

Minutes

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

May 25, 2007

Department of Human Services

Members: John Helm, Chair, Elaine Barrett, Jeff Brandon, John Brenne, Patty Brost, Chris Flammang, Chuck Frazier, Marilyn Hinds, Charles Kurtz, Robert Lawrence, Lucy Morgan, Barbara Nelson, Marjorie Reuling, Millie Salt, Joan Staley

Guests: Senator Alan Bates, Senator Ben Westlund, Dolores Hubert, Alycia Juber

Excused: Peggie Beck (E), Denise Dion (E), Eunice Dutton (E), Kay Kirkbride (E), Dolores Raymond (E), Kathleen Schonau (E), Remona Simpson (E), Kelly Wessels (E)

Staff: Lee Girard, Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell

Called Meeting to Order 10:05

Introductions: Were made around the table.

Approval of minutes: **Motion to accept as written. Robert/John B. Passed**

Review Agenda: No additions or corrections.

Announcements

Elaine- Visited Eunice in the hospital but is at home and doing better. A card will be sent.

Peggie had a family emergency, a note will be sent. Denise is on vacation. Kay is on vacation. Dolores Raymond is still ill, a card will be sent. Kathleen's business partner has a family member in hospice care. Kelly had plane issues.

The Attorney General task force on elder abuse is in the process of deciding if there will be a meeting and Marc will let folks know one way or the other as soon as he finds out.

Correspondence

Incoming

| Date Received | From: | Regarding: |
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| 5/22/2007 | Senator Schrader | Co-Chair Budget |
| 4/19/2007 | William Connolly | Housing Issue |
| 5/20/2007 | Rep. Phil Barnhart | HB 2965 and GCSS Priorities |

Outgoing

| Date Sent: | Addressed To: | Regarding: |
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| 5/17/2007 | Joint Ways & Means | Reinvestment of Rebalance money to human services GCSS funding priorities |
| 5/23/2007 | William Connolly | Housing Issue |

Public Input

Dolores H- The Long Term Care Ombudsman would like to thank the Commission for all the support it has given for their budget. It does look like the 2 positions will be added.

Alycia J- Would like have the Commission help in passing some policies or laws that would put some safeguards in place so that what happened to her father and other folks in a nursing home in 1998 won't happen again. Barbara will get in touch with her. Alycia will also give a presentation to the Elder Abuse Committee at the June 21st meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive (John Helm)- The full Commission received what the Executive Committee has been working on which is just an adjustment to the legislative agenda.

Elder Abuse (Jeff Brandon)- Judy Giggy and Valerie Eames came and discussed data on adult protective services cases. They are continuing training for field workers to give more standardized reporting.

The legislative on conservator/guardianship still has not been heard in committee.

Marilyn reported on Everyday Heroes. **Members: Send Marilyn information on local agencies regarding elder abuse and what they do.**

Elaine brought up the idea of having a mini retreat in December to review the workplans and accomplishments of the Commission. This would also be a good time to discuss what information was received at the future of long-term care forums the Commission plans to hold in the fall. The Commission will need creative ideas to spend their budget wisely.

Marc – discussed the DHS reshoot and rebalance, DHS is asking to use the funds saved to enhance programs in DHS.

Lee – Doesn't believe that because GCSS did not use their full budget this year that they will be penalized and given less in the next biennium. The Commission saved money because SPD paid for meetings that coincided with forums. The Commission also saved money by having Executive Committee meetings via the telephone instead of in person.

Mental Health (Chuck Frazier)

Bob Lawrence gave highlights on the Mental Health Caucus that was held yesterday. Things discussed included front-end mental health services, the state hospital, surplus OLCC funds and the money available in the DHS reshoot.

With the county funds shortfalls due to the timber funds many counties are considering giving the social services back to the state to fund.

Lynn Hanson (SPD – Traumatic Head Injuries) and Rebecca Curtis (AMH) attended.

Chris - Federal bill on Traumatic Health Injuries, Veterans registry, etc.

Rebecca discussed support of the MH bill (senior mental health). Gina?

Tentative letter from GCSS: Bob read. (difference from state hospital and community services).

MOTION: Send letter to Margaret Carter regarding mental health services - today. (John Brenne/Marilyn Hinds) Passed.

Reported on study that those with mental health issues untreated die up to 25 years earlier, and discussion on integrating behavioral and physical health services.

Treatment of the whole patient. Mental health policy option packages for 2009-2011.

Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care Reform (Chris Flammang)

SB 364 – amendment - diverse of geographically and age groups representation.

Discussion about John Kitzhauper and AARP.

Bob had a copy of Portland Metro Show that he, Charles and Kay were part of. There will be another show on the 3rd of June Charles, Robert & Patty will be appearing. It will be a call in show and Bob hopes to get a call from the Governor. The producer also has Thursday night radio talk show that he is interested in having senior issues discussed on.

Nancy Talbot and Erika Miller gave presentation on what the Presumptive Medicaid Disability Determination Team does.

