

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Friday • May 23, 2008 • 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Holy Rosary Medical Center (Rooms 1,2,3) • 351 SW 9th Street Ontario, OR 97914

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elaine Barrett
Peggie Beck
Jeffry Brandon
John Brenne
Eunice Dutton
Chris Flammang

Chuck Frazier
John Helm
Robert Lawrence
Ross Mathews
Timothy McQueary
Lucy Morgan

Barbara Nelson
Marilyn Patton
Millie Salt
Kathleen Schonau
Joan Staley
Rep. Jean Cowan

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Patty Brost
Denise Dion
Dolores Raymond
Remona Simpson
Sen. Bill Morrisette

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator
Becky Murphy, Administrative Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Forum on Community Needs

Commission Business

- Introductions and Overview of GCSS
- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Announcements

Committee Reports

Commission Business

- Budget Report
- GCSS Planning Days

Brown Bag Lunch: Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services

Commission Business

- Other Items

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PUBLIC FORUM ON COMMUNITY NEEDS

John Helm opened the meeting with a brief overview of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services.

Robert Lawrence provided a brief overview of long-term care planning and legislative issues of the past two sessions as well as the upcoming session. Materials were distributed. Rep. Jean Cowan gave a brief summary of SB 1061.

The commission invited individuals to provide public input on issues related to seniors in their community.

Discussion items included:

- Law Center assists seniors – no income requirement because of a grant
- Short-term rehabilitation and baby boomers' expectations
- Shortage of physicians who take Medicare and Medicaid patients
- Rules changes needed for alternate placement and spousal needs
- Public Guardians program for Malheur County
- Idea of having a grant writer for each county for senior programs - Malheur County would love a pilot
- Economic and social issues for seniors

COMMISSION BUSINESS

John Helm, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Introductions

Members, panelists, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: John Brenne moved to approve the agenda. Lucy Morgan seconded the motion.

Vote: 18-0-0-5

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Cowan, Dutton, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, Mathews, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Salt, Schonau, Staley

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Brost, Dion, Morrisette, Raymond, Simpson

Motion carried.

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Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Eunice Dutton moved to approve the minutes as written. Joan Staley seconded the motion.

Vote: 18-0-0-5

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Cowan, Dutton, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, Mathews, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Salt, Schonau, Staley

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Brost, Dion, Morrisette, Raymond, Simpson

Motion carried.

Announcements

- Chuck reported on the Archimedes Movement Conference at Lewis and Clark College on June 14, 2008.
- Chris reported on balance scale and distributed a handout.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Since members attended all the committee meetings, no reports were felt necessary except for the Executive Committee and a business item for the Legislative Committee.

Executive Committee:

John Helm provided a summary of the items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on May 9, 2008. The committee discussed details regarding the Ontario meetings and Planning Days (see minutes from May 9, 2008 for more details).

Legislative and Advocacy:

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Chris Flammang moved to approve the minutes as written. Tim McQueary seconded the motion.

Vote: 12-00-2

Yeas: Beck, Brenne, Dutton, Flammang, Helm, Lawrence, Mathews, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Raymond

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

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Excused: Brost, Dion

Motion carried.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Budget Report:

Elaine gave a brief summary of the GCSS budget and expenditures. She plans to give a more detailed report next month. Elaine requests that members prepare their reimbursement worksheet at the end of every monthly meeting and turn into Becky. She believes it will make it easier for her to track expenditures.

GCSS Planning Days:

Dawn reviewed the proposed schedule for Planning Days in Astoria and reported on the confirmations of speakers, motel, and meals. John gave an update for evening meals.

Motion: Kathleen Schonau moved to have a community forum during lunch on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 (first day). Joan Staley seconded the motion.

Vote: 17-0-1-5

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Cowan, Dutton, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, Mathews, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Salt, Schonau, Staley

Nays: None

Abstentions: Flammang

Excused: Brost, Dion, Morrisette, Raymond, Simpson

Motion carried.

Action Item: Elections will be moved from the second day to the third day.

Action Item: Dawn will check with travel policies and rules about members possibly staying one more night (if distance warrants it) to make it by noon on the first day.

BROWN BAG LUNCH – MALHEUR COUNCIL ON AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Loni Debban, Executive Director, Jane Froeming, Senior Program Manager, and Diane Lopez, Senior Nutrition Manager introduced themselves and provided an overview of the following:

- Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Services and Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals
 - Programs are designed to provide individualized case management services that support clients with dignity and respect
 - Consumers are notified that they have choices and control of their caregiver services

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- Services are provided in collaboration with community based organizations
- National Family Caregiver Program
 - Provides support and educational information for caregivers
 - Malheur Council on Aging and Community Services: is a partner in the annual caregivers conferences, provides small group training sessions on “taking Care of You” and “Powerful Tools for Caregivers”, and has a contract with the Oregon Law Center to provide legal assistance.
- Transportation
 - Free transportation to local senior center for lunch
 - Additional transportation services available to seniors for a fee
- Community Services
 - Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
 - Emergency Assistance
- Housing
 - Emergency housing
 - Transitional housing
 - Rental assistance

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Other Items:

- John Helm thanked all involved with the planning and logistics of the meeting.
- John also thanked Jack Roberts for his participation; Jack thanked GCSS for coming to Ontario, the request for his assistance, and being included with the group.
- Birthday cards were signed and distributed.
- Cards for Marjorie and Kelly were signed for Becky to mail.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:00 P.M.