

# Minutes

## Caregivers Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services December 6, 2007 Department of Human Services

**Attendees:** Remona Simpson (Chair), Kay Kirkbride (Vice-Chair), Elaine Barrett, Eunice Dutton, Charles Frazier, Barbara Nelson, and Joan Staley

**Excused/Absent:** Marjorie Rueling and Kelly Wessels

**Guests:** Bobbie Boles, Robert Lawrence, and Kathleen Schonau

**Staff:** Marc Overbeck and Becky Murphy

### ***Called Meeting to Order***

**Introductions** – Introductions were dispensed with, as they were not needed.

**Review Agenda** – Kay requested her update be moved to the top of the agenda since she needed to leave early for the Home Care Commission meeting. Robert also requested to give an update. Evaluation of the Committee was added to the agenda at the request of Elaine.

**Approval of October Minutes - MOTION: Approved minutes as written.** (Kay Kirkbride/Eunice Dutton) *Passed.*

**Announcements** – None.

### **Home Care Commission (Kay Kirkbride)**

Kay briefly reported on HCC's November meeting:

- **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** - A guest from the Division of Medical Assistance Program (DMAP) discussed Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medicaid reimbursement versus Oregon Health Plan expenditure, and the hotline that is set up for clients and providers.
- **Training** – Interest in training is increasing, and for the first month, every training scheduled was completed--there were no cancellations in October.
- **Registry** – The statewide rollout is planned to be completed by April 2008.

At the next meeting Kay would like to report on the Union agreement for the Home Care Workers.

Kay also reported on a visit with a representative of Masonic Home (an Assisted Living/Residential Care Facility) in Washington County. The discussion included: emergency preparedness for disasters, a 72-hour kit, and Partners in Action Senior Safety (PASS). [A handout was copied and available the next day.]

### **State and National Update on Caregiver Issues (Judy Bowen)**

Judy reported attending a Caregiver Summit at the Rosalynn Carter Caregiver Research Institute on Evidence-Based Caregiver Programs. Judy distributed handouts and reviewed them. They included:

- Summit Recommendations,
- Compilation of Evidence-Based Caregiver Programs (name, description, and outcomes),
- Contact Information for Grandparent Support Groups,
- A Resource Guide (for grandparents...raising children in Oregon 2007; by OSU Extension and AARP),
- Prepare to Care (power point presentation), and
- Family Caregivers—What They Spend, What They Sacrifice.

Judy also mentioned the:

- critical need to link public health and hospitals with any caregiver program,
- Family Givecare Alliance website,
- Statewide Caregiver Advisory Group she facilitates, and
- recent Tri-County community forum with AARP.

- Judy reported the Lifespan Respite program is now in the Governor's Advocacy Office.
- The nutrition program is now Judy's responsibility. Commissioners are welcome to attend monitoring reviews when Judy is in their area. Judy spoke about upcoming visits in which they could participate and asked members to contact her if interested.

## Other

- Robert gave a report on the Board of Nursing's Nurse Monitoring Program.
- Kathleen indicated her interest in becoming a member of the Caregiver Committee.
- **MOTION: Discuss distribution of appropriate caregiver materials to schools with Judy Bowen.** (Joan Staley/Kathleen Schonau) *Passed.* [Joan and Kathleen volunteered to contact Judy.]

## Evaluation

Committee members reviewed all goals, steps completed and steps that remain. Becky will update the document prior to the next meeting.

## Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Request Kay to give an overview of "powerful tools."
- Kay to give a HCC update, especially on the Union agreement with Home Care Workers.

## Adjourned