

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • June 11, 2009 • 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Barbara Roberts DHS Building (RM 473) • 500 Summer Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peggie Beck

Chris Flammang

Chuck Frazier

John Helm

Robert Lawrence

Tim McQueary

Remona Simpson

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Elaine Barrett

GUESTS:

Cathy Cooper

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator

Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff

Karen Mainzer, Intergovernmental Relations Liaison

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

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

Meeting Planning

- Finalize Agendas for June Meetings

Review GCSS Attendance Policy

Legislative Update

Member Items

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

John Helm called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions

Commission members and staff introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Tim McQueary moved to approve the agenda. Remona Simpson seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-1

Yeas: Beck, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Barrett

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

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

Vote: 7-0-0-1

Yeas: Beck, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Barrett

Motion carried.

Announcements

- Chris Flammang reported on an editorial from the Register Guard on Financing Universal Health Care.
- Dawn Rustrum announced a possible promotional six month job rotation opportunity she may be taking beginning July 1st.

Action Item: Chris Flammang will send Dawn Rustrum the editorial from the Registered Guard on Financing Universal Health Care. Dawn will print copies for the June meeting.

Cathy Cooper, Deputy Assistant Director for Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD), and Karen Mainzer, Intergovernmental Relations Liaison with SPD, reported on the Co-Chairs' recommended budget that was released last month for the division of SPD. Karen discussed the \$274,000 reduction in the General Fund and the preparation for these reductions. Cathy shared that a reduction of this magnitude means some reduction in staff support and resources will be necessary. Karen expressed the need for SPD and GCSS to look at the balance of reducing staff time and resources while keeping GCSS functional and productive. Karen shared a few possible reduction ideas:

- Reduce number of GCSS Executive Committee meetings
- Reduce number of full commission meetings a year
- Reduce number of sub-committee meetings
- Reduce meeting times for GCSS full meetings
- GCSS Annual Celebration becomes once every biennium
- Reduction in staff support for GCSS meetings outside of Salem

Cathy and Karen thanked the commission for taking time to consider possible reductions to offset the fiscal burden that has been presented during these tough economic times. Cathy understands that GCSS needs staff support and resources in order to keep its momentum and productivity going in the next biennium. Karen shared that she appreciates GCSS's feedback on ideas so that there can be an agreement on these reductions. Cathy suggested that the commission address what its role is and what the commission can say they have accomplished at the end of 09-11.

The full commission will use the Legislative committee meeting time to discuss reductions. The meeting time will be 8:30-9:45 a.m. Chuck Frazier suggested having the total budget from the last biennium available at the full commission meeting to help with the decision process.

Action Item: John Helm will send out an email to the commission requesting budget reduction recommendations and ask members to send suggestions to Dawn Rustrum to create a master list.

Motion: Chris Flammang moved to use the Legislative committee meeting time to discuss possible reductions with the full commission. Bob Lawrence seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-1

Yeas: Barrett, Beck, Flammang, Frazier, Helm, Lawrence, McQueary, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Barrett

Motion carried.

MEETING PLANNING

Finalize Agendas for June Meetings

Dawn Rustrum discussed the June agenda items with Executive committee.

Senior Issues Committee:

- Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises
- Volunteer Oregon Program
- Member Items with Housing and Volunteerism Update

Caregiver Supports Committee:

- Adult Protective Service Update
- Family Caregiver Supports Update
- Palliative Care
- Reports on Caring for Your Parents Presentations

Health and Wellness Committee:

- Mental Health Update and Wellness Recommendations
- Continued Discussion on Committee Workplan Items

Legislative and Advocacy Committee:

- No meeting - Time will be used to discuss budget reductions as a full commission

Full Commission Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Discussion on Possible GCSS Reduction Options
- SPD Updates
- Governor's Office – Dawn Bonder
- Working Lunch: Caring for Your Parents Video
- Physicians For A Nation Health Program
- Commission Business
 - Committee & Liaison Reports
 - Review GCSS Attendance Policy
 - Legislative Update and Review of Bills
 - Budget & Expense Report Update
 - Other Items
- Planning for July Meetings

REVIEW GCSS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Tim McQueary clarified the definition of excused absences by referring to the GCSS bylaws and statute. Tim suggested adding to the bylaws that the individual notifies the chair of their absence before the meeting vs receiving notification after the meeting. The chair needs to make the call if the absence is excused or not. Chris Flammang suggested bringing this forth to the full commission at the June meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Bob Lawrence reported on OPI and shared that Representative Cowan requested support from GCSS on HB 2069.

MEMBER ITEMS

Dawn Rustrum reminded the committee that Dolores Raymond's last meeting with the commission is this month.

Dawn Rustrum mentioned an inquiry regarding the status of current appointment recommendations from the Governor's Office and suggested the Chair follow up with the Governor's office and commissioners regarding recommendations and appointments.

Action Item: Bob Lawrence will contact Elaine Barrett regarding flowers.

Action Item: John Helm will stop by the Governor's office today to follow up with procedures on appointment recommendations. John will send Dawn Rustrum information on how this process works and will send update email to commissioners.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:15 a.m.