

Minutes	<p align="center">Health, Abuse and Long Term Care Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services December 9, 2004 Department of Human Services</p>
	<p>Attendees: Estill Deitz, Chair; Eunice Dutton; Jack Ewing; John Helm; Marilyn Hinds; Dolores Hubert; Kay Kirkbride; Tim Malone; Ed Payton; Jack Roberts and Maria Smith</p>
<p>Excused: Mary Harvey; Ham Jackson; Linda Miller; and Marjorie Reuling Staff: Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry Whitehead</p>	
<i>Called Meeting to Order</i>	
Approved October 2004 Minutes.	
Announcements	
Jack Ewing brought in an article for review. <i>“Italy’s Senior Citizens Turn to Support Stranger,”</i> The Eugene Register-Guard International, Saturday Oct. 30, 2004. A14	
The Insurance Division is revising the long-term care insurance rules OAR 836-052-0500 to 836-052-0645; The last day for public comment is December 17, 2004.	
Medicare Modernization Act: Part D	
<p>The Committee has concerns with the programs six-week transition from client’s current prescription plan to a new plan. This time frame is too short for clients to try and make a comprehensive decision on their prescription needs. There are concerns with the lack of funding for training of front line staff and the public. There is a fear that organizations developing drug plans will be concerned with their bottom line; giving clients less effective/high side effect drugs that are cheaper than the proven more expensive drugs. The Committee has decided to: Continue to advocate with the Congressional Delegation regarding the “donut hole” and the definition of institutional care (nursing facilities vs. community-based care; work with CMS to revise rules or modify the rules to try and make this program “user” friendly; work with CMS to provide funding for training of the front line staff and grass roots public education; and when plans sign, assist the business that provide the plans to understand the needs of seniors and people with disabilities.</p>	
<p>MOTION: Write a letter to AARP, CMS, and the Congressional Delegation regarding the Commissions concerns with six-week transition time into the Part D Prescription Drug Program. (Eunice Dutton) <i>Passed</i></p>	
<p>MOTION: Write a letter to CMS and the Congressional Delegation regarding funding for the training of front line staff and grass roots public education. (Tim Malone) <i>Passed</i></p>	
<p>MOTION: Write a letter to CMS, the Congressional Delegation, and AARP</p>	

regarding the donut hole in the Part D Prescription Drug Program. (Marilyn Hinds)
Passed

MOTION: Write a letter to AARP including a simple yet educational piece about MMA Part D to put in their national newsletter. (Marilyn Hinds) *Passed*

OHP Update (Tina Kitchin, SPD)

Discussed the Governor's six principals within his recommended budget. The three major users of the General Fund are Corrections, Education, and Human Services with SPD and OMAP as the major users in DHS. Vision and dental will not be funded for adults and there will be limits on pharmacy benefits. The Governor's Recommended Budget is a starting point for discussion within the legislative session.

APS Update (Morgan Bordie, SPD)

Discussed how the number of staff is earned for APS work. Determination has been through the number of reports completed vs. the number of complaints investigated. They are in the process of clarifying activities. Once an allegation of abuse has been reported, they are responsible for determining the severity of the situation, if there seems to be a legitimate issue, they must have a face-to-face with the victim within 2 hours or by the end of the next working day. The most common complaint reported at this time is self-neglect. APS is modifying the current system to include the "APS Risk Management" program, this program activates follow up with the victim and allows for possible re-intervention. They are trying to increase consistency and disseminate best practices. The Governor's budget APS has been allotted 25 additional investigative staff.

Action Item	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Write a letter to AARP, CMS, and the Congressional Delegation regarding the Part D Prescription Drug Program's short transition time.	Jane-ellen	1/26/05
Write a letter to AARP, CMS and the Congressional Delegation regarding the "Donut Hole."	Jane-ellen	1/26/05
Write a letter to CMS and the Congressional Delegation regarding funding for the training of front line staff and grass roots public education.	Jane-ellen	1/26/05
Write a letter to AARP including a simple yet educational piece about MMA Part D to put in their national newsletter.	Jane-ellen	1/26/05
Set a meeting with Morgan Brodie, Ruth McEwen, and GGSS after the legislative session to look at abuse statute revision.	Sherry	5/1/05