

# Minutes

## Health and Long Term Care Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

January 22, 2004

Keizer, Oregon

**Attendees:** Mary Lawrence Chair; Estill Deitz; Jack Ewing; Elton Greeley; Mary Harvey; Linda Miller; Maria Smith; Bob White; and Dolores Hubert

**Guests:** Tina Kitchen, Joan Kapowich

**Staff:** Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry L. Whitehead

### *Called Meeting to Order*

December 2003 Minutes approved.

Moved Prescription Drug Bulk Purchasing update to February 2004 meeting.

### **Wellness Subcommittee Update**

Pam Ruona, SPD, and the Committee are looking at ways to get out wellness and prevention information to seniors. They are working on place mats that could be disseminated to meal sites. Information should be fun and eye catching.

### **RCF Rules Committee Update**

Linda Miller is attending the RCF Rule Writing Workgroup. The final rules will eliminate the two different types of RCFs and just have one. Other hot topics include sexual fraternization between caregivers and residents; mandated incident reports and bubble packs for prescriptions and the additional costs. Linda will talk to Don Butsch for advice on the prescription issue.

### **OMAP Update**

Joan Kapowich reviewed the budget cuts that will happen if Ballot Measure 30 fails. The cuts include eliminating the standard populations (60,000+ people) and some expansive programs. Vision, dental, physical, speech and occupational therapy, some prescription drugs, mental health and addiction services will be eliminated from the Plus population. The MEDS program will not be started. Implementation of the cuts would begin August 2004.

## Liaison Assignment Discussion

There are two health related advisory councils to which GCSS has not liaised. The Medicaid Advisory Council advises OMAP on client and system related issues on the health side of Medicaid. We will get information about when and where they are meeting and see if someone will volunteer. It is an important group. The Oregon Health Policy Commission is a new commission that is looking at the big picture issues such as getting health coverage for all Oregonians. We will get on the mailing list for their minutes to see if there are issues we need to address with them.

| Action Items:   | Assigned to: | Deadline: |
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| Contact OMAP to get information on the Medicaid Advisory Council.         | Jane-ellen   | 02/23/04  |
| Contact the Oregon Health Policy Commission to get on their mailing list. | Jane-ellen   | 02/23/04  |

## LTC Facility Issues

*Liability Insurance Issue:* Small LTC facilities cannot get liability insurance. DHS is trying to develop legislation to address this issue. *Guns in Facilities Issue:* After the death in Eugene SPD investigated options for addressing weapons in facilities. The approach that DHS is going to take is to require LTC facilities to have a policy on weapons in their facilities and to disclose that policy to potential residents.

**MOTION: Amend the list of legislative concepts being recommended to James Toews to include a ban of weapons in Long Term Care Facilities. (Estill Deitz)**  
*Passed*

## Next Meeting

- Nursing Facility Abuse Investigations (CCMU). This will happen at the full commission.
- Inappropriate placements in LTC facilities.
- Wellness Committee Update
- Impact of Disappropriation – Tina Kitchen
- DAS Prescription Drug Bulk Purchasing Program – Bruce Goldberg

