

Minutes

Legislative Advocacy Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

October 21, 2004

Keizer, Oregon

Attendees: Bob Lawrence, Chair; Dolores Raymond, Vice Chair; Don Butsch; Eunice Dutton; Jack Ewing; Chris Flammang; Mary Harvey; John Helm; Dolores Hubert; Charles Kurtz; Barbara Nelson; and Ed Payton

Staff: Jane-ellen Weidanz and Kim Hector

Called Meeting to Order

Approved September 2004 Minutes.

Advocacy Day

January 17, 2005 is Advocacy Day to protect frail seniors and people with disabilities at the Capitol. The committee discussed how the commission wants to be involved. That led to the following motion:

MOTION: Assign Jane-ellen to work with Jacqueline Zimmer-Jones from O4AD on the Advocacy Day. (Mary Harvey) *Passed*

Budget

Dolores Hubert reported the issues discussed at the meeting with the Governor's office and the stakeholders. She stated we are going into this session with a \$1 Billion hole. SPD's share is approximately \$200 Million. At the meeting they looked to ways to cut money. They looked at 24-7 care, provider cuts, adult foster homes, etc. Bob Lawrence gave information regarding comments made by Senator Courtney, Cindy Becker, and James Toews (from DHS-SPD) at the Annual Meeting of Advocacy Coalition.

Veterans' Program

John Mullin, Director of Clackamas County Social Services, spoke to us regarding how Veterans' Services are administered in Clackamas County. Veterans' Service Officers help veterans access services through the Veterans' administration. We also briefly discussed the Veterans' pilot projects in which we use Medicaid funds to divert Medicaid clients to Veterans' Services. John handed out draft legislation that would increase the number of Veterans' Service Officers. DeAnna Hartwig and Don Fries from DHS-SPD were also present and she suggested looking at the concept on its merits of what it is trying to accomplish instead of how it gets funded.

Legislative Priorities

The committee looked over the finalized priority list and chose their top three priorities, the three they wanted fact sheets on, and the six they wanted to review.