

# Minutes

## Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services

March 7, 2008  
676 Church Street, Salem

**Members:** John Helm (Chair), Eunice Dutton (Vice-Chair), Elaine Barrett, Peggie Beck, Denise Dion, Chuck Frazier, and Remona Simpson

**Excused:** Robert Lawrence

**Staff:** Becky Murphy and Marc Overbeck

### ***Call Meeting to Order***

#### **Approval of January Minutes**

**MOTION: Approval of minutes as written.** (Remona Simpson/Elaine Barrett).  
*Passed.*

**Review Agenda** – Marc requested to add under Other Items: the Ontario Meeting in May and Health Fund Board update.

#### **Announcements**

- Eunice reported on her vacation in April.
- John reported he will be representing GCSS at the Transportation Budget Note meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> and the Long Range Planning Meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Marc gave a brief summary of what is expected at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Chuck reported the Archimedes Movement received a generous grant through Meyer Memorial Trust for 2008.

#### **Staff Updates**

Marc reported:

- He drafted testimony during February's Legislative Session.
- A summary of bills tracked by SPD will soon be distributed to stakeholders.
- He drafted many letters of support for bills.
- Debbie requested input to cost out components of Mental Health needs. She also requested to attend the Mental Health Committee March meeting. Possibly have Jim Davis also.
- The prospective members have now been appointed commissioners.
- The Elder Abuse Committee members had a conference call to discuss next steps on guardianship. Travis Wall is giving his support, and Patty Little will attend

March's meeting.

- He assisted members with their presentation to the Health Fund Board.
- Peggie and John Brenne were part of conference call to discuss Ontario logistics.
- There were much outgoing correspondence.
- Time for his performance evaluation.
- The Oregon Center of Public Policy (because of Deficit Reduction Act strategy) has requested GCSS to sign on with many groups to send letters to the congressional delegation in regard to harmful medications. Denise commented this affects Mental Health issues also. Marc reported the deadline is today.

**MOTION: Sign on with the Oregon Center of Public Policy.** (Denise Dion/Remona Simpson) *Passed.*

**ACTION: Marc will contact the Oregon Center of Public Policy this afternoon.**

**MOTION: GCSS to send an individual letter also.** (Eunice Dutton/Remona Simpson) *Passed.*

### **Discussion Items**

- **Working Committee Updates/Agendae:**

**Mental Health Committee** – Denise reported on January's meeting and the decision to continue working on older adult suicide prevention. Denise is happy about Debbie Bowers attending the committee meeting. She would prefer that Jim Davis not be invited to March's meeting, but possibly at another time. Possible Mental Health issues: mental health integrated with primary care, suicide prevention, geriatric mental health specialists, PASSAR – nursing homes, and community based services for long-term mental health illness with separate addiction services.

**Elder Abuse Committee** – Peggie reported on the committee's conference call: no real stats on needs, and no ideas on how to proceed. Patty Little has been invited to discuss Oregon. Adult Protective Services' Manager, Marie Cervantes, will be invited to attend also.

**Caregivers Committee** – Remona plans to have Jan Karlen give an update on Alzheimer's Unit and Judy Bowen on caregiver programs and the State Unit on Aging. She plans to invite Julia Huddleson to the April meeting to give an update on Money Follows the Person.

**ACTION: Chairs inform Marc on agendas by Wednesday, March 12, 2008.**

**Legislature & Advocacy Committee** – No update given since Robert is on vacation.

- **Budget Update**

Elaine reported on all the problems understanding GCSS expenditures in comparison to the budget. She had many questions in which she hoped Claudia could clarify that afternoon. One of the questions was about the rationale of GCSS expenditures charged to matching federal funds.

John suggested asking “how is the allocation done” and “what justification for federal match?” Discussion on GCSS statutory charge of budget reviews.

- **Orientation for March**

Marc reviewed the proposed agenda for the three-four hour training and the table of contents for the manual. He would like assistance from several commissioners on part of the training (Eunice, Chuck, and John Brenne).

The training will be for new members and a refresher for all members who are encouraged to attend.

Marc is planning new and older and in-between members to review the manual draft (Remona, Lucy, Chris, and Marjorie). Chuck mentioned SB 310 made changes to “ethics” and “conflict of interest.” John suggested requesting an outline from the Ethics Commission. It was suggested that the Nuts & Bolts be expanded, adding more time, adjourning 4:30-5:00.

- **Calendar/Planning Days**

Discussion whether to have Planning Days in June or July, preference on the coast---Astoria or Newport. Availability of 22 to 27 rooms, and all other pertinent information to be brought to the March meeting to be discussed and voted on.

- **March GCSS Agenda**

Marc reviewed the proposed March agenda. Mary Gear is scheduled to attend---she will be asked to give an update on facilities (medications, new staffing rules, quality of staffing), moratorium information/update, and new not-for-profit facilities. Judy Giggy will be demonstrating a new website, and Claudia Black will discuss the Governor’s priorities and policies.

### **Other Items—Good of the Order**

- **Ontario Meeting in May**

Marc reported on proposed travel information by car and plane. Discussion also included on parking at the airport, rentals, etc. Peggie and John B. hope the plan

would be to model the Lake Oswego approach on Thursday. It was suggested that on Friday, during the Legislature Committee, use the time all public issues. It would be great to have a brief summary of the legislative session to handout.

Marc contacted Sandy Hata, SPD Manager, who is happy to help with outreach, etc. Discussion on possible networking contacts and providers. Marc will work with the chairs.

- **Health Fund Board Update**

Chuck and Peggie reported on the panel's (Chuck, Peggie, and Robert) presentation. It went well, they received positive feedback. It was felt copies of the power point presentation should be in the March meeting packet. Marc will send a follow-up letter.

- **Business Cards**

After the last meeting there were mixed opinions on computer-generated or printed business cards.

**MOTION: Furnish new members with temporary business cards and look at issue at Planning Days.** (Elaine Barrett/Eunice Dutton) Passed.

Name badges also need to be ordered for the new members.

**Adjourned.**