

Minutes	<p align="center">Health, Abuse and Long Term Care Committee</p> <p align="center">Governor's Commission on Senior Services February 24, 2005 Department of Human Services</p>
	<p>Attendees: Estill Deitz, Chair; Jack Ewing; Marilyn Hinds; Dolores Hubert; Kay Kirkbride; Tim Malone; Linda Miller; Eunice Dutton; and Maria Smith</p>
<p>Excused: Mary Harvey; Ham Jackson; and Marjorie Reuling Staff: Marc Overbeck and Sherry Whitehead</p>	
<i>Called Meeting to Order</i>	
Approved January 2005 Minutes.	
Announcements	
<p>March 7, 2005 the Long Term Care Ombudsman Budget is up. Discussed the commission's potential support for the budget and increased staffing in the LTC Ombudsman office.</p>	
<p>MOTION: Recommend to the full Commission that they support the LTC Ombudsman Budget and increased staffing. (Eunice Dutton) <i>Passed</i></p>	
<p>Discussed the Steps to Healthier Aging Program sponsored by the Administration on Aging. Once registered the program offers a "tool kit" and information. Linda Miller and Maria Smith will monitor the information provided by this program.</p>	
<p>MOTION: Recommend to the full Commission that we register into the Steps to Healthier Aging Program. (Linda Miller) <i>Passed</i></p>	
Issue Teams	
<p>Discussed the issue leads and teams model. This model should help the Commission be proactive vs. reactive during this legislative session.</p>	
Health Issue Platform	
<p>The areas that should be addressed in the health platform are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescription Drugs Coverage + costs (bulk purchasing) • OHP issues such as what is covered / not covered, funding, eligibility • Health Mandates for private insurance • MMA implementation • Health Insurance – consumer protection 	

Long Term Care and Caregiver Issue Platform

The areas that could be addressed in the health platform are as follows:

- Funding for training for both family caregivers and paid caregivers
- Funding for respite care
- Tax Credits for family caregivers
- Adult Foster Homes (AFH) – continuing education bill, increased occupancy, acuity levels, and money
- Assisted Living Facilities (ALF)

Adult Foster Home Owner (Dee Humphries)

Discussed the liability insurance and workers comp insurance problems within AFH. Many insurance companies are no longer writing liability insurance policies for AFH or they are at such a high price that it is unaffordable. Bills of interest for AFH facilities are as follows: SB 635, which imposes mandatory workers comp insurance, SB 118 – AFH liability insurance, SB 174 – AFH homeowners insurance.

MOTION: Refer SB 635, SB 118 and SB 174 regarding AFH to Legislative Committee. (Eunice Dutton) *Passed*

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Join the Steps to Healthy Aging and bring information to GCSS as needed.	Linda Miller	March 25, 2005
Testify on LTCO Budget.	Dolores Hubert	TBD