

Minutes

Governor's Commission on Senior Services Keizer Training Center July 28, 2006

Members: John Helm (chair), Eunice Dutton (vice-chair), Peggie Beck, John Brenne, Denise Dion, Chris Flammang, Chuck Frazier, Marilyn Hinds, Kay Kirkbride, Charles Kurtz, Robert Lawrence, Barbara Nelson, Dolores Raymond, Kathleen Schonau, Remona Simpson, Joan Staley, Kelly Wessels

Guests: Lee Girard, Lynda Dyer, Ruth McEwen, Mike Volpe, Karen Showers, James Toews, Cathy Cooper, Rita Conrad, Sue Stoner

Excused: Jack Roberts

Absent

Staff: Morgen Brodie, Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell

Called Meeting to Order

Introductions: Members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of June minutes: The minutes of the June GCSS meeting in Salem were approved as distributed.

Review Agenda: No changes to the agenda were made.

Announcements

Members announced upcoming events and recent learnings.

Staff Updates

Marc discussed upcoming plans for GCSS Planning Days.

Morgen discussed the Customer Survey/Staff Evaluation that members were asked to complete.

Correspondence

Marc distributed the correspondence file.

Public Input

Ruth Shepherd thanked the Commission for its work on the Future of Long-Term Care Forums, and discussed some concerns regarding long-term care insurance and health maintenance organizations.

Discussion of the Report to Governor on the Future of Long-Term Care

Marc reminded members that at the last meeting a workgroup was set up to develop the draft report for member review. The group has had one conference call so far. We are in the process of setting up a schedule of meetings for the workgroup. Marc went over the handout he distributed. The question Marc posed was “is the full Commission willing to empower this workgroup to develop a full draft, including draft recommendations for review and approval?” General consensus was yes. Kelly would like to be added to the workgroup.

Oregon Project Independence Presentation

Lee Girard, Lynda Dyer

Lee answered various questions about the operations of OPI. Money is drawn after it is expended. There is no income or asset testing for this program. AAA can prioritize delivery of services based on many factors. As long as they are not in conflict with state rules, local AAAs can add rules. State is required to maintain services that are currently on their caseload.

Lee sent out 3 questions: When is money determined to be “sufficient” to expand the program” How much money should be spend on people with disabilities, vis-à-vis seniors? What type of services should be available for people with disabilities? Marc stated that PDAC and GCSS are looking to combine their talents and respond together with a single proposed policy. Lee would be happy if GCSS and PDAC wanted to work together on answers to these questions.

Discussion with PDAC Representatives

Ruth McEwen, Karen Showers & Mike Volpe gave a brief history of PDAC, noting that the idea was to come up with a stronger group than OADSAC was perceived to be. Questions were asked by GCSS members.

The PDAC members affirmed they would like to develop a joint proposal on how they would like to see the expansion of OPI carried out.

MOTION: To develop a task force between PDAC and GCSS to figure out how to work together collaboratively and to come up with recommendations on OPI. Kay/Kathleen. *Passed.* Eunice, Peggie, Remona offered to be of assistance on this.

Annual Celebration

The Annual Celebration will be held October 26th at Creekside Golf Course from 4:30-6:30.

DHS/SPD Update**James Toews, Cathy Cooper**

James reported that the Community Forums were a tremendous of work, but fun--and the kind of thing that should be done more often. He believes they will add more credibility to the final plan and that everyone who participated learned a lot.

James said that one of the issues that has emerged is “how do we put together a community plan?” Talk to foundations for comprehensive community programs. Mission needs to change and look at how we relate to individuals and communities as a whole. He would like to start the next round of planning as soon as next spring, and involve city planners, mayors, etc.

James said the 2nd of the Future of Long Term Care workplan will be more detailed, will help connect the dots and show how the profile of the “new system” might look. There may be public meetings for greater input.

In this round, there is no proposing of any major changes in the budget, but he would like some legislative buy-in on the long range plan, and to get the legislature’s endorsement for waivers and changes in federal law. We won’t have applied by the time legislature starts.

James answered questions and listened to members’ comments.

Oregon Progress Board Conversation**Rita Conrad**

Rita Conrad, who is the Acting Director for the Board, gave a history of Oregon Shines and the Progress Board. There are 90 benchmarks at this time, of which two relate directly to seniors. Rita and Julia Brown, who is the data contact for SPD, answered questions from Commissioners.

Review of Proposed Independent Choices Rules**Sue Stoner**

Sue explained Independent Choices to the Commissioners.

Health, Abuse & Long-Term Care Report**Marilyn Hinds**

The long range plan was reviewed.

Mental Health**Elaine Barrett**

C.J. Reid and Ann Uhler from OMHAS spoke to the group. The Older Mental Health Profile was reviewed and explained.

Legislative Advocacy**Robert Lawrence**

MOTION: Send a letter to the Governor & a copy to Dr. Goldberg to include \$11 million for Equity included in the DHS base budget. Robert/John B. Passed.

General Issues

Eunice Dutton

Eunice reviewed the workplan for the committee.

GCSS Planning Days

Marc reported that Marla Rae is the facilitator for the majority of planning days, and that the workgroup has outlined the general process. The major theme, as we have said, is helping Oregon prepare for the future. The 40 topics from community forums will be sent to members, and they will be asked to identify 2 issues of most importance—either from that list or not. Then, the Commission will be polled again, and asked to give their top 10 choices which they believe most strongly GCSS should be working on the next 2 years, as well as identify specific goals. For each. The handout of the flowchart of GCSS criteria for consideration was handed out. Complete packets will be sent out prior to the beginning of Planning Days on September 20.

Member Submitted Items

Chris/Joan reported on genealogical associations around country. Chris talked about a visa card he had been invited to apply for, and he got approved within 5 minutes—he was concerned about people being bombarded with offers for “easy money.”

Eunice moved to send a letter to Smith and Wyden on the Commission’s concerns at having the Social Security Number printed on Medicare cards. Kathleen/Chris. *Passed.*

Elaine said she would like something on agenda at Planning Days about restructuring the meetings.

Dolores asked about legislative concepts for SPD. Robert handed out a list which had been distributed in the Legislative Committee. She has a serious concern around adult foster homes and the Home Alone program. Dolores asked if the Ballot Measures information going into the Voters Pamphlet could include a projection of the increased cost as baby boomers age. Marc explained about the price tag committee.

Adjourn 3:01