

# Minutes

## General Issues Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services January 27, 2005 Department of Human Services

<b>Attendees:</b>	Remona Simpson, Vice Chair; Don Butsch; Chris Flammang; John Helm; Dolores Hubert; Kay Kirkbride; Charles Kurtz; Bob Lawrence; Ed Payton; Dolores Raymond; Jack Roberts; and Maria Smith
<b>Excused:</b>	Elaine Barrett; Eunice Dutton; and Marjorie Reuling
<b>Guest:</b>	John Brenne
<b>Staff:</b>	Marc Overbeck; Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry Whitehead

### ***Called Meeting to Order***

Approved December 2004 Minutes.

### **Announcements**

John Brenne's article regarding ID theft has been published. "*ID Theft: How to Protect Yourself*," Local Focus.

Dolores Raymond would like to become an official liaison for the Housing Lobby Coalition and the Housing Advocacy Group.

Routed the Permanent Administrative Rules for the Oregon Transportation Commission, Oregon Department of Transportation.

Distributed copies of an article, "*The Housing Squeeze: Low-income people struggle with the rent*," Registered Guard.

### **End-of-Life Booklet Update**

We are waiting for State Printing to complete the covers of the booklet. There has also been some discrepancies in the color used on the covers. These problems are being addressed currently.

### **ID Theft Poster Update**

The ID Theft Poster has been sent to the printer.

### **Senior Financial Abuse Coalition**

The Coalition is close to the kick off of their senior financial abuse public education campaign. Gary Weeks, DHS, and Corey Streisinger, DCBS, have confirmed their presence for the kick-off on the Capitol steps. Jan Margosian's daily meeting schedule for the week of Feb. 14-18, 2005 has been confirmed – she will be traveling to Pendleton, Salem, Portland, Albany, and Corvallis. The banners and "doodads" are completed for the Boomer and Senior Expo. Flyers and tickets have been sent to local senior centers and local AAA offices. All GCSS members will be notified of their positions at the Expo.

## Transportation Conference in Washington DC

The conference covered many areas of future transportation concerns - an attempt to start planning for the maturing population. They discussed solutions pertaining to education and community-based programs, identifying their resources and needs. Funding for these potential services was not discussed in length. We discussed the Pennsylvania Transportation Model that is completely funded by lottery dollars. They have a very comprehensive transportation program for seniors and people with disabilities.

## American Red Cross

Rhonda Coleman and Stephanie Morgen with ARC brought in the 72-hour senior friendly emergency kits that the Commission worked on with ARC. The kits include water pouches (6- per day), six 400-calorie food bars, mylar emergency blanket, pocket warmers, dust mask, whistle, rain poncho, mini first aid kit, scissors (to open food and water pouches), hygiene pack, mini flashlight, and a health information card. The kit costs \$35.00.

## ID Theft Update

Jan Margosian, DOJ, gave an update. ID Theft is that fastest growing crime in the country. Oregon is high on the list because of our communities' methamphetamine problems. Many "meth" users are stealing identities to support their habits. She also informed us of the newest form of ID theft, tsunami relief efforts through the Internet. Scam artists are using SPAM to reach individuals under the false identity of the ARC and others.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Order the <i>Report on Poverty 2004</i> from Oregon Housing and Community Services.	Marc	02/28/05