

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • October 23, 2008 • 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Comfort Suites (Oregon Conf Room) • 630 Hawthorne Street SE Salem, Oregon 97301

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elaine Barrett
Peggie Beck
Jeffrey Brandon
John Brenne
Patty Brost
Denise Dion
Chris Flammang

Chuck Frazier
John Helm
Robert Lawrence
Timothy McQueary
Lucy Morgan
Barbara Nelson
Marilyn Patton

Dolores Raymond
Kathleen Schonau
Remona Simpson
Joan Staley

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ross Mathews
Millie Salt

GUESTS:

Rep. Jean Cowan
Darren Coffman
Cathy Cooper

Rep. Sara Gelser
Julia Huddleston
Jean Phillips

James Toews

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator
Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff
Karen Mainzer, Intergovernmental Relations Liaison

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Review and Approval of Minutes from June Meetings
- Announcements

Public Comment

SPD Updates

Debrief on Community Forum Meetings

Working Lunch: Committee and Liaison Reports

Commissions Business

- Review Draft Report to the Governor
- Follow-up on Application Review Protocol and Public Meeting Law
- Agenda Planning for December's Meeting
- Expense Report Update

Update on Death with Dignity Issue Housing/On The Move In Oregon Update

Review Liaison Assignment List

Adjourn

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CALL TO ORDER

John Helm called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Bob Lawrence moved to approve the agenda. Joan Staley seconded the motion.

Vote: 18-0-0-2

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Dion, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Raymond, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Mathews, Salt

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Bob Lawrence moved to approve the minutes as written. Chris Flammang seconded the motion.

Vote: 18-0-0-2

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Dion, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Raymond, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Mathews, Salt

Motion carried.

Announcements

- Dawn Rustum reported that Comfort Suites now has a rotating breakfast and that the menu will not include eggs every morning.
- Dawn reminded the commission that she will be on vacation October 27th to November 12th. Kelsi Eisele is the primary point of contact for the commission while Dawn is on vacation.
- Jeffry Brandon asked Karen Mainzer to discuss her role with SPD and GCSS.
- Kathleen Schonau reminded members of the Every Day Heroes Luncheon being held in Keizer on November 19th.

- Dawn reported that the Governor has proclaimed October as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and that GCSS was named as a partner in a DHS news release.
- Dolores Raymond suggested designating Marla Rae as an honorary member of GCSS.

Motion: Dolores made a motion to designate Marla Rae as an honorary member of GCSS.

Kathleen Schonau suggested studying the bylaws before inducting honorary members. A suggestion was made to honor Marla for her involvement with GCSS by making a donation to the Boys and Girls Club on her behalf. Dolores tabled her motion to make Marla Rae an honorary member of GCSS.

Motion: Remona Simpson moved to donate \$50 out of the Sunshine Fund to the Boys and Girls Club of Salem on behalf of Marla Rae. John Brenne seconded the motion.

Vote: 18-0-0-2

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Dion, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Raymond, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Mathews, Salt

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SPD UPDATES

James Toews, SPD Assistant Director, distributed and discussed a handout on SPD's Policy Option Packages and SPD's 10% Reductions list for 2009-11. Discussion items included:

- Long Range Plan
- Agency Request Budget
- 10% budget reduction exercise with a possibility of 15% or 20% cut
- 10% reduction would be approximately \$250 million for SPD
- Workers' Compensation Research
- Medicaid Rates

Dawn Rustrum touched on the workers' compensation coverage research being done. Dawn shared that SPD has not received a clear answer to the question regarding coverage for commissioners and that SPD encourages members concerned about coverage to take the stipend

until a more definitive answer can be reached. Dawn also reminded members that they are entitled to receive the stipend.

DEBRIEF ON COMMUNITY FORUM MEETINGS

Members debriefed on the community forums in Medford. Discussion items included:

- Medford Senior Center
- Story of couple connected to housing services
- Collaborative efforts between law enforcements, providers, etc.
- Non-Medicaid Services and Providers
- Lending for affordable housing
- Title 19
- Memory Units with Medicare

WORKING LUNCH: COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Executive Committee

John Helm reported that the Executive Committee met to discuss the following:

- Identified items for Cathy Cooper and James Toews to address during the SPD updates
- Reviewed working committee structure document
- Agenda planning for October and November meetings
- Discussion on preparing for the 2009 legislative session
- Discussed membership process and need to fill vacancies

Legislative and Advocacy Committee

Bob Lawrence reported that the committee discussed the draft comprehensive plan and briefly summarized SB 1061. The committee also heard from Representative Gelser who presented on the Protecting Vulnerable Victims Act of 2009.

Health and Wellness Committee

Patty Brost reported that the committee ranked their top three topics/issues and will revisit the workplan at the December committee meeting. Patty informed the commission that the committee is locating a representative to address pre-identified questions on the issue of mandated health insurance at the December committee meeting.

Caregiver Supports and Senior Safety Committee

Remona Simpson shared that the committee will have a Lifespan Respite and Family Caregiver Supports update at the December meeting and that they will finalize their workplan at the December meeting as well.

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Senior Issues Committee

Chris Flammang reported on the committee planning session and informed the commission that their workplan will be finalized at the December meeting. Chris also mentioned the issue of the public meetings law and asked the Chair to have someone speak to the commission to clarify the parameters of public meetings law. John Helm suggested Gregory Chaimov.

