

Minutes	<p align="center">Health, Abuse and Long Term Care Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services October 21, 2004 Keizer, Oregon</p>
Attendees:	Estill Deitz, Chair; Eunice Dutton; Mary Harvey; John Helm; Marilyn Hinds; Dolores Hubert; Tim Malone; Ed Payton; Maria Smith; and Marjorie Reuling
Staff:	Jane-ellen Weidanz and Kim Hector
<i>Called Meeting to Order</i>	
Approved September 2004 Minutes.	
Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) and OHP Updates (Tina Kitchin, SPD)	
<p>Discussed possible implications of the budget short fall. Also mentioned were current changes being instituted to help keep OHP within the budget. The changes include limits to speech, occupation and physical therapies and limits on incontinence supplies. Tina also handed out SPD's fact sheets on the impact of MMA. Tina wants to create a statewide coalition to help develop plans to education Medicare Beneficiaries about Medicare Part D.</p>	
Adult Protective Services Systems (Morgen Brodie, SPD)	
<p>Morgen provided additional information about Oregon's Adult Protective Services System. National recommendation is that there be 1 APS worker for every 25-open/active cases. Oregon has 1 APS worker for everyone 195 completed reports. This is a problem since APS workers often do not have time to complete the reports. A discussion ensued about the different roles of Risk Intervention workers (to keep people out of long-term care facilities) versus APS workers (to address the issue and ensure the safety and well-being of the individual). A workgroup of APS and policy staff have been meeting to discuss potential system changes. They believe that we should have a position called Risk Management that would help people who are potential victims of abuse or victims of abuse stay stable. SPD has requested funding for APS workers to lower the caseload standard. However, with the current budget scenario it is unlikely it will go very far. If we do not get additional funding we may still be able to reduce some of the burden on APS workers. Morgen mentioned that we could work across the entire system to better define the role and expectations for APS workers so that everyone knows what APS workers should be doing and what other individuals should be doing.</p>	
RCF Rules Workgroup	
<p>Dolores Hubert was informed that SPD was meeting with the providers without the other stakeholders regarding the RCF rule changes. Dolores met with James Toews to discuss her concerns. Dolores would like a follow up letter to go to James to reiterate the Commission's concerns.</p>	

MOTION: Send a letter from the Commission to James Toews expressing concerns about meetings between SPD and the provider groups, which have excluded GCSS and others on the RCF rules. (Dolores Hubert) *Passed*

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Send letter to James Toews expressing concerns with the meetings excluding GCSS and others.	Dolores Hubert	10/25/04

Committee Work plan

Discussed what the Committee should be doing in regards to the work-plan. Considering the discussion with stakeholders and the Governor's office about the Governor's proposed budget, there will be significant cuts to state services; the Commission may want to adjust the Committee's work-plan to address emerging issues. The Governor's staff person said that when reviewing the future demographics, baby boomers and increased life expectancy, services to seniors and people with disabilities are not sustainable. The Governor's office was asking for suggestions about efficiencies, cost-savings and potential budget cuts.

MOTION: Prioritize Adult Protective Service, Respite, and Adult Foster Home issues for the next few months. After the session we will address Planning for the Future and Wellness issues. (Tim Malone) *Passed*

MOTION: Commission accepts the revised work-plan. (Linda Miller)

Potential Abuse Legislation Update

SPD asked for a meeting with representatives from GCSS and OA-DSAC. Due to discussion among advocates regarding potential abuse legislation, SPD had concerns that there was neither sufficient time nor consensus if the advocates wanted broad changes to the abuse statutes. Agreed that we would pursue a minor change, adding people with disabilities to the mandatory reporting statute, this session. After the next session, SPD will work with the advocates and other stakeholders to see if we can develop consensus on broader legislation for 2007. It was suggested that the best way to ensure people report abuse is to grant them immunity for reporting abuse. People are more willing to report suspected abuse if they cannot be sued or held liable in any way.

Adult Foster Homes (Mickey Tate and Megan Hornby, SPD)

Mickey and Megan provided an overview of adult foster homes and highlighted the positives and the negatives of this type of facility. When it works, it can be the best place for people. When it is a bad fit it can be a disaster. Providers also need to understand what they are getting into and be prepared to be working 24/7.