

# Minutes

## Abuse Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services March 22, 2007 Department of Human Services

**Attendees:** Peggie Beck (Chair), Elaine Barrett, Jeff Brandon, Marilyn Hinds, Kay Kirkbride, Lucy Morgan, Millie Salt, Kathleen Schonau

**Excused/Absent:** Eunice Dutton (E)

**Guests:** Patty Brost, Remona Simpson

**Staff:** Marc Overbeck and Wendy Russell

### ***Called Meeting to Order 1:12***

**Review Agenda:** The committee added a conservator/guardianship presentation from Lucy and Jeff, and corrected that it was the January minutes that needed to be approved.

**Approval of January Minutes:** it was added to the minutes that Lucy will be attending the conference under undue influence under announcements. **Motion to accept as corrected. Marilyn/Kathleen. Passed**

**Announcements:** Peggie announced it was her pleasure to present Jeff Brandon as vice chair of the committee.

### **Everyday Heroes Report**

**Marilyn Hinds**

Marilyn announced the mission, goals and value statements have been finalized. The group is trying to get as many posters out in the community as possible. They are also trying to develop more partnerships and are looking into if 501c3 status is beneficial to the program.

Nominations for the 2007 awards are being accepted.

About 30 people attended the training on "Social Norms" that was given by Dr. Alan Berkowitz. It was very well received and attendees will take the information back to their respective groups. Scott Cunningham, Dr. Berkowitz, Kristin Bodiford, Marilyn Hinds all had a small meeting on how specifically the "social norms" training will help the "Everyday Heroes" campaign.

### **Conservator/Guardianship**

**Jeff Brandon/Lucy Morgan**

Jeff and Lucy gave a brief overview of Public Guardianship/Conservatorship programs by county in Oregon and a summary of public guardianship/guardianship programs

nationwide.

Jeff reported on HB 3342 – what it is and how needed the bill is. They emphasized the very real need for a statewide program to benefit Oregon seniors.

### **2006 Elder Abuse Committee Draft Work Plan**

Discussion of Potential Projects- The notes from the January meeting were reviewed. The group agreed that GCSS should monitor and support HB3342, that would help counties create public guardian/conservatorship programs.

The group needs to identify organizations involved in prevention and intervention. The committee would like to find out the results of interventions of APS.

It was also identified that the group needs to watch funding for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.

### **Agenda for Next Elder Abuse Committee Meeting**

Marilyn's list needs to be completed about which programs existed in which counties around preventing elder abuse.

A report on the effort to support public guardian/conservatorships will be made

Members asked for an update on SB 847.

**Adjourn: 1:47**