMV, gave a presentation with a handout regarding DMV's Medically At-Risk Driver Program. She discussed mandatory reporting, voluntary reporting, self-reporting, and DMV vision screening.

## Other Legislative Issues

A draft of the OPI Issues platform was distributed to the Committee.

Discussed issues for the Transportation Issue platform. The major problem is lack of affordable and accessible transportation that meets the needs of seniors and people with disabilities statewide. Specifically, the issues that need to be addressed are allocation of existing funding; accessibility; affordability, and special consideration for rural communities and small cities. We need to maximize resources.

A conference call will be held Thursday, March 3rd with the Transportation Issues Team (Chris Flammang, John Helm, Dolores Raymond and John Brenne) to finalize the platform.

**MOTION: Recommend approval of the OPI Issues Platform. (Elaine Barrett) *Passed.***

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Schedule conference calls.	Sherry	Feb. 28, 2005
Complete Issue platforms for Executive Committee review.	Sherry	Mar.11, 2005