

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Wednesday • December 3, 2008 • 1:00 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.

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

SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elaine Barrett
Peggie Beck
John Brenne
Chris Flammang

John Helm
Timothy McQueary
Dolores Raymond
Remona Simpson

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Ross Mathews
Lucy Morgan

GUESTS:

Elaine Wells
Kate Bud

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator
Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Approval of Workplan

Ride Connection Presentation

Strategies for Enhancing Volunteer Participation

Agenda Items for January Meeting

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Flammang called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Remona Simpson moved that the agenda be approved as written. John Brenne seconded the motion.

Vote: 8-0-0-2

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brenne, Flammang, Helm, McQueary, Raymond, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Mathews, Morgan

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the October minutes. Elaine Barrett made a correction to the spelling of her last name in the action item on page three.

Motion: John Brenne moved to approve the minutes with the correction to Elaine's name. Peggie Beck seconded the motion.

Vote: 8-0-0-2

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brenne, Flammang, Helm, McQueary, Raymond, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Mathews, Morgan

Motion carried.

Announcements

- Chuck Frazier reported on the CAPS program and discussed how home builders are building homes that are elderly friendly. Chuck explained that builders are becoming aware of the

aging in place concept and are responding to fill the need. Chuck suggested inviting someone to present on the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF WORKPLAN

Chris Flammang asked members to review the following workplan.

Topics/Issues	Goals	Strategies
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote affordable and accessible housing for seniors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify and promote affordable and accessible housing models for seniors in Oregon. ▪ Work with state agencies, groups, and housing developers to develop more affordable and accessible housing options. ▪ Support legislation focusing on affordable and accessible housing. ▪ Encourage legislation that provides an incentive to builders for building accessible housing. ▪ Examine novel housing solutions.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote statewide transportation options for seniors. ▪ Promote stable funding for public transit (community mobility). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consult with transportation groups and representatives. ▪ Support legislation and Budget Note (DHS/ ODOT).
Volunteerism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Learn more about the recruitment, feeding, and care of volunteers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examine and identify strategies for enhancing volunteer participation from diverse demographic groups. ▪ Support legislation directed toward improving volunteerism.

Chris Flamming talked about the Oxford Home model and suggested looking into creative alternatives like that for seniors. Chris pointed out that there are a lot of foreclosures on the market that could be purchased at a reasonable price and converted into shared senior housing.

Motion: John Brenne moved that the workplan be approved. Remona Simpson seconded the motion.

Vote: 8-0-0-2

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Brenne, Flammang, Helm, McQueary, Raymond, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Mathews, Morgan

Motion carried.

RIDE CONNECTION PRESENTATION

Elaine Wells, Executive Director of Ride Connection, reported on Linking Accessible, Responsive Transportation with Community Needs. She touched on the following:

- Mission: To link accessible, responsive transportation with community needs.
- Vision: To create independence and community connections through the gift of mobility.
- Non-profit organization
- Offer transportation resources and services for older adults (60+) and people with disabilities.
- Coordinate services through a network of more than 30 transportation partners.
- Our services:
 - Ride Connection has four main services:
 1. Information and Referral
 2. Community Transportation Services
 3. Travel Training
 4. Support of Service Partners
- Information & Referral
 - Service Center: personalized trip planning for each individual's needs
 - Referral
 - Our Partners
 - Community Resources
 - Public Transportation
- Community Transportation
 - Door-to-door service
 - Community Shuttles
 - Shared Vehicle Program
 - Retired LIFT Vehicle Program

- Travel training: the RideWise Program
 - A collaborative program between TriMet and Ride Connection to promote independent travel for older adults and people with disabilities.
 - As simple as trip planning assistance or as intensive as one-on-one travel training.
- Support of Service Partners
 - Training contact compliance, safety and reporting assistance
 - Vehicles, management and maintenance
 - Includes gas and insurance
 - Streamlined, coordinated funding application process
 - Training and technical assistance
 - Centralized dispatch services
 - Community connections, advocacy and outreach support
- 2007 Facts and Figures
 - 371,711 rides provided to nearly 11,000 registered individuals
 - Over 100 vehicles
 - 1,087 people trained to ride public transportation
- Growing with Our Communities
 - What does the future hold?
 - Oregon's aging population is projected to grow 367% from 300,000 in 1980 to 1.1 Million to 2040
 - Funding cuts
 - Adaptation
- How can I help?
 - Volunteer
 - Donate
 - Spread the word
 - Utilize the service
 - Contact your state legislator and ask them to support STF (Special Transportation Fund) throughout Oregon
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Driver
 - Office volunteer
 - Ride Ambassador
 - Inter/Service learning
 - Trainer
 - Advocate

Elaine Wells distributed handout on Oregon Transit Association and discussed the mobility challenge for older adults and people with disabilities, baby boom tsunami, challenge of independent living, transportation costs, transit agencies and the OTA proposal.

STRATEGIES FOR ENHANCING VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION

John Brenne discussed the importance of volunteerism and introduced Kate Bud who is a Volunteer Coordinator for Oregon Volunteers. Kate discussed the need for volunteers throughout the state and distributed a handout on Volunteerism Capacity Building. Kate shared that in 2007, the Oregon Legislature passed the *Oregon Volunteer and Service Act* to “promote the development of better communities by using citizen participation and volunteerism to foster greater civic responsibility.” She explained that Oregon Volunteers strengthen volunteerism to meet local community needs through a capacity building plan that will provide partner organizations throughout the state with the tools and funding they need.

Kate discussed three focus areas of need statewide:

1. volunteerism
2. community disaster volunteer management
3. civic engagement-service learning focus

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY MEETING

Chris Flammang identified the following agenda items for the January committee meeting:

- 15 minutes for John Brenne on Volunteerism
- 5 minutes for Timothy McQueary to debrief on Housing Workgroup with the committee
- Kate Bud to give updates on Volunteerism
- Chuck Frazier working on getting CAPS presentation

Action Item: Chris Flammang asked the committee to submit agenda items to himself and Dawn Rustrum before December 30th.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:57 P.M.