Action Item: John Helm will follow up with Gregory Chaimov about speaking at December's commission meeting regarding public meetings law.

Jeffrey Brandon inquired about the seating arrangements for committees this month and asked that all commission members be able to sit at the table during committee meetings in the future.

Motion: Kathleen Schonau moved that all commissioners be able to sit at the table during the committee meetings regardless if they are on the committee or not. Tim McQueary seconded the motion.

Vote: 13-3-1-3

Yeas: Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Raymond, Schonau, Simpson

Nays: Barrett, Flammang, Staley

Abstentions: Dion

Excused: Beck, Mathews, Salt

Motion carried.

Liaison Reports

None.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Review Draft Report to the Governor

Bob Lawrence thanked Chuck Frazier for drafting a letter to Governor Kulongoski. Elaine Barrett complimented Chuck on his hard work in writing the letter and made one small suggestion of adding the Senior Companions Program to the second page.

Follow-up on Application Review Protocol and Public Meeting Law

Dawn referenced documents included in the meeting packet and suggested that a workgroup be formed to review the current membership protocol process to make sure it is compliant with public meetings law. GCSS agreed to form a workgroup. The following members volunteered: John Helm, Bob Lawrence, Marilyn Patton, John Brenne, Patty Brost, and Tim McQueary.

Action Item: Staff will schedule a membership protocol process workgroup meeting.

Agenda Planning for December Meetings

Dawn Rustrum asked committee Chairs to submit agenda items by Friday the 26th if possible.

Expense Report Update

Elaine Barrett reported on the 3.4% reduction to the GCSS budget. Elaine Barrett requested a meeting to discuss the budget, ways she can access budget information, etc. Staff agreed to set up a meeting.

Action Item: Dawn Rustrum will schedule a budget meeting.

UPDATE ON THE DEATH WITH DIGNITY ISSUE

Chuck Frazier mentioned the article in the Oregonian titled “Fix this Medical Ethics Glitch” and how it affects seniors. John Helm introduced Darren Coffman, Director of the Health Services Commission and Jean Phillips, Deputy Administrator of the Division of Medical Assistance Programs, Department of Human Services. Darren and Jean addressed the following:

- Death with Dignity issue
- History of the Death with Dignity Act
- Working on fixing the underlining problems
- Lethal Medications
- Safeguards towards elderly who are close to end of life
- Invited GCSS to have a representative participate in their taskforce

HOUSING/ON THE MOVE IN OREGON UPDATE

Julia Huddleston from DHS reported on the Money Follows the Person Project.

- Plan to move 1,000+
 - Kids
 - Adults with physical disabilities
 - Adults with developmental disabilities
 - Seniors
- First people moved April 1, 2008
 - Final moves September 2011
- People who participate in on the move are:
 - Choose to do so

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- Have lived in the nursing home for at least 6 months
 - Are Medicaid eligible for at least 1 month.
- New Federal money for:
 - Ongoing services (during OTM and after)
 - OTM only services
 - Assistive Technology
 - Climbing over obstacles
- On-going services
 - Wraparound packages
 - Contracted to long-term service providers
 - Continue as wavered services OTM year
- Wraparound services
 - ADL and IADL assistance
 - Behavioral supports
 - 24-hour backup
 - Peer support services
- Housing with services
 - Qualified Residence
 - No more than 4 people
 - Adult foster home
 - Specialized living
 - Individual apartments
 - Landlord tenant laws
 - Homes
- As if October 20, 2008
 - 8 transition coordinators in rural offices May 1, 2008
 - 7 transition coordinators in urban offices October 1, 2008
 - 3 transition coordinators still in hiring process
 - 24 people moved
 - 43 additional moves expected by December 31
 - 10 more enrolled without scheduled move date
 - 2 people enrolled but dropped out before move
- Projects in process
 - Dementia care using assistive technology
 - Bariatric care with shared equipment
 - Services in remote locations
 - OSU evaluation
- Barriers to moving
 - Housing

- Housing related issues
 - Bad credit, evictions, goods and furnishings
- Housing accessibility
- Clothes
- Medical equipment
- Assistive technology
- Caregiver training
- “Just not enough money”
- People who have moved

REVIEW LIAISON ASSIGNMENT LIST

Dolores Raymond reported on the Oregon Transportation Conference and requested to be reimbursed by the commission for mileage, lodging, and food.

Motion: Barbara Nelson moved to support Dolores Raymond in attending the Oregon Transportation Conference by reimbursing her for mileage, lodging, and food. Joan Staley seconded the motion.

Vote: 16-0-0-4

Yeas: Barrett, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Dion, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Patton, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Beck, Mathews, Raymond, Salt

Dawn Rustrum discussed the liaison list handout and reported that the Oregon Gerontological Association (OGA), O4AD Quarterly Business Meetings, and Human Services Coalition of Oregon (HSCO) memberships are all coming due. Jeffrey Brandon and Lucy Morgan volunteered to be the liaisons for OGA. Bob Lawrence asked to be removed from the O4AD and Remona Simpson will continue to attend.

Action Item: Commissioners will review the liaison list and report changes to staff. Commissioners will submit a brief summary of each group they are the liaison for.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:05 P.M.