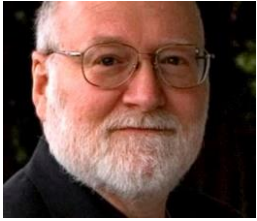


# Governor's Commission on Senior Services



## Jay Bloom

Since 1983, Jay C. Bloom has been providing executive and personal coaching to leaders, managers, and individuals in the private, philanthropic, and governmental sectors who are experiencing a transition in their lives or desiring to strengthen their professional skills and capabilities.

He has been described as a social entrepreneur stimulating change not only for individuals and organizations but for communities as well. Jay served for the second time in 2011 as interim President/CEO of United Way of Columbia –Willamette for ten months. He also served in that role for seven months in 2008. Jay served as the director of the innovative Task Force on Vital Aging sponsored by then Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler in Portland, Oregon. The task force researched best practices for employing and civically engaging older adults and completed a report in March 2008. Prior to that Jay served for 13 years as President/CEO of Morrison Child and Family Services, a \$20 million nonprofit organization that annually serves more than 5,000 children, youth and their families throughout Oregon and Washington and earlier served as a director of nonprofit organizations in Connecticut and Massachusetts for 18 years.



## Vanessa Cornwall

Vanessa has been involved in senior citizen issues since interning with Congressman DeFazio in 2013. She graduated from the University of Oregon with a BS in Sociology in 2013. She currently handles casework and legislative issues with Social Security retirement and disability, Medicare, Healthcare, Health Insurance Marketplace, federal retirees, and Railroad Retirement Board retirees in Eugene.



## Donna Courtney RN, CCM

Donna is a Geriatric Consultant and owner of Adult Living Solutions in Eugene, which provides placement services for seniors and their families who are needing a supported living community. As an RN, she has had the opportunity to work with a full range of clients in need. This includes senior clients as well as clients who are developmentally delayed and with mental health issues. She is an advocate for her clients with health professionals and care communities. She is dedicated to the wellbeing and advocacy of the populations that she serves. She is an Advanced Professional Care Manager with the Aging Life Care Association.



## Katharine Danner

Katharine Danner has served as Executive Director of Ashland At Home (AAH) since 2012. AAH is a nonprofit village that engages and supports members in Ashland and Talent to thrive as they age. She also serves on the Statewide Advisory Committee for the ADRC. She has held professional positions with the Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington, Ashland Schools Foundation, Southern Oregon University, University of California-Davis, California State University-Fresno and U.S. Army Special Services. She has served on Boards of Directors of various local nonprofits and as president of the Rotary Club of Ashland Lithia Springs. Katharine holds a BA from Purdue University and an MS from Indiana University.



### **Walter Dawson**

Walter Dawson, DPhil, is a health and aging policy researcher and a lifelong advocate for people living with Alzheimer's disease. Dawson currently serves an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health with the Global Brain Health Institute at the University of California, San Francisco and is an Adjunct Professor in the Portland State University Institute on Aging. His research focuses on long-term services and

supports financing and public policies that support people living with dementia. Previously, Dawson served as the Director of Research and Analytics at the Oregon Health Care Association in Portland, Oregon and as a Fulbright Scholar to Canada, where he held the Visiting Research Chair in Governance and Public Policy at McMaster University. Dawson has worked extensively in public policy including at the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and at the National Academy of Social Insurance. Dawson holds a master's from the London School of Economics, and a doctorate in social policy from the University of Oxford.



### **Rep. David Gomberg**

Representative Gomberg is a Co-Vice Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, a Co-Chair of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development and serves on the Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government. In addition, he is a member of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services and the Oregon Ocean Science Trust. Rep. Gomberg's legislative efforts have focused on small business tax relief, reviving our public education system, and ensuring independence and dignity for seniors and people with disabilities.



### **Mary Rita Hurley, MPA, RN**

Mary Rita Hurley is recognized nationally as a Speaker, Consultant, & Advocate in the post-acute care industry. Her current appointments in Oregon include the Governor's Commission on Senior Services and The Long-Term Care Administrators Board. Nationally she is a board member of the National Aids Housing Coalition. She is the immediate Past President of the National Gerontological Nurses Association, was the Vice President of Government Affairs for a national nursing organization advocating for quality health care for seniors on Capitol Hill, was the Executive Director of the Oregon Center for Nursing and is currently the Executive Director for Our House of Portland.

Mary Rita's career has been dedicated to improving the health and health care of older adults. As a clinician she has extensive experience in chronic disease management. As a healthcare executive she has held a variety of progressive leadership positions in long term care and senior housing facilities in both urban and rural settings throughout the United States.



