

OREGON DISABILITIES COMMISSION

Thursday • May 7, 2009 • 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Large Conference Room • DHS Cherry Ave. Building • 3420 Cherry Ave. NE Salem.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Armstrong
Ann Balzell
Janet Campbell
Judith Cunio
Marcie Ingledue

Ruth McEwen
Bob Pope
Martha Simpson
Sherry Stock
Frank Synoground

Tina Treasure

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Cindy Helvington
Bill Lynch

Kedma Ough
Bill Wellard

GUESTS:

Julia Huddleston

STAFF PRESENT:

Max Brown, Advocacy Coordinator
Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

CALL ALL TO ORDER

- Introductions
- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Updates/Announcements

CURRENT ISSUES

- On the Move in Oregon
- Questions and Discussion

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Planning for the June MEGA Conference meeting
- Legislative Priorities
- EPD Subcommittee
- Business Recognition Event – Oregon Business Leadership Network
- Action Items

LIAISON REPORTS

(SELECTED)

PUBLIC COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Ruth McEwen called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda as presented.

Motion: Frank Armstrong moved to accept the agenda as presented. Judy Cunio seconded the motion.

Vote: 9-0-0-6

Yeas: Armstrong, Balzell, Campbell, Cunio, McEwen, Pope, Simpson, Stock, Synoground

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Helvington, Ingledue, Lynch, Ough, Treasure, Wellard

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes with corrections.

Motion: Janet Campbell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Frank Synoground seconded the motion.

Vote: 9-0-0-6

Yeas: Armstrong, Balzell, Campbell, Cunio, McEwen, Pope, Simpson, Stock, Synoground

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Helvington, Ingledue, Lynch, Ough, Treasure, Wellard

Motion carried.

Max Brown reviewed the action items from the March full Commission meeting.

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Updates/Announcements

- Ruth McEwen reported on how well the rallies at the Capitol have been going.
- Ann Balzell reported on a letter that an individual sent out asking people to talk to Legislature regarding budget cuts. The letter that Ann spoke about explained that this individual was worried of what will happen to the funds that pay for his house cleaning in order for him to live in his own home. Ann wanted to know if others on the Commission had received such a letter.
- Bob Pope reported on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing informational hearing in front of the House Human Services Committee. They addressed the services for deaf people here in Oregon and feel they made an impact on the panel. The deaf and hard of hearing do not have a Commission at this time, and education, training, and other services have undergone reductions.
- Frank Synoground reported on disability permits and voiced his concerns of individuals who abuse disability parking. Frank would like the Commission to be involved with making sure disability parking is not being abused. Ruth McEwen shared information on SB 736 where the bill addresses some of these issues. Bob Pope reported that the old Oregon Disability Commission had a bill that passed years ago regarding people who abused disability parking and how they would receive fines. The money went to support the commission to help with the services. However, Bob is not sure if this bill is still in effect.

Action Item: Max Brown will research to find the bill on abuse of disability parking and will note what happened to the money or if it is still reinforced.

CURRENT ISSUES

On the Move in Oregon

Julia Huddleston, Project Director of On the Move in Oregon, Seniors and People with Disabilities, presented information for On the Move in Oregon.

- Oregon's Money Follows the Person program
 - Moving 4 populations
 - People with Developmental Disabilities, Children, Seniors, People with Physical Disabilities
- On the Move (OTM) operational April 8, 2008

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- 51 people moved between 4/8/2008 and 5/1/2009
 - 10 seniors
 - 22 people with physical disabilities
 - 17 people with developmental disabilities
 - 2 children
- 150 more people are in the process of moving as of 5/1/2009
 - 43 seniors
 - 75 people with physical disabilities
 - 31 people with developmental disabilities
 - 1 child
- Where did people move?
 - 17 into group homes (people with developmental disabilities)
 - 17 into leased apartments
 - 9 into adult foster homes
 - 6 into their own home
 - 2 into family homes
- People are in OTM for 1 year after the move; as of May 1, 2009:
 - 3 have completed their year
 - 2 are deceased
 - 2 dropped out of OTM
 - 1 is re-institutionalized
- Initiatives in 2009
 - Specialized foster home development
 - Geared towards target populations
 - Licensed as adult foster homes with certain variances to licensing rules
 - Contracted statement of work; contracted rate
 - OTM partners on accessibility modifications; assistive technologies; specialized trainings
 - Contracted rate goes with the program in the house, so it continues as people move out of OTM
 - 30 in current development
 - Blue Horizon House, Enterprise
 - Specialized living development

