

# Minutes

## Abuse Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services June 21, 2007 Department of Human Services

**Attendees:** Peggie Beck (Chair), Elaine Barrett, Jeff Brandon, Eunice Dutton, Marilyn Hinds, Kay Kirkbride, Lucy Morgan, Millie Salt, Kathleen Schonau

**Excused/Absent:** Millie Salt (E),  
**Guests:** Kelly Wessels, Alycia Juber  
**Staff:** Wendy Russell

**Called Meeting to Order 1:05**

**Review Agenda:**

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept as written. Lucy/Marilyn. Passed.**

**Announcements:** Alycia Juber was introduced by Barbara. Introductions were made around the table. Wendy announced that Marc is at the Capitol, per John Helm's request. Lucy shared about the AARP global internet website. She left information about the site for all to be able to review.

Jeff asked about a potential name change for the committee. Eunice noted that the committees are selected during Planning Days, and said that such an action is best left to Planning Days.

### Everyday Heroes Report

Marilyn Hinds reported that they are still looking for someone to help with the 501(c)3 paperwork. They are also looking for officers for a Board of Directors, which is required before they can file papers for the company. Ralph Bond, who is an expert in the field of public relations, will be meeting with Marilyn about the public relations component of Everyday Heroes. There is a visit set up with Kiwanis on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn asked again that she get from Commissioners the organizations/agencies in Commissioners' areas that work on elder abuse.

Marilyn said that she will get from Jan Margosian the number of calls made to the Dept. of Justice abuse hotline last year that were routed to Adult Protective Services. This would be one way to quantify the positive impact of Everyday Heroes. She asked for names of potential candidates to be honored as Everyday Heroes at the Fall recognition ceremony.

## Consideration of Citizen Report

Alycia Juber came and presented about the death of her father in a care facility, and the process she has been through to have the responsible parties be responsible for their actions and inactions.

Alycia explained what she would like the Commission's assistance with on this matter.

**Motion for the Commission to send a letter to Board of Nurses, Pete Shepherd and Governor's office about investigations and enforcement. Marilyn/Elaine. *Passed.***

## Adult Protective Services Continuing Education

Presentation on APS/Elder Abuse Laws- Jeff has been compiling Oregon statutes related to elder abuse.

Discussion of Reports/Handouts- The members discussed the information they were given by Judy Giggy and Valerie Eames, and what would be most helpful for the Committee. There was agreement that the committee should put questions in writing for speakers in advance. Potential questions include:

- What are expectations at the branch level?
- What percentage are reported by mandatory reporters?

Committee members said they would like to see the powerpoint training that APS workers receive, and maybe Morgen Brodie should be invited to talk about the training for APS workers and what the training is geared toward.

Discussion of Potential Speakers- There was discussion of potential speakers for the next meeting.

## HB 3342 Update

Marc reported that this bill is still in Ways & Means, and is part of the Baby Boomer package. There are still a lot of questions concerning funding mechanism for bill. There will be more information tomorrow on the status of the package.

## Agenda Items for Next Meeting

It was suggested to have Greg Moawad talk about criminal/civil prosecution in Washington County (being transferred from Multnomah to Washington County as of July 5<sup>th</sup>).

It was suggested to start with PowerPoint training of APS workers in July. Peggie will contact Judy Giggy and Morgen Brodie. Lucy and Jeff will coordinate members' ideas for what they would like to see in continuing education around the APS system, including questions to ask and how to organize them.