### **Mary Jaeger**

Mary Jaeger currently serves as the External Relations Director for the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Her previous roles with the State of Oregon include serving as the Aging Veteran Services Director for the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs and as the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman under Governors Kulongoski and Kitzhaber.

Mary holds master's Degrees in Gerontology and Public Administration from the University of Southern California and is a graduate of Willamette University. She is a first-generation Oregonian. With over 30 years' experience working on behalf of the elderly and children in the child welfare system, Ms. Jaeger is a passionate advocate for at-risk Oregonians.



### **Pamela Latta**

Pamela Latta was born in Chicago, Illinois; raised in Phoenix, Arizona; and married a man from Cincinnati, Ohio. She emigrated to Joseph, Oregon with her husband and three sons in 1976. Mrs. Latta began her 32-year career with DHS Aging and People with Disabilities in 1983, shortly after the formation of the Agency under the leadership of Richard C. Ladd. Throughout her career she worked in every position assigned to Field staff, including Clerical Specialist, Case Manager, Adult Foster Home Licensor, Adult Protective Services Worker, Field Review Specialist, Community and Field Staff

Trainer, Pre-admission Screening Specialist, and Transition/Diversion Specialist. Her job assignments took her throughout Eastern Oregon, traveling Wallowa, Union, Baker, Harney, Grant, Malheur, Umatilla, and Morrow counties. In the late 1980's, Mrs. Latta also worked as a Community Encourager for the Mountain States Health Corporation, chairing the Wallowa County Rural Health Community Decision Making Committee. As a result of the Committee's research and education efforts, local citizens transformed their healthcare system by voting to create the Wallowa County Healthcare District in 1992. Due to her broad community experience, knowledge of healthcare systems, and dedication to the rural lifestyle, Oregon Health Sciences University tapped her to assist with the expansion and implementation of their Department of Family Medicine Rural Residency Program, in which Resident Physicians are sent for six weeks to the Enterprise Winding Waters Clinic to gain practical experience in rural medicine. Mrs. Latta retired at the end of 2015 and now enjoys her work with the GCSS, her seven granddaughters, and NOT having a schedule.



### **Senator Chuck Riley**

State Senator Chuck Riley proudly represents District 15 which includes the cities of Hillsboro, Cornelius, Forest Grove, and North Plains in the Oregon Legislature. In addition to serving on the Governor's Commission on Senior Services, Senator Riley is Chair of the Senate Committee on Business and General Government; Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology; and is a member of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee as well as the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures.



### **Crystal Bowman**

Crystal Bowman, PhD, RN, MSN-Ed., CHSE, CNE, CNE-CI is the Director of Nursing for Oregon Coast Community College in Newport. She is also the part-time hospital educator at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City. In addition to serving on this committee Crystal is also a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Lincoln County. She played an instrumental role in authoring the application for the Emergency Department in Lincoln City to become an Accredited Geriatric Emergency Room. In her career as an RN, she has specialized in the care and treatment of the older adult population, including those with a wide range of special needs. Crystal is passionate about advocating for clients of all ages, preparing future nurses and healthcare professionals to enter the workforce, and on providing healthcare education within the community. Crystal specializes and is certified in healthcare simulation and as a nurse educator both in didactic and clinical settings.



### **Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**

Prior to her GCSS appointment, Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret) was appointed by the Oregon Governor to a four-year term on the Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) where she served as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. During this assignment, she worked closely with ODVA's Director of Aging Veterans Services – working to improve conditions for Oregon's senior veterans.

She is currently making major contributions in support of various veteran and community organizations, which include serving as the Second Vice Chair and Governance Committee Chair on the Military Officers Association of America National Board of Directors, Oregon State President for the Air Force Association, Chair of the United Veterans' Groups of Oregon, President of the Portland Columbia Symphony Board of Directors, and Scholarship Chair for the American Association of University Women Gresham Area Branch.

A Portland native, Mary received her commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force in 1972. Throughout her 30+ year career, she served in a variety of intelligence, personnel policy, administration, contracting, program management, and special duty assignment positions--in the continental United States and overseas in Southeast Asia, Panama (two tours), and Spain. After retiring from the Air Force, she held the position of Senior Director at KBR Government and Infrastructure—responsible for the executive leadership and management of worldwide procurement and supply management operations. Mary holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish/Secondary Education from Marylhurst University and a master's degree in Human Resources Management from Central Michigan University.