

Minutes

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

September 24, 2004

Keizer, Oregon

Members: Dolores Hubert, Chair; Tim Malone, Vice Chair; Remona Simpson; Don Butsch; Mariana Bornholdt; Dolores Raymond; Bob Lawrence; Eunice Dutton; Mary Harvey; Elton Greeley; Maria Smith; Elaine Barrett; John Brenne; and Estill Deitz

Guests: Marilyn Hinds and Mr. & Mrs. McDaniel

Staff: Jane-ellen Weidanz, Sherry Whitehead and Kim Hector

Excused: Helen Liere; Harvey Roth; Ham Jackson; Barbara Brewer-Nelson; Mary Lawrence; Linda Miller; and Jack Ewing;

Called Meeting to Order

Approved August 2004 Minutes.

Announcements

The Governor's Mental Health Task Force approved recommendations to give to Legislators. Some of the recommendations include; recognizing older adults as a special population in the state mental health statute, plans and services; parity in mental health services; and funding for system changes in mental health services.

AARP is sponsoring the AARP Voter Van for Tuesday, October 05, 2004, 11:30-1:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Court House Square; Portland, OR.

Bob Lawrence has been appointed to the Oregon Law Commission's Workgroup on Medicaid Statute. OLC is a statutory commission, which reviews legislation and makes recommendations for change.

Executive Committee Update

Dolores Hubert gave an update on the Executive Meeting. After the Executive Committee adjourned, we started our research trip in Portland Oregon. We visited with the management and staff at the NE Multi-Cultural Senior Center; the Oregon Food Bank; and the Self Enhancement Inc.

General Issues Committee Update

Eunice Dutton gave us an update on the Disaster Preparedness project, the End-of-Life Resource Guides, the ID Theft Poster, the Senior Financial Abuse Coalition, and the Committees work plan.

Legislative Advocacy Committee Update

Bob Lawrence gave us an update on the Advocacy Enhancement Project, legislative education materials, the Mandated State Commissions survey results, the Committees legislative priorities, the committees work plan, and the November O4AD Summit. The meeting resulted in the following motions:

MOTION: Stop any effort to continue with the Advocacy Enhancement project and return to the original GCSS Advocacy Plan. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

MOTION: Send a letter to James Toews stating our intentions to meet with the Senators and Congresswoman Hooley regarding potential changes to the Older Americans Act. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

MOTION: Approval of the Legislative Advocacy Committee's final draft work plan. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

MOTION: The Commission will mail invitations to the Summit to advocacy groups and individuals on the Commission's database. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

Health, Abuse, and Long Term Care Committee Update

Dolores Hubert gave an update regarding the committee's potential legislative issues, MMA, the Adult Protective Services Systems Presentation with Morgen Brodie, SPD and Judy Giggy, SPD. Estill Deitz has been appointed as the new Chair of the Committee.

Mental Health and Addictions Committee

Tim Malone gave an update regarding the Mental Health Committee's meeting with Dr. Bartels, M.D. The gero-psychiatrist who presented at the conference.

Evidence-Based Practices in Geriatric Mental Health Conference

Mariana Bornholdt updated us on the success of the conference. She thanked the Commission for all of their help. Discussion ensued on a follow up conference.

Recruitment

We have sent applications to the Governor's Office for approval and appointment. We should have a response back from them by the Annual Celebration.

Pending Projects

Jane-ellen reviewed the pending projects list.

Liaison Reports

Estill Deitz gave an update regarding the Home Care Commission. The roll-up costs for the Homecare Workers are \$75 Million within the DHS/SPD Budget.

Bob Lawrence gave an update regarding the Advocacy Coalition. The September 14, 2004 meeting was spent discussing the current Oregon Ballot Measures.

MOTION: Send a letter to Jim Davis and Ruth McEwen stating that the Commission’s name cannot be used for opposition or support of any Ballot Measure. (Mariana Bronholdt) *Passed*

Seniors and People with Disabilities Update, James Toews, SPD

James discussed the Budget for 2005. The State was required to develop the “Base Budget,” which includes current programs, roll up costs, and the homecare workers compensation. There are concerns for balancing our base budget. The General Fund is only increasing five percent. As for the current policy option packages, the Adult Protective Services (APS) Packages will be the main focus. Discussed the concern with the Medicare Modernization Act, Part D. James believes that we need to run an economic forecast model on long-term care.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Analysis of figures for the Homecare Workers request for the \$75 Million from Sharon Miller.	Sherry	10/20/04
Write a letter to Jim Davis & Ruth McEwen regarding the use of the Commission’s name for opposition or support on Ballot Measure.	Jane-ellen	9/27/04
Compile information on the new Insurance Commissioners rules on long-term care insurance.	Sherry	10/26/04
Find and schedule an appropriate speaker for the Commission regarding long-term care insurance options.	Jane-ellen	11/15/04