

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday, July 24, 2008 • 8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

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

LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffry Brandon
Patty Brost
Chuck Frazier
John Helm

Robert Lawrence
Barbara Nelson
Timothy McQueary
Barbara Nelson

Marilyn Patton
Dolores Raymond

GUESTS:

Max Brown
Ross Mathews
Stephanie Tama-Sweet

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

John Brenne
Denise Dion
Millie Salt

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator
Becky Murphy, Administrative Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Announcements

Public Comment

Discuss Long Range Plan and Develop Committee Workplan

Planning for Roundtable Discussion in Medford

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Robert called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Patty Brost moved that the agenda be approved. Tim McQueary seconded the motion.

Vote: 9-0-0-3

Yeas: Brandon, Brost, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Patton, Raymond

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Dion, Salt

Motion carried.

Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSS LONG RANGE PLAN AND DEVELOP COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Members and staff shared personal expectations, hopes and desires regarding the legislative and advocacy committee. Members and staff touched on the difference between lobbying and providing factual information regarding a specific subject area. Staff agreed to include this topic in a legislative training before the 2009 legislative session.

Members briefly discussed the draft Long Range Plan and reviewed the Department of Human Services (DHS) Policy Option Packages (POPs). Members identified the POPs relating to seniors and agreed to write a letter to Dr. Bruce Goldberg and James Toews in support of the POPs. There was discussion regarding sending the letter to the Governor as well. Staff shared that the list has not reached the Governor's office yet and that it might be more appropriate to send a letter once the Governor has received the final POP list from DHS. Members agreed to wait to send a letter to the Governor until he receives the list from DHS.

Members identified the following POPs:

- **Init. #1, Elements 14 and 15** – Wellness Initiative and Mental and Physical Health Integration.
- **Init. #3, Element 6** – APS Program Quality Improvement and Enhanced Quality Assurance and Abuse Prevention.
- **Init. #3, Element 7** – Age Appropriate Mental Health Services to Older Oregonians.
- **Init. #3, Element 8** – Adult Foster Home Training and Quality.
- **Init. #3, Element 12** – Transfer AAA 95% Equity Level.
- **Init. #3, Element 19** – General Assistance.
- **Init. #3, Element 20** – SPD Field Training Initiative.
- **Init. #3, Element 21** – Workforce Initiative.
- **Init. #3, Element 22** – Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Modernization.
- **Init. #6, Element 7** – Suicide Prevention across the Lifespan.
- **Init. #7, Element 3** – Lifespan Respite Program.

Action Item: Marilyn and Tim will draft a letter to Dr. Goldberg (copy to James Toews) in support of all identified POPs.

PLANNING FOR ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION IN MEDFORD

It was decided that the Legislative and Advocacy Committee time be used to hold a public forum on community needs to hear from the locals regarding the needs of seniors. Bob will provide a brief introduction regarding commission priorities and activities around the state regarding senior issues.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:45 A.M.