

Minutes	Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services
	June 8, 2007 676 Church St
Members:	Eunice Dutton (vice-chair), Peggie Beck, Denise Dion, Eunice Dutton, Chuck Frazier, Charles Kurtz, Robert Lawrence, Remona Simpson
Guests:	
Staff:	Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell
Excused	John Helm
Call Meeting to Order 10:03	
Approval of Minutes- Motion to accept. Robert/Eunice. Passed.	
Review Agenda- No additions or corrections.	
Announcements	
In the national Family Caregiver Digest, which is available also on the internet, Oregon's Family Caregiver Tax Credit bill is mentioned.	
Discussion Items	
<p>Robert gave an update on all of the legislative work he has been doing on behalf of the Commission;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He met with Flores, Smith & Ferrioli today. • The phone calls members have been making to their legislators has been extremely well received and helpful. • All legislators have copies of the GCSS priorities. • They are still working on HB2965 which affects about 11,000 people but would bring 9.2 million for low income senior programs. • Senator Barnhart will move HB2965 out of committee with 5 Republican votes so the Commissioners are being asked to call and push them to respond. • SB768, which is the Caregiver Tax Credit, would require that care be provided at least 180 days of the year. • Richardson is very excited about 4.8 million for Operation Project Independence and will talk to other legislators. This would make sure that there is 16 million available so both seniors and people with disabilities would have access to the program. 	

- Senator Morrisette has taken the lead on the Baby Boomer Preparedness Act and is trying to move it ahead in committee.
- Robert has been very busy talking with both legislators and possible advocacy partners on pushing our priorities ahead for the good of the states aging population.

Working Committee Updates

Caregivers- There was no meeting in May.

Elder Abuse- The committee would like to invite someone from the Oregon Progress Board to explain how they measure the Elder Abuse benchmarks. They would also like to invite retired Adult Protective Service workers to get a better understanding of requirements and difficulties in moving cases forward to law enforcement. Members will have a full discussion to decide what they are looking for in regards to the data on abuse cases.

Mental Health-Chuck filled in for the vacationing Denise. SB847 is moving along. There has been some feedback on the form for the county mental health plans. There is talk of DHS integrating some behavioral health and primary care this is very important for older adults with mental health issues.

Legislative Advocacy- Robert went over what has been happening during announcements

Health Care Reform- GCSS and GOBI sponsored a forum in The Dalles regarding the Archimedes Movement. There was about 15 in attendance. The committee is still keeping a close eye on both SB27 as well as SB329.

Annual Celebration- Joan, John B., Remona, Patty, Lucy & Eunice are the members of the Committee. Eunice will contact members next week to get a time for the first telephone call. Wendy will then schedule it.

Fall Forums- Robert, Charles and Barbara are the members. There will be phone call scheduled soon to decide on the objective, agenda and who else will participate. They will also discuss the role of DHS/SPD if any.

LTC Industry Regulation- The Committee has appreciated Mary Gear's candidness regarding long term care facilities. There has been another facility in the news again. Members would like to invite someone from the board of nursing as well as from Avamere, which is the company that has received the latest complaint. Chuck will put together questions so that the speakers will understand what the Commission is looking for. Chuck welcomes any questions from members to be included in the list. It was decided that the questions would address the entire process, not specific events.

Workforce Issues- Staff will follow up on a recruitment/training grant received by OHSU. The staff will also contact David Fukes (sp) about in-home care workers and low level employees and what is being done to try and retain these employees.

Self-Evaluation- It is a requirement in the bylaws that members do self evaluations yearly. It will be decided at the June meeting how members want to proceed. There is

discussion of a mini-planning day on the Friday of the July meeting.

Staff Updates

Marc- Marc will get the final budget numbers to Charles. Charles will contact Cathy to find out what the allocation for GCSS will be for 2007-2009. Wendy will work on getting the budget numbers from Claudia Babcock. The final travel reimbursement numbers should be available soon.

Other Items—Good of the Order

Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.