

Minutes

General Issues Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services September 23, 2004 Keizer, Oregon

Attendees: Eunice Dutton, Chair; Remona Simpson, Vice Chair; Dolores Raymond; Elton Greeley; Bob Lawrence; Don Butsch; Elaine Barrett; and Dolores Hubert

Guests: Marilyn Hinds

Staff: Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry Whitehead

Excused: Maria Smith, Barbara Brewer-Nelson and Mariana Bornholdt

Called Meeting to Order

Approved August 2004 Minutes.

Announcements

Discussed a handout from Eunice Dutton regarding, "If Terror Strikes Are You Ready."

Elton Greeley acknowledged that September has been declared Public Disaster Preparedness month.

Disaster Preparedness

Discussed sending a letter to the SACs requesting input on their local disaster preparedness plan. For disaster preparedness within long term care facilities we have decided to ask Jim Carlson, Oregon Health Care Association, to speak at the October General Issues Committee Meeting. Also, we are looking at establishing a panel on disaster preparedness to put on the agenda for the O4AD Conference in January of 2005.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Invite John Carlson, Oregon Health Care Association, to the October meeting to talk about the long-term care component.		
Develop a panel on disaster preparedness for the O4AD conference in January 2005	Jane-ellen	10/15/04

End-of-Life Resource Guide

We reviewed a copy of the End-of-Life Resource Guide. Three thousand copies will be ordered for the Senior and Boomer Expo and the rest of the copies will be disseminated to Senior Centers and AAAs (approximately two copies to each location) along with ordering information. Also, a press release will be used to publicize the ordering information.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Send Guide to Robie Eldridge (past member) because he started the project.	Sherry	10/15/04
Order 3,000 copies of End-of-Life Resource Guide. Send two to every Senior Center and AAA with information on how to order more.	Jane-ellen	10/15/04
Press release regarding ordering information for the End-of-life Resource Guide.	Jane-ellen	10/15/04
Review old “Baby Boomers Report” created by the Commission. Bring back recommendations to next month’s General Issues Committee meeting.	Jane-ellen	10/20/04
ID Theft Poster		
Reviewed the updated ID Theft Poster. Some additions were made: We will be adding statements such as, “Check your credit reports every year, Report identity theft to the police”, etc. We will also develop a tri-fold to send along with the posters to Senior Centers, AAAs, and Social Security offices.		
Financial Abuse Coalition		
The Coalition is in the process of developing a 20-page booklet that includes examples of scams, reverse mortgages, predatory lending, insurance scams, etc. AARP will be covering much of the printing and postage on this brochure. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is covering the cost of the fans, which will include their information. The fans are to be passed out at the Senior Expo. During the Governor’s proclamation at the beginning of the “kick off” week Commission members will be asked to visit and pass out cookies to legislators.		
Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Schedule one of the local meetings for Jan Margosian at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. (Call John Brenne).		
Date all paperwork		
Work plan		
Reviewed the “draft” of the General Issues Committee’s work plan. This discussion resulted in the following motion:		
MOTION: Recommend to the full Commission approval of the final work plan. (John Brenne) <i>Passed</i>		

Legislative Priorities

1. Transportation
2. Accessible housing and low-income housing
3. ID theft – stiffer penalties for repeat offenders
4. Manufactured housing
5. Abuse and Exploitation – around financial abuse
6. Disaster preparedness

Next Meeting

- Presentation from Jim Carlson, Oregon Health Care Association
- Review the “A study of the future mental health and addiction needs of Oregon’s Baby Boomers”