

Minutes

Mental Health & Addictions Committee

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

February 24, 2005

Department of Human Services

Attendees: Tim Malone, Chair; Elaine Barrett; Estill Deitz; Chris Flammang; Marilyn Hinds; Dolores Hubert; Kay Kirkbride; Linda Miller; Barbara Nelson; Remona Simpson; Marjorie Reuling; Don Butsch; and Maria Smith

Guest: John Brenne, League of Cities; Rebecca Curtis, State Hospital; Jan Karlan, SPD; and Lucille Pugh

Excused: John Helm and Ham Jackson

Staff: Kimberly Hector; Devarshi Bajpai; Sandra Moreland; and Meagan Hornby

Called Meeting to Order

Approved January 2005 Minutes.

Announcements

SB 781, which identifies seniors as a special population for MH services, is now in print. Working on getting a companion bill introduced in the House.

Sandra Moreland talked to the Public Health office in Portland about a bill submitted that creates a brain injury registry (SB 774).

Alzheimer Care Units Presentation

Jan Karlen, SPD, discussed what makes an indorsed Alzheimer Care Unit successful in an assisted living facility. She discussed her efforts in building a network and identifying programs so that next year a conference can be held to update the rules, which have been in existence since 1993. And she asked the Commission to be involved with the bi-monthly meetings and the various groups to help the state raise the standards for these facilities.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Invite Judy McKeller to talk about resources for Alzheimer patients, family, and friends.	Sherry Whitehead	Completed

SPD Update

Megan Hornby discussed adult day centers and how they are being used by a number of people with mental health issues as a means of respite care for their foster care provider. SPD spends money providing that care when it should be used for long term care instead. She also discussed a new issue of people with MS being in a “move-out” crisis in their facility because of “organic” behavior problems related to their disease.

OMHAS-Mental Health Update

Sandra Moreland discussed a new enhanced care dementia program they are hoping to get started before the end of the biennium.

There is a PASRR conference in mid-May and a Suicide Prevention Conference March 1 and 2 sponsored by SAMHA.

OMHAS - Addiction Services Update

Devarshi Bajpai passed out several brochures and provided books on best practices for addictions and substance use by older adults.

PAMAC Update

Remona Simpson stated the Planning and Management Advisory Council has finished their by-laws and they are developing a way to track and report on block grants. Their next meeting is in April.