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| Minutes | Health, Abuse and Long Term Care Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services August 26, 2004 Keizer, Oregon |
| | Attendees: Mary Harvey, Chair; Estill Deitz, Vice Chair; Dolores Raymond; Linda Miller; Tim Malone; Eunice Dutton; Elton Greeley; Jack Ewing; Mary Lawrence; Maria Smith; Don Butsch; and Dolores Hubert |
| Guests: Staff: | Marilyn Hinds and Joan Staley Jane-ellen Weidanz, Sherry Whitehead and Kim Hector |
| <i>Called Meeting to Order</i> | |
| Approved May 2004 Minutes with revision. | |
| Announcements | |
| Reviewed and discussed handouts from the Texas Department of Human Services regarding their "Assisted Living and Residential Care Contract Compliance Monitoring Guide," their long-term care options, and the "Family Pathfinders: helping families help themselves." | |
| SPD Quality Assurance Grant Workgroup | |
| We need to have a GCSS member participate in this work group, as it is required in the grant. This issue needs to go to the Full Commission. | |
| OHP Standard Premium Overview (Allison Knight, OMAP) | |
| Allison gave an update on the OHP Standard premium policy. In a budget note the 2003 Legislative Assembly provided the Department of Human Services with the opportunity to recommend to the November 2004 Emergency Board ways to reduce premiums or other cost-sharing mechanisms for the OHP Standard caseload. | |
| The objectives of the Standard Premium Policy are to generate revenue, instill clients with the value of health care and to make OHP Standard closer to commercial plans as a transitional step to private health insurance. | |
| The OHP program operates entirely without General Fund resources, operates within a fixed budget at lower than historic levels, serves a reduced number of clients and has no co-payment requirements (effective June 2004). The program is currently closed to new enrollment in order to reach a sustainable caseload level supported by provider tax revenue and federal matching funds. OHP must get to 24,000 enrolled clients from their current 50,000. | |

MOTION: Send a letter to Lynn Read, OMAP regarding elimination of premiums for people from zero to 10% of federal poverty level. (Tim Malone) *Passed*

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| Send a letter to Lynn Read regarding elimination of premiums. | Jane-ellen | 8/31/04 |

Financial Eligibility

Reviewed and discussed the financial eligibility limits for Medicaid and related programs.

Ronald Reagan Break Through Act 2004, S 2533

The Commission discussed its position on this bill. The bill doubles the dollars for Alzheimer's research, doubles AAA dollars for family caregiver support, extends the Alzheimer's demonstration projects to all 50 states, provides a \$3,000 federal tax credit for family caregivers and establishes tax deductibility for long term care insurance premiums.

MOTION: Send a letter to Senator Smith, Wyden and the Oregon House Delegation in support of S 2533 and HR 4595 asking that they move forward this session. (Mary Lawrence) *Passed*

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| Send a letter to Senator Smith, Senator Wyden and the Oregon House Delegation in support of S 2533 and HR 4595. | Jane-ellen | 9/17/04 |

Work Plan

The Committee created a subcommittee made up of Mary Harvey, Maria Smith, and Dolores Hubert, to complete the work plan.