

# Minutes

## General Issues Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services May 27, 2004 Keizer, Oregon

**Attendees:** Eunice Dutton, Chair; Elton Greeley, Vice Chair; Mariana Bornholdt; John Brenne; Helen Liere; Bob Lawrence; Elaine Barrett; Dolores Raymond; Remona Simpson; Maria Smith; and Don Butsch

**Staff:** Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry Whitehead  
**Absent-:** Dolores Hubert; Barbara Nelson, and Harvey Roth

### *Called Meeting to Order*

Approved April 2004 Minutes with revisions.

### **ARC 72-hours Disaster Preparedness Kits**

The grant for the American Red Cross 72-hours disaster kits has been approved. 350 kits will be going out to Clackamas County 60 days from May 1, 2004 and another 150 kits will be going out to NE Portland. This is a major success for the Commission. Thanks to Eunice and Helen for all of their work. An informational web site regarding disaster preparedness is "Ready.gov."

### **Identity Theft Poster**

The poster is almost done; we are changing out a few pictures to better represent the population. Also included on the poster will be the 800 number for the Federal Trade Commission and the new Governor's Commission on Senior Services logo. We will be sending a poster (11"X 17") and a flyer (8.5"X 11") to senior centers, libraries, senior volunteer programs, AAAs, churches, DHS offices, etc. We also discussed the possibility of putting a copy of the flyer into the Senior News, Generations, and the Senior Times.

### **Financial Abuse Coalition Update**

The Committee proposed to down size their efforts, instead of a kick off week, they are going to coincide their efforts with the "Boomers" and Senior Expo on February 19, 20, & 21, 2005. They are trying to get a booth at the Expo, have the Governor sign the proclamation (possible media event), implement workshops, have guest speakers, and hand out "tool kits" which is a packet of brochures, magnets, and resources to prevent financial abuse.

## **Transportation Programs in Non-Metro areas in Oregon (John Brenne)**

Counties surveyed felt they were generally meeting most needs of the elderly. However, hours of operation for transportation services were limited. Not all needs are being met. Providers can use more money. Higher gasoline/diesel prices and higher insurance rates are creating a financial hardship for providers. Public Transit Division, Special Transportation Fund Program could use GCCS' help to design a planning model. Senate Bill 180, requires Indian tribes to be treated as governing bodies. They should be receiving STF allocations; however, the administrative rules are still in draft form.

## **End of Life Committee Update**

Copies of the "Draft" Resource Guide for End-of-Life Decisions and Planning and a survey was handout to the committee to take to their community for review. Jane-ellen has asked committee members to mail or fax back their survey results.

<b>Action Item:</b>	<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
Distribute "Draft" Resource Guide for End of Life Decisions and Planning" to local communities with a survey for comment. The survey results can be mailed and faxed back Sherry and Jane-ellen.	Commission Members	6/15/04