

# Minutes

## Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services

676 Church St, NE  
Salem, OR  
January 5, 2007

<b>Members:</b>	John Helm, Eunice Dutton, Remona Simpson, Robert Lawrence, Peggie Beck, Denise Dion, Chuck Frazier, Charles Kurtz, Dolores Hubert (ex-officio)
<b>Guests:</b>	Lucy Morgan
<b>Staff:</b>	Morgen Brodie, Becky Murphy, Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell
<b>Excused:</b>	None

### **Call Meeting to Order 10:08**

Approval of November Minutes- It was asked that no acronyms be used in the minutes without defining them in the beginning. **Accept as corrected.**  
**Eunice/Peggie. Passed.**

Review Agenda- A clarification on staff roles regarding the GCSS legislative agenda was added to the agenda.

### **Announcements**

All members of GCSS are invited to a legislative reception hosted by the Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (O4AD). It will be held on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:00 at the Capitol. Bob hopes to be able to distribute copies of GCSS legislative priorities and positions as well as the “Wave Report”, GCSS findings on the future of long term care forums they hosted in 2005.

Morgen will meet with committee chairs on the January 11 to draft their priorities and will finalize the document on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Housing will also be looked at again as a GCSS priority.

### **SPD Updates**

Cathy clarified the content of the conversation which took place on December 7th among John Helm, Bob Lawrence, Cathy Cooper, Marc Overbeck and Morgen Brodie. Cathy emphasized that nothing has changed in the ability of the Commission to testify or take part in advocacy, including testifying or meeting with legislators. State employees continue to be subject to statutory restrictions in their activities, but are available to help the Commission format letters and testimony, do research as

requested and fill other GCSS requests. The SPD Legislative Unit, headed by Debbie Bowers, will take over general legislative coordination for SPD, and will work with GCSS staff to make sure that information is distributed to the members of the Commission.

A legislative training has been set up for the afternoon of January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:30- 4:30, with time for questions afterward from Commission members. It is the same training that DHS staff received from Jane-ellen Weidanz, Max Brown and now Debbie Bowers. The legislative team will be tracking all bills they believe of interest, not only to SPD, but also to the various advocacy groups represented. Commission members will be invited to participate in the bi-weekly legislative update calls. Any bills not being tracked by SPD that GCSS is interested in need to be brought to Debbie Bowers or the legislative team so they can be added. Copies of bills of interest will be forwarded to Church Street, as well as to Robert.

Recruitment has been started for Marc's position. Because of the perceived urgent nature of the position, SPD was granted an exception to the one month waiting period before posting a job. The position should be posted on Monday.

## Discussion Items

Bylaws Committee Update- Chuck has received no additions or corrections other than clerical mistakes. He is ready to present the document to the full commission for their review. **Motion: For the Executive Committee to accept the bylaws as corrected with acronyms spelled out in the beginning. Eunice/Peggie. Passed.** The document will be sent to Commissioners 15 days in advance of the next full commission meeting.

## Working Committee Updates

Caregivers- The committee is still reviewing their workplan and plans to have a full report at the March meeting.

Elder Abuse- The committee plans on reaching its goals by either sponsoring or working in the areas of the Oregon Everyday Heroes Campaign, abuse prevention, abuse intervention, increasing community awareness, protective proceedings, fiduciary services, and geriatric trained case managers in APS offices. The committee's "motto" is 'educate, advocate & legislate.'

Mental Health- Denise reminded staff of the committee's request for the county mental health plans from Rebecca Curtis before next meeting. There may be some legislation being requested regarding senior mental health that the Committee would like to sponsor.

Legislative Advocacy- The proposed legislative concepts that Robert has been working on were passed out and emailed to members. He elaborated on them. He talked of what other groups might be in support, and who would take the lead with the various concepts. He asked for Commissioner ideas to be sent in writing by email to

him, so they may be included in the LC draft.

Wendy will set up a conference call for Executive Committee to meet again on 1/11/07 from 3:00-5:00, to complete a legislative agenda for GCSS.

### **Recruitment/New GCSS Members**

- Millie Salt- The Commission received her application. **Moved that the Executive Committee formally invite Millie to the next meeting. Remona/Charles. Passed.** Eunice asked that Elaine and Remona be mentors when she comes to a meeting.
- Jeffry Brandon- As Jeff was not present at the December GCSS meeting, there was further discussion about a recommendation concerning Jeff's appointment. **Recommend to Commission his participation on Commission. Denise/Charles. Passed.**

There will be some sort of protocol developed so prospective members are not in room when their possible recommendation is discussed.

### **Liaison Lists/Assignments**

The lists are still being compiled.

### **January Meeting Agenda**

There was not sufficient time for this item; members were asked to e-mail their suggestions to staff.

### **Staff Updates**

Charles, Remona, Eunice and John will work on developing protocols for when members are guests and when they are a voting member of a committee. Also they will work on instructions for speakers with background information on GCSS included, Any ideas should be submitted to the ad hoc committee.

Morgen- Announced that Eunice had volunteered to serve on the interview panel for a new OPA-2 position to support the Commission.

### **Member Submitted Items for Action**

Dolores Raymond submitted a request to support the Housing Alliance's legislative agenda. She asked for a formal endorsement. The committee postponed discussion to the full Commission meeting at the end of the month.

***Adjourned at 12:54***