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| Minutes | Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services <p style="text-align: right;">January 11, 2005 Keizer, OR</p> |
| | Members: Dolores Hubert, Chair; Tim Malone, Vice Chair; Don Butsch; Estill Deitz; Eunice Dutton; Bob Lawrence; and Dolores Raymond |
| Staff: Marc Overbeck; Jane-ellen Weidanz; and Sherry Whitehead | |
| Call Meeting to Order | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Approved November 2004 Minutes</p> | |
| Home Care Commission Discussion | |
| <p>Estill Deitz gave an update on the worker compensation problems within the current home care worker system. The state is under financial strain due to the large number of worker comp claims. SPD is researching an Agency with Choice model. Members of the Home Care Commission feel that this program had better save a lot of money because the client choice and services will be sacrificed. SPD will be pulling together a workgroup on the Agency with Choice model. HCC is also facing problems with completion of goals and task due to lack of staff and control of funding. Estill will bring the HCC funding issue to GCSS to see if we can advocate with the department and legislators for funding to develop a registry for the HCC.</p> | |
| General Issues Committee Update | |
| <p>Eunice gave an update on the current status of projects within the GI Committee. She is having problems getting ARC to any of the Commissions meetings. Part of the problem is the constant change in their staff. We will wait until March 2005 to get a report on the 72-hour kits, after the tsunami. (Remona Simpson will be chairing the meeting). Dolores Raymond brought forward a grant request from <i>Faith in Action</i> for transportation escorts for seniors in Marion and Polk counties. The Commission decided not to move forward with a letter of support, due to lack of clarification in the group's request.</p> | |
| Health & Long Term Care Committee Update | |
| <p>Discussed the current outcomes of the APS workgroup. The Committee needs to continue to follow the legislative proposals pertaining to abuse</p> | |
| Legislative Advocacy Committee Update | |
| <p>A discussion ensued regarding the difficulties within the legislative bill review process. The Commission is still interested in reviewing different revenue sources. We should look into preparing a list of tax credits to determine if we can use it as a funding/revenue source for services to clients.</p> | |

Mental Health Committee Update

Tim Malone gave an update on his, Marilyn Hinds, and Don Butsch's meeting with Senator Bill Morrisette regarding the Commission's mental health legislative concept. The Senator has decided to introduce the bill. Senator Morrisette will be attending the January Commission meeting.

Miscellaneous Issues

Discussed a vice-chair for the Health, Abuse & LTC Committee and ongoing MMA education. Discussed staffing; ideas such as dividing into subcommittees and members writing draft letters. Also discussed leadership development within the Commission.

SPD Update (Cathy Cooper, SPD)

Discussed the workgroup, which Dolores Hubert has been involved with, regarding the long-term care complexity (acuity vs. care). There will be reports on OHP admin costs, allocations, etc. by March 2005. Discussed the future of Oregon's long-term care system. Oregon should be a leader for the rest of the Nation. Discussed our problematic future regarding the MMA Part D rollout.

Subcommittee Structure

Discussed potential use of subcommittees in the Health and Long Term Care Committee.

Advocacy Roundtable Update

Don Butsch and Bob Lawrence participated in an Advocacy Roundtable; to pull advocates together discussing and working on advocates' relationships. The Commission will continue to send representatives to the Advocacy Coalition.

| Action Item: | Assigned To: | Deadline: |
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| Prepare a list of tax expenditures (credits) to review for potential revenue sources. | Marc | 1/20/05 |
| Schedule a trainer/presenter on succession planning for February 2005 Executive Committee. | Jane-ellen | 02/11/05 |
| Schedule a mental health legislative concept subcommittee meeting to discuss next steps. | Sherry | 02/25/05 |
| Discuss reauthorization in the Older Americans Act at the Full Commission (coming soon) | Jane-ellen | 01/28/05 |
| Ask members of the Full Commission if they feel that they need a more extensive training on MMA. | Jane-ellen | 01/28/05 |