

Minutes	Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services
	June 2, 2006 Salem, OR
Members:	John Helm (Chair), Elaine Barrett, Dolores Hubert, Kay Kirkbride Charles Kurtz, Robert Lawrence, Dolores Raymond, Remona Simpson,
Guests:	Ken Van Pool, US Senate Special Committee on Aging
Staff:	Morgen Brodie, Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell
Excused	Eunice Dutton
<i>Call Meeting to Order 10:02</i>	
<p>Ken Van Pool, from the Senate Special Committee on Aging, was a surprise visitor to the meeting. He walked members through various proposals in Congress concerning Long-Term Care Insurance, and specifically through the provisions of the bill that Senator Smith has introduced. Mr. Van Pool said that Senator Smith really wants to provide incentives for people to purchase insurance, and for employers to offer insurance. He said it is unlikely that the legislation would pass this year but it was important to start out as a beginning marker. Mr. Van Pool invited members to contact him with questions or comments.</p>	
Approval of May Minutes	
<p>It was determined that members received the unedited version of the May minutes; Kay Kirkbride moved to have staff review the version, and for members to look over again and approve at next meeting. There was no objection.</p>	
Review Agenda	
No changes	
Announcements	
Kay noted that should would be out of town until next Friday.	

Staff Updates

Marc thanked all the members who had played host for the forums so far. Marc said that following the last forum, thank you notes would be sent out to partners. Let Wendy know if you need them to make a personal connection to someone. Marc complimented the work Wendy had done in getting materials ready for the meetings.

Morgen reported on the latest update on move of the Advocacy Team. The DHS Office of Info Systems staff are still in the building; once they are out then the building will be cleaned and painted. Any accommodations need to be known. We are still checking on timeframe for the move; it could happen before the end of Summer.

Planning Days

Planning Days will be held on September 20-22. Marla Rae has agreed to be the facilitator. Margaret Neal has tentatively agreed to be "keynote" speaker at dinner on the 20th. There will be a meeting after Eunice gets back, and the workgroup plans to meet with Marla before the June meeting.

Annual Celebration

The 25th Anniversary celebration has been moved to October 26th, to coincide with the October GCSS meeting. The Committee will meet and look at different options.

Community Forums

Members spoke briefly about their experience at the community forums they attended. Interesting variations in communities. Newport seemed people in interested in getting to know one another. Yesterday, in Washington and Clackamas Counties, it seemed that coalitions had already been formed.

Members agreed that the meetings seemed to leave people with the sense that this dialogue can be part of the solution.

June Meeting Schedule, Content

The group discussed holding the business meeting on Friday the 23rd at large conference room at Cherry Ave. Marc asked if they would like to see a community partners dialogue like in Eugene. The consensus was to incorporate a short amount of time for discussion with community partners. Marc will talk with Sally Lawson to help arrange this.

DHS/SPD Updates -- Cathy Cooper

Cathy was very complimentary of commissioners and how impressed has been regarding the community forums. Cathy said she believes the meetings have shown a role of advocacy, which is a key to supporting the needs of the aging population.

The staff was thanked for their hard work to get the word about the forums out and serving as local hosts.

Other Items – Good of the Order

Report to the Governor for the first quarter was sent with executive packet for review. Dolores H. had expressed concern about the LTC ombudsman and adding additional staff and training in the report, and that AARP could help provide substantive data to support this case. Members felt this item was not required to be included in this report.

Public Knowledge Group is working with Adult Protective Services and other DHS program, as well as other agencies to report back to the legislature on staffing workload and appropriate adjustments.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45