

# Minutes

## Governor's Commission on Senior Services May 27, 2005 Department of Human Services

**Members:** Jack; Jack E., Charles, Marilyn, Kelly, Tim, Don, Chris, John, Kay, Delores H., Maria, Elaine, Bob, Estill, John H., Barbara, Denise, Eunice, Joan, Remona, Linda, Chuck, Shelly, Marc, Morgen.

**Excused:**

**Guests:** John Brenne; Chuck Frazier; Representative Gilman; Senator Morrisette; and Kathleen Schonau

**Staff:** Morgen Brodie and Sherry Whitehead

### *Called Meeting to Order*

Introductions

Approved May 2005 Minutes with minor corrections.

### **Reviewing Agenda**

No changes. Cathy Cooper will be in.

### **Announcements**

Delores Raymond is still recovering. Address for Delores is in the red folder. Marjorie has resigned for health reasons, will be doing a replacement for her. 2 new staff people will be coming on board. Verbal offers have been made and have verbal acceptants. Hopeful to start after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Ground Rules overview

Sunshine Fund that all contributed to-please give your \$10 donation for the year-Fund is down to \$30.

Pioneer network has a conference July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14. Brain Injury conference is 9/30 and 10/1.

All members have a number of assignments in your folder.

Next meeting of the commission will be July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please make your reservations to Comfort Suites ahead of time.

Form for commission members to fill out for Liason reports-Form is in your big packet.

Book review time by Jack Emery-Unequal Protection. OPB previewing Open Road-Americas look at aging.

## Correspondence

3 pieces out on Sb770 and HB 2573. 3<sup>rd</sup> piece was Bryan Johnston interim director. 3 pieces of incoming correspondence also. Resignation of committee member Tim Malone effective Aug. 1. Letter from Bob Nikkel re: Older Adult Mental Health Items.

## Legislative Coordinator Report:

SB781 hopefully will be passed. Marc clarified the Legislative Process.

## General Issues:

Speakerphone suggested by Marilyn Hinds for those who are not able to attend.

**Legislative:** Don mentioned that there are stories in the Newspapers regarding Mobile Home parks and seniors.

## Executive Committee Update

Discussed recruitment for the Commission. Next week (May 30 – June 3, 2005) the Commission plans to hold interviews with four different candidates. The interviews will be conducted by an Executive Committee member and by a full Commission member. The Executive Committee volunteers are as follows: Eunice Dutton; Esitll Deitz; Don Butsch; and Dolores Hubert. The full Commission volunteers are as follows: Bob Lawrence; Marilyn Hinds; Barbara Nelson; and Charles Kurtz. A discussion ensued regarding succession planning and the methodology in the election of new chairs. It was determined that the Commission would continue to follow its historical practices. The meeting resulted in the following motion:

### Motions on Bills:

**Accept SB1088 as priority 1 – and support. *Passed.***

**Oppose SB996B as priority 3 – related to tax credits. *Passed.***

**Oppose SB896B as priority 3 – related to tax credits. *Passed.***

**Oppose SB2951B as priority 3 – related to tax credits. *Passed.***

**Accept SB329A as priority 2 – related to prescription drugs. *Passed.***

**Accept SJM8 as priority 2 – related to Veterans. *Passed.***

(Don Butsch)

## Health, Abuse, and Long-Term Care Committee Update:

There are no motions.

## Mental Health and Addictions Committee Update

**Staff Update:** Bob Clabby here to answer questions regarding grant funding. Bob is involved with restructuring rate system for Developmental Disabilities and Quality Assurance elements from people with DD and Seniors. This grant is 3.5 million dollars over a 5-year period. Think there is a good shot at getting this grant. Would like this group to partner with them as well as some other groups. Marilyn has brought up concerns about involvement with this grant as to a prior grant which only had one meeting and didn't receive updates. Committee member would like to see out comes etc. of previous grants that are similar. Grant needs to be submitted by July 7<sup>th</sup>. All material needs to be together by next week. Synopsis of grant: rate-restructuring arena-people in comp services approx. 5000. Another 4000 people in support services have more individualized funding. There is not a good cross the state consistency about how funds are spent. Need better measures of services. Explore national recognized tools that CMS has endorsed so that you wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel for quality measures. How many letters of support to get this grant? There are many letters of support from the DD side of the arena. Bob believes a letter from this group to be critical. Parking passes could be given out to the Friday meeting before.

**MOTION: There is a motion by Estill to send the support letter and there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Eunice.** In the letter please make very clear desire to be involved and expect/require that SPD include this require as an active stakeholder group. Expect that you be regularly informed. Request reports. Request expectations in your letter. Bob will assure that these expectations are written into the grant. **Motion Carried.** Marilyn Hinds voted not to carry motion.

### Representative Gillman Update:

Will either get finished by 4<sup>th</sup> of July or end of August. Not reaching agreement on k-12 budget. 50 million apart. There will be a lot of legislation that won't get passed. SB 71 Connect Oregon that Rep. George Gillman is working on--passed the senate a couple of days ago. There are about 40 budgets left to do that will be very tough. **MOTION** to send the letter to the speaker and Wayne Scott in support of SB 71.

