

# Minutes

## Caregivers Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services October 26, 2006 Department of Human Services

**Attendees:** Remona Simpson (Chair), Kay Kirkbride (VC), Elaine Barrett, and Barbara Nelson

**Guests:** Peggie Beck, Jeffry Brandon, Chris Flammang, Marilyn Hinds, Robert Lawrence, Lucy Morgan, Kathleen Schonau, and Joan Staley

**Excused:**  
**Staff:** Eunice Dutton, Chuck Frazier, and Kelly Wessels  
Becky Murphy, Marc Overbeck, and Wendy Russell

### ***Called Meeting to Order 10:00***

Introductions were made around the table. There was a special thank you to the prospective members who attended.

**Review Agenda:** No revisions or deletions made to the agenda.

### **Announcements.**

Robert reported the SPD/AAA funds allocated for respite care exceeded actual funds so there will be an E-board action to request more revenue.

Marc reported Judy Bowen from the State Unit on Aging is planning to be part of the Caregiver Committee in the future

Marc reported that Becky will be the lead staff for the Caregiver Committee.

### **Development of Committee Work Plan**

**Work Plan Review** - The work plan that was drafted at Planning Days was reviewed.

Robert reported Clackamas County is talking about putting together a master caregiver training/support program. A letter was sent to federal legislators to sponsor a federal caregiver appropriation.

Kay spoke of the Caregivers Count Too Toolkit and the training through Mather-Lifeways that was developed by gerontologist at OSU. The Powerful Tools for Caregivers training has been shown to improve the lives of caregivers and has had proven results. They are in the process of developing an online class. Right now a class is being held at Intel for family caregivers. Nike and Columbia Sports are also interested in the training for their employees.

**Strategize** - The idea to support trainers by asking oil distributors to help compensate for

gas was brought up as an incentive to do more trainings in more rural areas.

Robert suggested that he contact a legislator or the Legislative Revenue Office in regards to a caregiver tax credit/deduction on respite care.

**Initial Assignments** - Barbara, Kay, and Marilyn will gather information regarding tax credit/deductions in other states.

The Committee decided to stand behind the family caregiver training and to try and help find funding to expand it.

The director of the Adult Day Care Association will be invited to the next meeting.

### **Review Next Meeting Items**

Judy Bowen and the director from the Adult Day Care Association will be asked to speak. Barbara, Kay, and Marilyn will report on what tax credit/deductions are available in other states. A List of trainers of the caregiver trainings and where and when the trainings are available will be distributed at the next meeting.

### **Adjourn: 11:29**

<b>Action Item:</b>	<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
ToolKit/Training: Copy of Legacy Systems hard data on the training.	Kay	12/06
ToolKit/Training: List of communities that are having the trainings. List of instructors for what areas.	Kay	12/06
Partner with Alzheimer's Care Network to get the word of the trainings out.	Committee	12/06
The Legislative committee will ask Senator Morrisette and Representative Gilman to submit a bill on caregiver tax credits.	Robert	12/06
Put a data outcome package together around promotion of the training to the legislators.	Kay, Barbara, & Marilyn	12/06
Have the director of the day care association come speak.	Staff	12/06
Have Judy Bowen talk about respite care and SPD.	Staff	12/06
Find data on adult day care throughout the state. Costs? Days and time open? Locations? Criminal background checks done? Food handlers licensed?	Staff Via Speaker	12/06
Find out if AARP doing anything dealing with caregivers. [Next Meeting check on specifics.]	Staff Committee	12/06
Check with Kelly on her research being done regarding grandparents taking care of grandchildren.	Staff	12/06