Patty Whitney Wise asked us to support 2 bills. **HB 2634 Senior Farmers Market Coupons. Move to support HB 2634 with a letter. John B./Patty. Passed. Bob also noted that the Commission was asked to support HB 3139 with a letter asking for a referral to a subcommittee. Barbara/John B—Passed.**

ACTION ITEM: Staff to draft letters on both bills, to send out on behalf of the Commission in the next few days.

The PBS digital towers were discussed. It will be shifted to executive committee. SB 994 & 995.

The Commission has put together a plan to reach out to legislators. HB 2965 was discussed and John explained how it would work in tandem with SB996. An amendment is at legislative counsel to include into SB996 to fund the GCSS priorities. It is a redirection of funds from the money saved by passing HB2965. Marc and John met with the chair of the revenue committee to discuss SB996 also called the omnibus. Members and staff have also been preparing members of ways & means for this bill. At this point they are trying to close the loop on the language that is being drafted. Marc anticipates the language to be finished very soon. He will let members know the correct bill number and reminded Commissioners to include the baby boomer bill as the relating clause when they talk to legislators. Please include in the talking points that this is senior money going into a senior investment. Marc will forward information as soon as it is received.

New Business

Annual Celebration- An event in the fall Recognize volunteers & advocates. Eunice, John Brenne, Patty Brost, Lucy Morgan, Marjorie Reuling, Joan Staley will be the committee.

Meetings this Fall- Committee Charles, Barbara, Robert, Chuck and Marc will contact Peggie to see if she would like to join.

Health Care Reform in Oregon

Senator Bates
Senator Westlund

A handout was provided.

There was 13 billion spent in 2005 for medical expenses.

Enough money in the system for 100 percent access for every Oregonian. The resources just need to be reallocated and spent in a more productive manner. An emphasis should be on primary and preventative care. Claims requests and forms should be standardized for all health plans with a policy for electronic medical records. With primary and preventative care it would reduce the demand for high tech care and end of disease cycle care. Health plans need to ensure transparency of price, cost and quality. There should be a certificate of need.

The pool of money is created by Medicaid and uninsured but may be offered to companies and such.

There would be language in the bill so that folks can't come from other states and use the system immediately.

SB 329 is a roadmap to make the change to do the work that needs to be done and put together the committees.

There would be a management board would include consumers and payers. The Governor would appoint 7 members. They would include those with demonstrated commitment to Oregon. The beginning focus would be to get the critical delivery system set up. It would also be charged with implementing reforms for higher reimbursement rates to certain physicians so they can afford to see Medicare patients, these would include primary care physicians as well as internists.

The Senators answered various questions from the Commissioners.

SPD Update

Cathy Cooper

It was Older Americans Month in May.

Debbie Bowers gave an update yesterday in Legislative Committee on what the Department was working on. Starting Wednesday and for the next 3 weeks that everyone will be on one-hour call and someone will be contacting divisions about hearings. The subcommittee notified the Department that there would be a work session on the budget next week or the following week. There is a \$33 million savings for the Department due to caseload reductions and is asking that it be reinvested in the department budget to cover what was not funded in the co-chairs budget. There were no program cuts but nothing was restored either.

- Money follows the person grant from CMS – allows Oregon to leverage additional federal Medicaid funds to relocate children, people with disabilities and seniors out of institutions to community settings. Trying to explain with money follows the person with baby boomer, etc.

Older American Act has open grants for aging and people with disabilities Oregon is now eligible to apply and they are hoping to use the money to open one stop centers for assistance. Start creating centers that would have all information available and could possibly expand to rural areas of state.

Add new staff for long term plan and community based tool kit.

- Aging in Stride from NCOA book for resource room.

Invite Joyce to talk about real choices access grant at next meeting.

Staff Updates

Lee Girard
Marc Overbeck

Lee-The staff upstairs operating under assumption that Operation Project Independence (OPI) will be getting \$16.6 million. They are working on the modernization act to expand to include people with disabilities. Lynda Dyer will be sending draft rule changes to staff for the Commission to look at and comment on before formal public comment. They are presenting training for case managers to help them work with younger people with physical disabilities. There was family caregiver program training for staff that implements the program recently. The Lifespan Respite bill has made it most of the way thru legislature that reasserts importance and clarifies role of state and local programs although there is no funding attached to the bill but it will allow expansion if funding is available. At this point it is on house floor. In the DHS reshoot they are discussing the technical adjustment of moving the lifespan respite program to the directors office. PDAC would like to partner about nursing home capacity issues and their impact with GCSS. They would also like explore the possibility of the Governor doing like he did with the food stamp issue by trying to live on the level of income those who live on Social Security for a month.

Marc- Recently attended a workshop on life by design. It focused on healthy lifestyles and livability as we age. It is designed to help employees think about retirement and post retirement.

Marc is also starting on a new work plan for the Commission and will take it to the Executive Committee once he has it finished.

Wendy- Went over the travel reimbursements and how the checks will now be disbursed.

Adjourn 2:50

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