### Senator Morisette Update:

Was at a National HC conference last yr--report re: LTC there. OR made decision several years ago to put more money into alternative LTC instead of NFS. I think it's the AFH that's really a good model, and I also support upgrading NF facilities. I think we really need to look at payment levels; I'll try to be in that meeting in Portland.

Defer to Dolores on SB 781--we're waiting for it to come back to Senate to see if we concur. DH: if we can get rid of prescription drug piece, it will go.

Morisette: Sen. Carter had a bill about inmate medications. If pharmacy prescribes a brand name drug w/ a DAW, it would be administered. We have to get rid of that due to fiscal. Systems are also saying they have to be able to re-evaluate drug choices when people will move. Fiscal related to that could hold up the bill. There's lots of gut stuffing going on in

bills. Don: they took that portion out, and we have no objections to the remainder of the bill. What happens if it goes to House floor? Nor: it would come back to me for concurrence. I will concur if no fiscal--otherwise would have to go to Conf Cte.

MH Parity bill has not moved. OPI bill: JZ says apparent agreement on \$11 million more than GRB. Interim work on including PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES next session. I introduced that, it caused some consternation due to not enough money to cover the seniors. We're waiting for hearings on some others. Nikkel had position open to appoint staff to coordinate advisory council of constituents--DHS sent \$250K fiscal--in Carter's Cte. Waiting to hear from LFO, we're trying to get a hearing from Carter.

Think we'll be in til the 24<sup>th</sup>. Big deal is the K-12 budget. We met for 2.5 hrs today, 9-12 and start at 3 on Monday. Ctes in between & in evenings. Yesterday only 5 bills, day before about 10. We have lots going on; courtesies going on....Keep Sen. Bill informed on what is going on. Don will be available to come up-He is on an interim salary. John B. asked if there was going to be a Christmas tree bill. Senator not sure but thinks maybe so. Dolores asked what he is hearing on OPI. Answer- OPI will get 11 million dollars more than on GRB. Hold on to OPI number by talking to Wayne Scott.

### **DHS/SPD Updates:**

Cathy Cooper thanking everyone for being here as a commission. Budget process-Went before House Subcommittee on Thursday. First to phases in front of joint committee. 3<sup>rd</sup> phase is called a session. Going to a Senate Subcommittee on Tuesday. Good news is when they went to House Subcommittee. They were able to restore budget concerns and refunded key areas. Refunded Relative Foster Homes completely. With the houses action we will not have a waiver cap. Right now with any person that needs help with daily living will go into our waiver. Waiver cap would have been when you reach a certain number that people would go onto a waitlist. Funded Fully- assisted living and adult foster homes. Refunded RSVP to what was funded in this biennium. Funded OPI. Have not yet done GF. Some things may come in on the Christmas Tree bill. We are at about 2.5 billion. 200 positions will be lost in the field structure. OHP really close the 24,000 people requirement. There is still a freeze on intake. There are more Oregonians without insurance now. Numbers are declining in in-home and nursing facilities. When the governors' budget is developed, it is developed on a forecast for that year. Oregon has led the nation since the early 80's in waived services. We serve many more people in our state because of our waived services. OPI is more preventive so a person doesn't have to come into a Medicaid program. 66% of all people in nursing homes in 2004 were in the nursing home for 30 days or less. Cathy will give a copy of report from '04 for Oregon Health Policy Research.

Directors recruitment is being done Nationwide. Some thoughts they will be asking from this commission, what experience they might need, what are critical issues facing the department, what would you expect of a new director, what other outreach efforts do you know of on a state or national level. All of this should be coming to you by next month. 5 month process

for recruitment. Marc said we will confer and send out to stakeholders. Current status of Agency with Choice is alive and well. A new administrative structure could only happen with new employees under a new agreement. Chris Flammang doesn't know who is on the committee. He has provided Carolyn Wilson with information but has not received anything back. Cathy will pursue this issue and get back to both Chris and Charles. Carolyn is adding 3 more people to the list and will bring over the list for them now.

**Home Care Commission:**

**Senior Medicaid Patrol**

Aileen Kaye, SPD and Gay Lynn Pack, SPD, discussed the new Senior Medicare Patrol project. Senior Medicare Patrol's goals are to provide information, outreach, education, resources and advocacy through utilization of retired professionals to combat health care errors, fraud, and abuse. With the up-and-coming Medicare Part D: Prescription Drug Benefit Implementation occurring this year, they have added a new component to their training which included the types of MMA fraud, waste, and abuse.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Distribute to the Commission a copy of the program instructions for the State Plan.	Rhonda Beundefeldt	June 23
The total mental health expenditures within the State Plan.	Rhonda Beundefeldt	June 23
Develop a list of questions for Commission member interviews	Dolores Hubert	June 6
During the June 2005 full Commission meeting view the Network of Care Demo.	Marc Overbeck	June 23
Send Chuck Frazier and Kathleen Schonau's application to the Governor's Office for appointment.	Marc Overbeck	June 6
Purchase the IdentiMed via the internet.	Marc Overbeck	June 23
Send a letter to Bob Nikkel asking what representation is happening for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of planning and how can GCSS be represented in the planning.	Dolores Hubert	June 6