

Minutes	Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services
	April 6, 2007 676 Church St Salem, OR
Members:	John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Denise Dion, Chuck Frazier, Charles Kurtz, Robert Lawrence, Remona Simpson
Guests:	John Brenne
Staff:	Lee Girard, Marc Overbeck and Wendy Russell
Excused	Peggie Beck
Call Meeting to Order 10:03	
Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve as written. Bob/Remona. Passed.	
Review Agenda: Staff updates will be moved to before discussion items.	
Announcements	
<p>May is Older Americans Month. The Governor is making a proclamation. A copy will be emailed to the members. GCSS would like to be involved in some of the activities. Marc sent the Ways & Means community schedule last week. Some members intend to go to the public hearing on SPD's budget.</p>	
Seniors & People with Disabilities (SPD) Update—Cathy Cooper	
<p>The FLTC Workgroup is meeting this afternoon. Version 2.0 has been revised and simplified for readability. Presenters will go thru the draft section by section and then there will be discussion on what will happen once the legislative session is over. SPD is looking for the best approach to do the level of work needed. There will also be a presentation on better jobs, better care that will look at the future workforce and its demographics for caregiving and those concerns.</p> <p>Budget- The SPD Ways & Means document is almost ready. The presentation starts on the 23rd of April. At this point they are working on the day-to-day outline for the presentation. The first 4 days will focus on the aging and physically disabled side, then the developmental disability side and then there will be a wrap up. Cathy asked that GCSS be prepared to discuss critical issues whether they are sitting at the table during testimony or during public testimony. Charles will be involved in preparing and possibly speaking at the presentation to the Ways & Means committee. Bob would like</p>	

to sit in on the presentation. With the permission of GCSS, SPD will be adding “The Wave” as part of the Ways & Means presentation in the appendix. **Charles, Marc, Bob and James/Cathy would like to discuss what has been done in the last year and a half for presentation.**

SPD will know by the end of the month if they received the Money Follows the Person grant.

Home Care Commission (HCC)- The bill to make the Commission a separate entity did not get finished in leg council before its first reading, it is now in dash 3 amendments which explain how the staff and position authority will be handled. In the end HCC will work much like GCSS.

Staff Updates—Lee Girard, Wendy Rusell and Marc Overbeck

Lee indicated she had made a request/suggestion that SPD staff to be available on 27th to explain the spousal pay rule. The Executive Committee decided that the information should be provided to the Committee before going to the whole Commission. **Wendy will contact Gene Sundet and Joe Easton to ask them to present at the Caregiver Committee meeting on April 26th.**

Wendy handed out proposed choices for lunches for April and May. They were accepted.

Working Committee Updates

Caregivers- The April meeting will include updates from Kay & Marjorie. AARP will attend. Judy Bowen will attend. Gene Sundet & Joe Easton will be invited to talk of Spousal Pay.

Elder Abuse- Peggie and Jeff are working on plan for all three aspects of abuse; it will be presented at the next meeting.

Mental Health- Charles and Denise reviewed the older adult mental health plans and **Charles will write acknowledgement and appreciation letters. Denise will develop a template from the plans and experiences to include plans for programs as well as credentials and site reviews. Marc will invite Bruce Goldberg and Bob Nikkel to next committee meeting.**

Legislative Advocacy- GCSS members have testified on 20 occasions. Bob has met with Governor’s office, which have been very supportive and garnered much support, continuously.

GCSS would like the restoration of OPI by asking that the \$4 million be restored and that the equity problem for the AAA’s is addressed.

SB 847--Asking for \$600,000 and will testify again on the 11th. Full support of Mental Health and the MH caucus. Denise was able provide testimony on the MH Budget in Ways and Means.

SB 768—Bob expressed uncertainty about where the bill would end up.

SB 996—Some are thinking this may be a \$5 million program

HB2914—Restores General Assistance. The cost is between \$11 and \$26 million

HB2780—Senior Corps programs. \$300,000 for foster grandparents and senior companions, \$25,000 for RSVP.

John Brenne said he met yesterday with legislators. He believes there is a 50/50 chance this bill will go anyplace. Bob offered to do whatever to assist. The bill has had a public hearing but still needs a work session. It was decided that the Commission will write a letter to Chairperson Tomei and committee members asking the HB2780 receive a work session and a subsequent referral to Ways & Means. John B. will get a letter containing talking points to Marc for the Legislative Committee.

HB3342—This bill would help fund Public Guardian/Conservatorship programs throughout the state. Jeff testified. Went to Ways & Means \$2 million is the price tag.

HB956—Restore levels 14-17. May be a federal issue, especially with the estimated fiscal of \$40 million which would bring everything back, but if it came back it could not be deleted again. O4AD had honed it to restore levels 14-15.

Commission approved ad hoc to become involved in healthcare reform. The Governor had previously asked GCSS to be involved, due to the Medicare issue. **A meeting needs to be set-up; Eunice and Denise would also like to be involved.**

Time/Date for Exec Committee

The committee will next meet on the 2nd Friday of May, which is the 11th from 10-12. Packets for the next full Commission meeting will go out on the 14th.

April Meeting Agenda

Universal health care.

The committee asked that the Commission receive a monthly update from Mary Gear.

The group would like to meet with OHCA, and continue the conversation again in May.

Adjourned at 12:05.