

<b>Minutes</b>	<p><b>Executive Committee Governor’s Commission on Senior Services</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>SPD Conference Room, HSB Salem, OR November 17, 2006</b></p>
	<p><b>Members:</b> Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Charles Kurtz, and Robert Lawrence, Remona Simpson, Dolores Hubert (ex-officio) [in person] Denise Dion, Chuck Frazier, and Remona Simpson [by phone]</p>
<p><b>Absent:</b></p>	<p>Peggie Beck and Dolores Hubert (ex-officio)</p>
<p><b>Excused:</b></p>	<p>John Helm</p>
<p><b>Staff</b></p>	<p>Morgen Brodie, Marc Overbeck, and Becky Murphy</p>
<p><b>Call Meeting to Order</b></p>	
<p>Approval of October minutes: Marc mentioned an obvious correction needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOTION: Approval of minutes as corrected. Passed.</b> (Robert Lawrence/Remona Simpson)</li> </ul>	
<p>Review of the Agenda – Two items will be discussed under Other Items—Good of the Order.</p>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	
<p>Robert reported on the Mental Health Forum – About 100 people attended and Denise was one of the speakers. Robert felt the speakers were very good and also proposed legislation was discussed in one of the afternoon groups.</p>	
<p>Denise shared there was the need for collaborative efforts in regard to SB 781.</p>	
<p>Charles reported on one “social work” student interested in geriatrics but discovered there were not many classes offered at PSU. Members felt the need to discuss the concerns with PSU about FLTC. It appeared that gerontology and social work departments do not communicate. Denise stated if GCSS wanted to approach secondary schools there needed to be a plan (by AMH, SPD, and GCSS) in place. It was suggested the possibility about working on this in the Mental Health Committee.</p>	
<p><b>SPD Update – James Toews and Cathy Cooper</b></p>	
<p>The Governor’s Budget will be released in a couple of weeks. Overall it is better than the last few years.</p>	

Three issues will be addressed at the November E-Board: (1) increased need of home delivered meals; (2) shoring up the field staff because of MMA; and (3) the Caregiver Program.

James explained the fiscal issues with the Caregiver Program and the Older American Act: decrease in funds, error in contracting costs, and error in projections. By using general funds and when federal monies awarded by March 2007, the majority of expenditures will be met for the rest of the biennium. However, reductions in spending will be needed or new streams of funding found to keep spending at the current level.

Changes need to be made on the federal and state budgeting levels to support the programs of the Older Americans Act for the next biennium.

James reported a Task Force being formed to review all the formulas and paperwork to simplify the process, especially for the field. James requested a representative from GCSS; a name is to be submitted to Lee Girard.

James reported the FLTC group meets today. He hopes to have draft #2 of the FLTC Report ready by February 2007---with updated data, GCSS recommendations, Work Group #8 information, combined groups recommendations, and Money Follows the Person Grant information if approved.

James would like for GCSS to assist when SPD gives a FLTC presentation to the Ways and Means Committee.

Robert mentioned 04AD's legislative agenda regarding OPI, respite care, etc.

Cathy reported GCSS will be informed about SPD legislative coordination when decisions have been made (since Jane-ellen is leaving).

Robert reported that Chris asked about some federal legislation; more research needed to be done.

Cathy reported on the public health grant, pilot/demonstration in four areas with the possibility to use as a model to go statewide.

Cathy reported on the Frontline Series on OPB regarding healthy aging.

Robert requested SPD to give an explanation when issues arise as the commissioners much of the time only hears the other side of the issue.

## **Discussion Items**

**Bylaws** – Chuck reported on how much he had done but still needed John's input, and was still open for any members' input. The proposed revisions will be sent out with the meeting packet.

## **Working Committee Updates**

**Caregiver Committee** - Remona went over the agenda, in line with the work plan. Robert suggested the Committee inform the Legislative Committee whether they have a feasible plan for tax break/deduction to move forward.

**Mental Health Committee** - Denise reported the Committee would like measurable goals for three priorities. At the next meeting, more work will be done on the work plan, strategies, and realistic timelines. Charles and Denise are reviewing county mental health reports and will give an update.

A new PAMAC representative is needed.

Chuck reported he will be in Salem for the Committee Community Services meeting (of OSH Master Plan).

**Abuse** – Marc reported that Jeffrey Brandon, prospective member, volunteered to give a presentation on “guardianship” at the December meeting.

