

# Minutes

## Mental Health & Addictions Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services  
January 27, 2005  
Department of Human Services

<b>Attendees:</b>	Tim Malone, Chair; Elaine Barrett; Devarshi Bajpai; Estill Deitz; Chris Flammang; Marilyn Hinds; Dolores Hubert; Kay Kirkbride; Charles Kurtz; Linda Miller; Barbara Nelson; Ed Payton; Jack Roberts; Remona Simpson; and Maria Smith
<b>Guest:</b>	John Brenne, League of Cities; Rebecca Curtis, State Hospital; Meagan Hornby, SPD; and Ralph Summers, OMHAS
<b>Excused:</b>	John Helm; Ham Jackson and Marjorie Reuling
<b>Staff:</b>	Marc Overbeck; Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry Whitehead

### *Called Meeting to Order*

Approved December 2004 Minutes.

### **Announcements**

Routed an Overview of the Public Mental Health System

Routed the Medicare Part D Implications for Oregon report.

Oregon State University Gero-Conference is March 31, 2005 – April 1, 2005

### **Mental Health Legislative Concept**

Discussed the Commission's mental health legislative concept: identifying seniors as a special population and the re-allocation of OMHAS training funds to develop geriatric mental health expertise. Don Butsch, Marilyn Hinds, and Tim Malone met with Senator Morrisette to introduce our mental health Legislative Concept. Senator Morrisette welcomed the concept and offered to introduce it. The concept is now in the Legislative Council Office to be drafted as a bill.

### **SPD Update**

Megan Hornby discussed the mental health parity legislation movement across the nation requiring that insurance companies provide coverage for mental health illnesses comparable to coverage of physical illnesses. She also mentioned the growing concern with adult foster home clients' mental health problems; it is difficult to make sure that the foster home provider is trained properly to deal with mental health patients accordingly.

## Oregon Health Plan & Mental Health Services Overview

Ralph Summers, OMHAS, discussed the future mental health needs of baby boomers, the Oregon Health Plan, the design of the service delivery system, available mental health services, the financial resources that fund mental health services, the contracts between the Department and OMHAS, the GRB regarding the elimination of 3 out of the 4 geriatric mental health clinics, and the communication link between OMHAS and advocates.

## OMHAS - Addiction Services (Devarshi Bajpai)

Discussed the significant reductions in alcohol and drug treatments with anticipated increases in caseloads.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Schedule Sandra Moreland to speak at the next Commission meeting regarding the PASSAR Program.	Jane-ellen	Completed
How many seniors are using alcohol and drug treatment? How many are not receiving services?	Devarshi Bajpai	2/24/05
Develop talking points on GCSS's mental health legislative concept.	Jane-ellen	Completed

## Next Meeting

- Discuss changes in the PASSAR Program with Sandra Moreland, OMHAS