

# Minutes

## Legislative Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services October 27, 2006 Department of Human Services

**Attendees:** Robert Lawrence (Chair), Chris Flammang (VC), Peggie Beck, John Brenne, Eunice Dutton, John Helm, Charles Kurtz, Barbara Nelson, Dolores Raymond

**Excused/Absent:** Kelly Wessels  
**Guests:** Jeffry Brandon, Patti Brost, Denise Dion, Marilyn Hinds, Kay Kirkbride  
**Staff:** Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell

### ***Called Meeting to Order 8:37***

**Review Agenda:** Times were adjusted for Jim and Nicole's arrivals.

### **Conversation with GCSS Advocacy Partners**

Jim Davis gave some background on the different groups with which he is involved. Jim invited GCSS to participate with United Seniors of Oregon, since they will be finalizing their legislative agenda at their next meeting. He is also talked of coalition efforts regarding mental health issues. It was decided to **recommend to the full commission that GCSS co-sponsor the Mental Health & Addictions forum with no financial responsibility. Barbara/John B. Passed.**

The White House Conference on Aging will be the focus of a summit-type meeting to keep federal issues alive on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Marylhurst is a partner in all of this and they would also like GCSS to co-sponsor the conference.

Jim is also involved in the Oregon "Fix Medicare Rx" campaign. They have received a grant to organize and begin to get the message out on Medicare Part D reform. It is the plan to have a permanent coalition campaign to fix Medicare. The focus is to allow for negotiation between the drug companies and the federal government and have penalties removed, etc. Educational effort.

Coalition for Responsible Treatment is very engaged in efforts to enhance mental health services for those who are "underserved."

Nicole Palmateer- O4AD will be having basic legislative training for advisory councils, and then there will be a strategic "boot camp". It is their goal next session to be very concise and focused.

### **Rep. Butler Proposal**

Robert is still in process of getting the numbers related to this proposal, but wanted to call it to the attention of the members of the committee.

## **GCSS Committee Action**

It was decided to put together a one-page handout to legislature on what GCSS focus is for the legislative session. Bob will work with Marc to provide a proposal, which will come to the next Legislative Committee for review and potential revision, and then to the full GCSS at its meeting December 8.

## **Committee Work Plan**

It was discussed that the goal of the legislative committee is to move the priorities developed at Planning Days forward to the legislature for appropriate action. These include mental health, elder abuse and family caregivers.

**Adjourn: 9:53**

<b>Action Item:</b>	<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
<b>Recommend to the full commission that GCSS co-sponsor the Mental Health &amp; Addictions forum with no financial responsibility. Barbara/John B. Passed.</b>	Robert	10/27
<b>Lend support to the "Fix Medicare Part D" effort.</b>	Robert to communicate to appropriate parties	Ongoing