Marc reported on Everyday Heroes, the Elder Abuse Task Force, and GCSS. It was asked if the posters came in a smaller size.

Eunice reported about viewing a very good movie on “abuse” at another meeting.

**Legislative Committee** – Robert reported on the legislative platform for 04AD, his discussion with Jim Davis, and AARP’s health care reform package.

The work plan so far: SB 781, elder abuse, staffing, Mental health work force, tax proposal on wine and beer for mental health; caregivers, OPI, and service levels. The Committee needs to set up priorities and work with legislation within that; however, GCSS needs to be flexible and use experts from within for testimonies, etc. Chuck would like to be considered as an expert in regard to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The legislative plan and priorities will need to be confirmed by the full commission.

There was discussion on the legislative training on December 6<sup>th</sup> and Nicole Palmateer’s training on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Robert also brought up about Homeland Security’s requirement on identification cards---how will this effect Oregon’s budget, specifically DHS?

**FLTC Report** – Marc reported the FLTC Report is now at the printer (600 copies). John electronically sent the FLTC Report to Erinn at the Governor’s office. Discussion on who should receive hard copies---legislators, advisory councils, AAA/SPD, website, workgroup, and commissioners.

Erinn will attend the December 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting to formally receive a copy of the report. Members suggested requesting the Governor to personally accept the report, maybe as a press conference? Staff suggested a press release with the website so anyone could

download the report.

**Recruitment** – Marc asked what the Executive Committee thought about the four prospective members who have applied (only three could attend the last meeting). The statute says GCSS is to have at least 21 members, and with these four there will be a total of 22 members. It was recommended to have them appointed.

With health and other life issues there seems to be more of a turnover of members, so Charles, Denise, and Eunice will still encourage someone they know to consider applying.

**MOTION: Recommend to the full commission to recommend to the Governor that all four applicants be appointed to GCSS. Passed.** (Charles Kurtz/Denise Dion)

An updated Liaison List will be included in member's folders for the next meeting for review.

### **Staff Updates**

Morgen planned to report on the Unit's move but she just received an email that November 27<sup>th</sup> may not be a firm date---some problems with the computer server.

### **Other Items—Good of the Order**

Robert and Charles reported on the upcoming press conference on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol and would like GCSS members attend if possible. Robert hoped the chair could possibly talk about FLTC; this will be discussed with John. An email will be sent.

Robert reported the White House Conference on Aging will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Marc reminded chairs for agenda items. Robert reported that Chris would like 15 minutes on the agenda (tax reform and analysis).

Marc reported the noon speaker on committee day should be someone suggested by each committee, taking turns, and topics within the committee's work plans.

- December 7<sup>th</sup>'s will be Jeff Brandon on "guardianship".
- Denise suggested Carrie Lions regarding "elder suicide prevention" on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Remona will suggest someone for the March meeting.

**Adjourned at 12:07 P.M.**

Correction to be made on minutes.	Staff	12/06
Work on plan/approach to secondary schools regarding social work and gerontology.	MH Committee	?
Inform Lee of GCSS member who will serve on a task force to simplify the OAA funding formulas.	Staff	12/06
Explore how GCSS might be involved in the Ways and Means Committee process regarding FLTC.	Staff	12/06
Tape the Frontline Series on OPB in late November.	Staff	12/06
Proposed bylaws to go out with the December meeting packet.	Staff	12/06
Find a new PAMAC representative.	Staff ? MH Committee	12/06 ?
Check if posters for Everyday Heroes come in smaller sizes.	Staff	12/06
Check out "Abuse" movie that Eunice mentioned.	EA Committee	?
Ask Nicole Palmateer about the training on December 14 <sup>th</sup> .	Staff	12/06
Send email to advocacy groups regarding legislative training.	Staff	12/06
Obtain and distribute new legislators' contact list.	Staff	12/06
Request John to ask the Governor about coming on December 8 <sup>th</sup> to receive the FLTC Report, possibly in form of a press conference.	Staff? or Legislative Coordinator?	12/06
Updated Liaison List to be included in members' folder for the next meeting.	Staff/Eunice?	12/06
Email members about November 29 <sup>th</sup> press conference.	Robert? or Charles?	11/29/06
Agenda items to be submitted to Marc. Also suggested speakers for lunch time on committee day.	Committee Chairs	Ongoing