- Apartments, governed by landlord-tenant law, shared attendant services
- Certification process
- Standards set through statement of work; contracted rate
- OTM partners on accessibility modifications; assistive technologies; specialized trainings
- Contracted rate goes with specialized development, so it continues as people move out of OTM
- 6 multi-person sites in current development
- Partnering with Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services around opportunities with ARRA (stimulus) funding
 - Neighborhood Stabilization Program
 - Low-Income Weatherization and Stabilization Program
- Service Provider Training Development
 - Dementia training contract in place
 - Consultation includes pre-opening/opening and post-opening care staff training and family meetings
 - Other programs will be developed as homes start to open
- Caregiver Coach Pilot Projects
 - Aim is development of behavioral support peer coaching services for caregivers
 - Initial pilot project in Southern Oregon; focused on facility staff
 - Subsequent pilots to focus on adult foster homes and in-home caregivers
- Peer Support Services
 - Contract with CILs; Independent Living Resources serves as fiscal agent
 - Pre and post move services specific to OTM participant needs and wishes
- Assistive Technology evaluation
 - 36 month evaluation
 - Oregon State University Center for Healthy Aging Research
 - Outcomes-focused
 - Quality of resident life
 - Quality of resident services

- Satisfaction – formal and informal support networks

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Planning for the June MEGA Conference

Marcie Ingledue reported on the MEGA conference that will be held June 25th.

- Individuals can register online or print forms and mail in.
- Stipends are available for families or individuals. A variety of disability organizations have donated money and have different qualifications for stipends.
- Lodging
- Limit of 38 exhibit vendors due to space.
- 70 breakout sessions.
- Awards night and dance night.
- June 5th deadline for award nominations.
- There will be a basket raffle to offset costs and Marcie asked the commission if they would like to donate a basket for the conference.
- Film festival to view the different presentations.
- The website for the MEGA conference is oregonmegaconference.org.
- ODC's timeslot will be 2 and 3:45 p.m. on Thursday.

Jan Campbell reported on the three hotels for the conference. Max Brown explained that this conference will take place of the July full Commission meeting. The next full Commission meeting will be in September.

Ruth McEwen would like printed nametags before the conference if the real nametags are not finished in time.

Marcie Ingledue suggesting creating a document to log dates when issues are being address. This dated log will help the Commission to know when to follow up and document what the Commission is doing throughout the year.

Action Item: Max Brown will email Marcie Ingledue the ODC logo for the website.

Legislative Priorities

Max Brown discussed priority one bills.

- HB 2391 A
- HB 2051
- HB 2442 A
- HB 2599 A
- HB 2600
- HB 3406
- SB 702
- SB 874A

Ruth McEwen suggested talking to Representative Gelsner regarding HB 2442. Ruth suggested if SB 874 A comes up that the Commission should submit written testimony. Ruth reported on Ways and Means hearing for Seniors and People with Disabilities and discussed page 92 of the presentation. There was \$8m in General Fund that seems to have disappeared.

Motion: Jan Campbell made a motion to write a letter to Dr. Goldberg and Mary Gear as to where there are \$8 million General Fund dollars went to. Marcie Ingledue seconded the motion.

Vote: 11-0-0-4

Yeas: Armstrong, Balzell, Campbell, Cunio, Ingledue, McEwen, Pope, Simpson, Stock, Synoground, Treasure

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Helvington, Lynch, Ough, Wellard

Motion carried.

Action Item: Max Brown will check with Bill Lynch to see if he will testify on HB 2599A.

EPD Subcommittee

Ruth McEwen reviewed the EPD minutes with the Commission. Max Brown reported the subcommittee is looking at what other states are doing.

Business Recognition Event

Jan Campbell reported on the Oregon Business Leadership Network. Jan asked for the commission to become a partner with Lucy on organizing awards for the ceremony in October. An example of an award would be akin to the Disabled Oregonian of the year award. Marcie Ingledue would like to adopt this idea into the MEGA Conference. Jan shared that she already has a meeting set up with Bill Lynch, Lucy Baker and herself to discuss this idea.

LIAISON REPORTS (SELECTED)

Judy Cunio reported on the Home Care Commission. Judy shared that there has been a lot of discussion on SB 702.

Max Brown discussed Bill Lynch's draft letter to Scott Burgess. Ruth McEwen would like to include in the letter accessible door openers to the Capitol parking structure. Ruth shared that the parking structure doors lock at 4:30 p.m. and there is no way for individuals with chairs to get out. Ruth has been stuck in the tunnel and had the state police let her out several times. Bob Pope suggested adding electronic reader boards throughout the Capitol. The reader boards could give directions as to meeting rooms and exits. It could also be used to inform the public and staff what to do if there is an emergency in the Capitol.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:58 p.m.