

Minutes	Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services <div style="text-align: right;"> April 8, 2005 Keizer, OR </div>	
	Members:	Dolores Hubert, Chair; Tim Malone; Elaine Barrett; Don Butsch; Estill Deitz; Kay Kirkbride; Dolores Raymond; and Remona Simpson
	Staff:	Morgen Brodie; Marc Overbeck; and Sherry Whitehead
	Excused	Eunice Dutton
Call Meeting to Order		
Approved March 2005 Minutes		
Announcements		
Accessible Housing Design and Construction Seminar, Wednesday, May 4, 2005.		
MOTION: The commission will pay the registration fee of \$25.00 for Dolores Raymond to attend the Accessible Housing Design and Construction Seminar. (Tim Malone) <i>Passed</i>		
Recruitment Update		
<p>Two hundred and twenty recruitment letters have been sent with all applications of interest due by May 15, 2005. All applications of interest will be brought to the Commission for evaluation. There are currently two prospects for consideration as new members for the Commission, Chuck Frazier of Bend and Kathleen Schonau of Newport. Both prospects will be attending the April 2005 full commission meeting to get an idea of how the Commission functions. We also discussed the future leadership within GCSS.</p>		
Bill Review		
Commission members' recommendations on current bills:		
HB 2932	Priority 3 Oppose	HB 3226 Priority 1 Support
HB 2940	Priority 3 Neutral	HB 3228 Priority 2 Support
HB 3196	Priority 3 Neutral	HB 3073 Priority 1 Opposed
HB 3009	Priority 3 Neutral	SB 208 Priority 1 Support
HB 3160	Priority 3 Neutral	SB 510 Priority 3 Neutral
HB 3227	Priority 1 Support	
<p><i>*HB 3227-Add an amendment sponsored by GCSS on this particular bill. "GCSS should be mentioned in this bill as being part of this taskforce." Asking if an amendment is agreeable and if not how do we go about getting a couple of members on this committee.</i></p>		

Planning And Management Advisory Committee (PAMAC) Update

Remona Simpson gave us an update on the March 2005 PAMAC meeting which included information regarding the Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant program, which is one of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Infrastructure Grant programs. This program will support an array of infrastructure and service delivery improvement activities to help grantees.

Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) Update

From May 15, 2005 to August 15, 2005 letters are going out to 264,000 Oregonians letting them know that they may be eligible for low income subsidies for prescription drugs. DHS has estimated that 50,000 people will actually be eligible for services. Eligible clients for the MMA Prescription Drug Plan are directed to go to the Social Security Administration (SSA) for help with enrollment and because we think that people will actually come to DHS for help with enrollment, we are hoping that by July 2005 there should be some minimal help in place. However, due to lack of funding this will be a difficult task. Due to these letters we project that there will be 9,000-23,000 potential new clients applying for additional DHS services. In the fall 50,000 dual-eligible clients in long-term care will no longer have the State prescription drug benefits. They must enroll into the new prescription drug plan. If the clients have not enrolled by Oct. 2, 2005 they will be auto enrolled. Estimates of 18,000 plus people will be at risk of not enrolling into the right plan. The MMA Team within DHS is going to the Legislature trying to explain the impact of this new prescription drug plan.

SPD Update (James Toews, Seniors & People with Disabilities)

James discussed the process used for the "re-shoot" of the budget, which includes adjusting the budget for the rising caseloads and adjusting for the impact of the MMA New Prescription Drug Program. He reminded the Commission of the importance of their participation in the Future of Long-term Care Committee. He expressed concerns with the small Adult Protective Services policy packages within the Co-Chairs budget and he announced the Ways and Means Phase II schedule (the first week in May 2005). It was brought to James's attention that members of the Commission who are participating in the State Plan Advisory Committee did not feel that their input has been valued.

Legislative Committee Update

Marc gave an update on the bills that the Commission is currently tracking as a priority 1: HB 2424, HB 2492, HB 2555, HB 3073, HB 5038, HB 50349, HJR 21, SB 1, SB 88, SB 106, SB 774, SB 781, and SB 870. The Legislative Budget Issue Team met by phone on April 7, 2005 to discuss and review the Governor's and Co-Chairs', Representative Scott's and Senator Schrader's, budget cuts. These comparisons were made after the recent release of the House and Senate Co-Chair Expenditure Plans. The Committee also reviewed the Commission's draft platform on the state budget for seniors and people with disabilities and the letters to Senator Schrader and Representative Scott regarding the Co-Chairs budget.

MOTION: Revise the “State Budget for Seniors and People with Disabilities” Platform and the letters to Senator Schrader and Rep. Scott, to include the concerns with the lack of funding for the implementation of the MMA Prescription Drug Program and the loss of the Adult Protective Services policy package. (Estill Deitz)
Passed

Mental Health Committee Update

Elaine Barrett, Vice Chair and acting Chair for the April 2005 Mental Health Committee, reviewed the April agenda. A discussion ensued regarding the county mental health plans that were distributed in the March 2005 meeting and our plan for final review.

General Issues Committee Update

Remona Simpson, Vice Chair and acting Chair for the April 2005 General Issues Committee, reviewed the April agenda.

Health, Abuse and Long-term Care Committee Update

Kay Kirkbride, Vice Chair and acting Chair for the April 2005 Health, Abuse and Long-term Care Committee reviewed the April agenda. A discussion ensued regarding the subcommittee structure, which includes Wellness, Adult Protective Services, and Adult Foster Home issues.

Chair Concerns

Dolores Hubert expressed concerns with the Commission over-extending themselves during this Legislative Session. It was determined that we should limit our priority issues to include senior mental health, the SPD budget, and OPI.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Register Dolores Raymond for the Accessible Housing Design and Construction Seminar.	Sherry	5/1/05
Email the full Commission with a link to the applications of appointment	Marc	4/18/05
Call Rep. Dalto and Jim Davis regarding HB 3227 (task force)	Dolores Hubert	4/21/05
Order 2005 Legislative Guides for the entire Commission (Estill, Tim, Don, Remona, and Dolores Raymond already have copies) by the April 2005 Full Commission meeting.	Sherry	5/26/05

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Ask the State Hospital “do they do psychological profiling on their staff.” The answers to this question should be taken back to the Mental Health and the Health Committee.	Morgen	4/21/05
Research HB 3375. What are the costs and how many taxpayers this affects?	Marc	4/21/05
Assign a GCSS member to the MMA Advisory Committee.	Dolores Hubert	4/12/05
Ask DHS for funding for implementation of the MMA Prescription Drug Plan.	Commission	Ongoing
Ask the Legislature for funding for MMA Prescription Drug Plan Implementation.	Commission	Ongoing
Have Lee Girard come to the May 2005 full Commission to discuss the State Plan.	Dolores Hubert	4/12/05
Contact Laurie Monnes-Anderson regarding SB 774 (Traumatic Brain Injury Registry)	Tim Malone	4/12/05
Send out a reminder to all the Commission members reminding them to get us their reviews on the County Mental health plans	Staff	4/21/05