

Minutes	Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services
	May 9, 2008 676 Church Street, Salem

Members:	John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Elaine Barrett, Chuck Frazier, Robert Lawrence, Remona Simpson, and Joan Staley
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Excused:	Peggie Becky and Denise Dion
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Staff:	Becky Murphy and Dawn Rustrum
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Call to Order

Review and Approval of Minutes

A revision needs to be made on page 3, "Clackamas" should be "Clatsop".

MOTION: Approval of April's minutes as corrected. (Eunice Dutton/Elaine Barrett). *Passed.*

Review and Approval of Agenda – No changes were made to the agenda.

Announcements – No announcements were made.

Ontario Meeting

Panels/Agendas

Dawn reviewed documents (panels and agendas) sent to the Executive Committee members, requesting input.

Action Item: Dawn will check with Denise on any other possible panelists for Mental Health.

Action Item: Staff to include Vice-Chairs of committees in Executive Committee email distributions.

Since Friday morning will be designated to public issues instead of the Legislative Committee, Robert would like to briefly (15 minutes) report on the 2007 and 2008 Legislative Sessions and GCSS.

Discussion on possible handouts for distribution: Oregon Prescription Drug Program

(OPDP) flier, Health Care by counties & Oregon Health Plan (one-page), DHS Budget data by county (Malheur and Baker Counties), and Long Term Care county data (Malheur and Baker Counties). Robert plans to bring some fliers from AARP and possibly send metal buttons to Peggie or John B to bring.

Action Item: Staff will make sure copies of possible handouts are taken to Ontario.

Robert believed all members would like a DHS Budget data for their local area.

Action Item: Staff will check on copies of the DHS Budget data for all GCSS members.

Robert suggested that John H. give a brief summary about GCSS (possibly mission and purpose statements) when calling the meetings to order.

Action Item: Chuck will research the expanded level of participation in the drug plan in case the subject comes up in Ontario.

Action Item: Dawn will resend the draft for the agendas to the Executive Committee with any input by Tuesday. She hopes she and Becky can prepare meeting packets Wednesday or Thursday.

Transportation Updates

Dawn gave an update about air travel and rental of three vans (drivers confirmed--- Timothy, Robert, and Kathleen/Lucy). Robert checked with his insurance company about liability in a rental.

Action Item: Dawn will check specifics regarding state liability and insurance on rented vehicles.

A travel document was sent to Executive Committee members including a summary of flight, rental, and motel information, meeting location with maps, menu information for the restaurants for evening meals, and the schedule. Dawn will send all members a copy of the information plus their personal itinerary.

Media Updates

Dawn reported on DHS Communication Unit press releases to Ontario and Vale, and Jack Roberts' contacts to the radio and area newspaper. Baker City might send a shuttle bus to Ontario for the meetings.

Dinner Updates

Dawn reported on both restaurants (reservations were made by John Brenne), Fiesta

Guadalajara on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Mackey's Steak House and Pub on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Mackey's requested selections in advance.

Action Item: Staff will check about separate checks, if the gratuity is included in the price quoted, and will send out information to all members for choices.

Discussion included Friday evening meals---since all will be arriving home after 7:00 p.m. they can be reimbursed.

Other Updates

Dawn reported that the meeting invitation was sent to a Caregiver Conference attendee list and that panelists will be sent a letter explaining the meeting in more detail.

Becky reported the Chamber of Commerce will be paying for the coffee for the public (per Peggie).

Planning Days

Agenda

The agenda will be drafted at the meeting of the subcommittee scheduled on Monday, May 12th.

Guest Speakers

Other guest speakers, besides Cathy Cooper, will be discussed at the Monday meeting.

Community Reception

John reported a public reception will be held at the Seafood Center and hor'dourves will be provided. The president of the City Council will be present.

Ribbon Cutting at Hospital

The hospital has extended an invitation to GCSS members to celebrate the opening of the new wing on Friday about 1:00 p.m. Planning Days are scheduled to end at noon, so the plan would be for members to attend the "ribbon cutting" on the way out of town.

Other Updates

No other updates at this time.

Discussion Items

Working Committee Updates/Agendas:

Robert reported that he met the new chair of the Family Services Review Commission

which advises DHS.

Caregivers Committee – Remona plans to work on July’s meeting agenda after Planning Days, just in case committees and chairs change.

Robert reported on an article about Eric Berkey who has built facilities which includes Medicaid beds. Marilyn and Robert plans to meet with him soon, and Robert will check on his schedule for July.

Action Item: Staff to invite Eric Berkey to be the guest speaker during Friday’s noon speaker in July.

Mental Health Committee – Chuck mentioned the letter in support of three of AMH’s Policy Option Packages was sent. Chuck will also check with Denise regarding the mental health panel in Ontario.

Elder Abuse Committee – Eunice discussed possibly working with the Money Management Program and being supportive of other endeavors regarding guardianship and conservatorship. Remona announced the first meeting of a group formed by Judy Giggy would be at the end of June. GCSS will have representation at the meeting.

Legislative & Advocacy Committee – Robert briefly discussed the upcoming 2009 legislative session. Items mentioned by other groups: family leave, earned income credit, restoration of general assistance (GA), and the Senior Corp Program.

Budget Update

Elaine distributed an internal handout on expenditures through February instead of March because Claudia Babcock, SPD Budget, is on vacation. Elaine suggests the financial officer should complete an end of year report which also reflects what has not been charged to GCSS (reimbursement not requested on travel, etc.).

After discussion, Elaine stated she would discuss any financial information in detail, if needed, at the Executive Committee meetings. She requested a Budget Update continue to be on the Commission meetings; however, she would only distribute a written report on a quarterly basis.

Other Items

The next Executive Committee was changed from June 13th to June 6th. The meeting will be held in the Barbara Roberts Human Services building rather than at Church street.

Action Item: Staff to reserve a room on June 6th at HSB for June's Executive Committee meeting.

Eunice reported that Marjorie has resigned GCSS, due to her and her husband's health. Eunice also reported on ID theft, local law enforcement, and pre-paid legal services. She shared that the credit union training is on hold until after the attorney general's election and that the publications will be reviewed prior to printing again. She promised Chuck a liaison report for the Financial Abuse meeting.

Chuck reported on a Wall Street Journal article about legislative mandated health insurance and costs. Chuck also shared that the first draft report of the Oregon Fund Board is out and that he plans to create an executive summary to share with GCSS members. Chuck also reported that he submitted his application for re-appointment to GCSS for a second term.

Adjourned.