

# GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Wednesday • January 21, 2009 • 10:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.

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

## CAREGIVER SUPPORTS AND SENIOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elaine Barrett  
Jeffrey Brandon  
Chuck Frazier

Robert Lawrence  
Barbara Nelson  
Kathleen Schonau

Remona Simpson  
Joan Staley

### MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ross Mathews  
Marilyn Patton

John Helm

### GUESTS:

Tim McQueary  
Jerry Cohen

Judy Bowen  
Valerie Eames

Dolores Raymond  
Patty Brost

### 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

#### Family Caregiver Supports Update

#### Adult Protective Services Update

#### Members Items

- Advance Directives
- Follow-up on Lifespan Respite Programs in Local Areas

#### Agenda Items for February Meeting

#### Adjourn

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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Remona Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Introductions**

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

### **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

**Motion:** Elaine Barrett moved to approve the agenda. Barbara Nelson seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-4

**Yeas:** Barrett, Brandon, Frazier, Lawrence, Nelson, Simpson, Staley

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Helm, Mathews, Patton, Schonau

**Motion carried.**

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

**Motion:** Elaine Barrett moved to approve the minutes. Barbara Nelson seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-4

**Yeas:** Barrett, Brandon, Frazier, Lawrence, Nelson, Simpson, Staley

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Helm, Mathews, Patton, Schonau

**Motion carried.**

### **Announcements**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Jerry Cohen briefly touched on the following:

- The Campaign for Seniors and People with Disabilities

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- The ECONorthwest Report
- Messaging during the 2009 legislative session
- Community education and outreach efforts
- The Caregiving Resources Guide
- Adult Protective Services
- Durable Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Death with Dignity
- Money Management program

## **FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORTS UPDATE**

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Judy Bowen reported on the following:

- Family Caregiver Supports activities
- A grant for Alzheimer's caregiver support that will be available in June
- Caregiver burnout and staff fatigue
- Elder Honor Day
- Upcoming Caregiver Conferences
- The increasing need for Meals on Wheels in Oregon

## **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE**

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Valerie Eames reported on the following:

- 2008 Community data not available yet. May be available in May
- 2008 facility data is available
- Tracking non-abuse data (telephone calls to APS)
- Over 8,000 calls in 2008
- In 2007, 13,000 investigations and 6,000 calls in addition to investigations
- Over 20,000 calls expected for 2009
- HB 2137 and SB 246
- POP 153
- Vulnerable Adults Day
- T3 - Teamwork in Tough Times Conference will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Springfield
- Responded to incapacity questions – reported that SPD does not track incapacity currently and that a new application would be needed in order to track that information
- Clarified that the telephone number on Everyday Heroes posters for reporting Elder Abuse belongs to the Department of Justice (DOJ). Explained that DOJ agreed to take the calls because they have the staffing to do it. Shared that the DOJ staff are trained to assist the caller by giving them the appropriate local phone number for reporting abuse.

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- Agreed to bring the non-abuse data and legal action data for the February meeting.

**Action Item:** Jeffrey Brandon will meet with Valerie Eames to talk more about tracking incapacity.

**Action Item:** Staff will email the committee information on the T3 conference.

## **MEMBER ITEMS**

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### **Advance Directives**

Jeffrey Brandon shared his concerns with the way the advance directive is being used. He asked that the committee take it on as a project. Remona asked that the topic be tabled until the February meeting and that Dawn Rustrum see if Tina Kitchin is available to talk with the committee about Jeffrey's concerns and possible solutions at that time.

**Action Item:** Committee would like a copy of the Advance Directives to review before the next meeting.

### **Follow-up on Lifespan Respite Programs in Local Areas**

Bob Lawrence reported that Lake Oswego adult community center is increasing respite care and that the facility in Canby is having a difficult time recruiting people for respite care training.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY MEETING**

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Remona Simpson reviewed the following agenda items for the February committee meeting:

- Valerie Eames and Judy Bowen
- 30 minutes for Tina Kitchin to report on Advance Directives
- Alzheimer facility rules updates – Valerie will find out if there is any action being taken on this and will report back to Dawn
- Family Assistance Leave Bill

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 11:45 a.m.