

# Minutes

## Mental Health & Addictions Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services October 21, 2004 Keizer, Oregon

**Attendees:** Tim Malone, Chair; Elaine Barrett; Don Butsch; Estill Deitz; Chris Flammang; John Helm; Marilyn Hinds; Dolores Hubert; Charles Kurtz; Linda Miller; Ed Payton; Dolores Raymond; Marjorie Rueling; Remona Simpson; and Maria Smith

**Guest:** John Brenne  
**Excused:** Ham Jackson  
**Staff:** Jane-ellen Weidanz and Kim Hector

### *Called Meeting to Order*

Approved September 2004 Minutes.

### **PAMAC Update**

Dolores attended PAMAC on Remona's behalf. They discussed the abuse allegations at the State Hospital, plans to close the State Hospital and other issues.

### **Potential Work plan Changes and Ideas**

Megan Hornby, Lynda Crandall and Sandra Moreland discussed ideas with the committee. SPD is working on a new concept called the Pioneer Initiative. This is an idea to base all long-term care facilities on person-centered care, e.g. people can get up, eat and bathe anytime they want rather than on a set schedule. We should make long-term care facilities these people's home not "home-like." Megan mentioned that this could have a huge impact on behavioral problems and mental health problems in LTC facilities. SPD is starting a new workgroup on this idea. Linda Miller volunteered to serve on behalf of the Commission. Megan believes this is one of the few ways we will be able to improve quality. Megan stated that a huge issue for seniors will be the changes brought about by the Medicare Modernization Act. This could have a huge impact on coverage for psychotropic medications. Each plan will only have to cover two drugs in each class of medications. This could mean that they will only cover older medications, which do not work for older adults. GCSS should be involved in advocacy and pre-work on this issue. Decided that we needed more training and discussion about the issue.

**MOTION: We will have a joint special training and discussion with the Health, Abuse and Long-Term Care Committee on December 8, 2004 to discuss potential goals and strategies for MMA implementation. (Estill Deitz) *Passed***

## **Evidenced Base Practices**

Discussed possible next steps to encourage EBP. Sandra believes it is premature to discuss next steps until after we see the impact of the conference.