

Minutes

Health and Long Term Care Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services

March 25, 2004
Keizer, Oregon

Attendees: Mary Lawrence, Chair; Estill Deitz; Jack Ewing; Mary Harvey; Maria Smith; Bob White; Elaine Barrett; Adelina Sampang; Dolores Hubert; and Elton Greeley

Guests: Tina Kitchen
Staff: Sherry L. Whitehead
Absent: Linda Miller

Called Meeting to Order

February 2004 Minutes approved.

Impact of Disappropriation on Health and Long Term Care Services

Tina Kitchin, Medical Director, SPD discussed the DHS Rebalance Proposal and its effect on long term care. Restoration of Service Priority Levels 12 and 13 has been proposed in the rebalance. Tina also discussed the Medicare Modernization Act's Drug Benefit.

Assisted Living Facilities

Dennett Taber, Assisted Living Program Coordinator, SPD, discussed Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) with the Committee. Assisted Living is good for people that can self direct their own care. Many clients residing in ALFs need to be going into homes with a full time nursing staff, but because the system allows client "choice," they end up staying. "Choice" does not always mean that the clients are making wise decisions. Most of the facilities have adequate staff to client ratios. However, the staff is not always properly trained, making them less effective. Every two years these facilities are to be surveyed/inspected, however, this is not happening because of lack of staff and problem facilities which require continuous inspections and monitoring.

GCSS Support for HSRI Proposal

Katherine Weit, Oregon Council of Developmental Disabilities, has asked the Commission to support HSRI's proposal to develop and improve strategies for quality assurance and quality improvement across populations receiving in-home services in Seniors and People with Disabilities. The Commission has declined to participate.

Current DHS Disclosures Forms for ALFS

Of the nine assisted facilities that the Committee Members checked, all have used the proper disclosure forms. Maria Smith and Adelina Sampang are going to check into a few more facilities for the next meeting.

Elder Abuse Task Force

Dolores Hubert will be attending the Elder Abuse Task Force Meeting on Monday (3/29/04).

Next Meeting

- Wellness Committee
- Dolores Hubert will update on the Elder Abuse Task Force meeting
- Mary Harvey will update on Self Enhancement Meeting