

Minutes	<p>Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services November 17, 2005 Keizer, OR</p>
Members:	John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (VC), Elaine Barrett, Kay Kirkbride, Charles Kurtz, and Robert Lawrence
Guests:	Cathy Cooper and James Toews
Staff:	Morgen Brodie, Becky Murphy, and Marc Overbeck
Excused	Dolores Hubert and Dolores Raymond
<i>Call Meeting to Order</i>	
Approved the October 2005 Minutes. <i>Passed.</i> (Eunice Dutton/Elaine Barrett)	
The revised agenda was reviewed and approved.	
Announcements	
<p>Eunice reported that GCSS was asked by Janay Haas about the possibility of printing a quantity of copies of Elder Law in Oregon (at www.oregonlawhelp.com), which includes many pertinent issues. Consensus was that GCSS did not have money available in its allotment for this expenditure.</p> <p>Suggestions: 1) Legal Aid services to check with AARP and/or apply for a grant. 2) If printed, put into a binder with dividers/tabs – sections could be updated when needed.</p>	
<p>Marc reported on publications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Two boxes of Financial Abuse Guides have arrived. 2) Two queries for the Oregon's Health Record were received this week. 	
Dolores Raymond received a call from an Oregonian reporter about the manufactured home parks issue.	
Eunice reported she received a book on Fraud from AARP. She will review it and show it to the Senior Financial Abuse Coalition. Elaine is interested in reviewing the book next.	
Correspondence (Marc Overbeck)	
<p>Marc noted the following correspondence since the previous meeting:</p> <p><u>Outgoing</u>: Letter to members of Senate Finance Committee</p> <p><u>Incoming</u>: Thank you letter from Jacqueline Zimmer for certificate and pen.</p>	
Chair's Discussion Items	
<u>Appointment of Financial Officer</u> : John has appointed Charles Kurtz and welcomed him to the meeting. Financial tracking sheets will be updated by the December meeting. Charles will	

be added to the Executive Committee roster.

Liaison Discussion: The Committee went through liaison and assignment lists. Marc will make revisions and distribute lists to all members at the December Meeting.

MOTION: Accept changes on the liaison, assignment, and member list. *Passed.* (Eunice Dutton/Bob Lawrence)

Role of Executive Committee: Members discussed was it necessary for the Executive Committee to meet in- prior to each full Commission Meeting? If yes, why not have a phone-in meeting? The Bylaws state the Executive Committee will meet for emergencies in-between meetings.

GCSS Involvement in DHS Long-Range Planning: John reported on what he knew from discussions with staff and James and/or Cathy. There are still lots of questions regarding planning logistics, media, etc. John felt it would be great for GCSS and SPD to work together on this project.

Focus by Committees on top priority items: Priority items were reflected in the committee reports.

Marc mentioned Sally Lucero asking to attend Kay's Committee Meeting in December – her subject could overlap committees (General Issues and Health, Abuse and Long-Term Care), but it was agreed to have this start with Health.

Meeting Schedule for December and Proposed for 2006: The Committee okayed December's schedule (meetings and training).

The proposed schedule for 2006 will be ready at the December meeting. The location of the meetings may still be pending. Charles suggested the 2006 meetings in Salem should be outside of the Human Services Building.

Legislative Advocacy Committee Report (Bob Lawrence)

Bob distributed a Legislative Advocacy Plan about being involved proactively prior to the next legislative session.

He plans to meet with Jacqueline Zimmer about their need for help with advocacy and will bring back any request and/or recommendation to the Commission.

Mental Health Committee Report (Elaine Barrett)

Three top priorities:

- “On the Street” police officer's perspective.
- Suicide Prevention video (Dolores Raymond's).
- Mental Health reports and updates (Sandra Moreland).

General Issues Committee Report (Eunice Dutton)

Three top priorities:

- Transportation.
- Housing
- Disaster Plan (72-hour emergency kit needed for the December meeting).

In response to another group, Eunice discovered she had attended 15 events in the last year to distribute publications (End of Life and Financial Abuse).

Health, Abuse & Long Term Care (Kay Kirkbride)

Three top priorities:

- Wellness – Nutrition.
- Adult Foster Homes – Training manual/curriculum.
- Abuse – Everyday Heroes Program. Marilyn summarized the meeting earlier in the week with DHS staff and GCSS members (Kay, Marilyn, and John).

SPD Update (James Toews/Cathy Cooper)

James briefly reported on the Future Long Term Care Committee and long-range planning:

- Expected outcomes of the report include a detail of trends, demographics, and the impact of LTC caseloads.
- Workgroups are meeting and may propose demo or pilot projects for the next budget cycle.
- A draft report should be prepared within the next few months.
- There will be statewide hearings and forums for public input.
- A final report should be out by summer
- James expects that there will be parallel tracks for input on the plan and budget development
- Concrete deadlines will need to be developed soon regarding logistics, in-person meetings, video meetings, and calendar scheduling.

Even though a couple of members were requested to serve on workgroups, James suggested that the Commission may want to keep a bit at “arm’s length” from the work of the committee, since that would allow GCSS to be more neutral as a group, even a critic for the long and short range practical steps.

MOTION: Recommend to go forward with partnering with SPD on long-range planning. *Passed.* (Bob Lawrence/Eunice Dutton)

It was suggested that all committees discuss the impact of their work and long-range planning.

Bob asked about GCSS role with the E-Board and the House committee on DHS structure, etc. James thought we should wait and see. The emphasis in January will be the rebalance plan for DHS. Elaine asked about costs of the combined efforts; the logistics, including costs will be mapped out.

Staff Update

Morgen briefly reported that ODC was still in reorganization and ODHHS is working with contracts and training issues.

She feels the Boards and Commission training will be a bridge for all advocacy groups in the unit. She knows there are some common advocacy issues.

Marc distributed Senator Gordon Smith's floor speech.

MOTION: Send letter to Sen. Smith thanking him for supporting the budget package. *Passed.* (Eunice Dutton/Kay Kirkbride) [Charles opposed.]

MOTION: Send letter to Sen. Smith requesting his reconsideration on Medicare negotiating with pharmaceutical companies on drug costs. *Passed.* (Bob Lawrence/Charles Kurtz)

Committee members thanked John for the chocolate he distributed.

The Committee thanked John for his personal check to Marylhurst for the White House Conference on Aging symposium.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Check on members' expense checks.	Becky	12/05
Revise Liaisons, Assignments, and Members Listing, and gather any needed information.	Marc	12/05
Update GCSS and Executive Committee rosters.	Marc/Wendy	12/05
If working lunch on December 8 th , inform commission and order lunch in.	Marc/Becky	12/05
Meet with Jacqueline Zimmer about advocacy.	Marc/Bob	12/05
Invite/confirm Sally Lucero to attend HALTC.	Marc	12/05
Invite/confirm police officer to attend MH.	Marc	12/05
Find 72-hour disaster kit for GI/GCSS meeting.	Marc	12/05
Send Senator Smith thank you letter for supporting budget package.	Marc	12/05
Send Senator Smith a letter to reconsider Medicare's negotiation with the pharmaceutical companies.	Marc	12/05
Determine if letter went out to Wyden from October meeting.	Marc	12/05