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Governor's Commission on Senior Services meets in Medford September 24 and 25

The Governor's Commission on Senior Services will meet in Medford September 24 and 25 at the Red Lion Hotel, Siskiyou Conference Room, 200 North Riverside Avenue.

On September 24 the commission will host roundtable discussions at which local service providers and consumers of services will meet with the commission to discuss the needs of seniors. The public is invited to participate and provide input. At 3 p.m. a public forum opportunity will be available for citizens to talk with the commission about the needs of seniors in urban and rural communities.

On September 25 the commission will conduct its business meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The commission will have lunch at the Medford Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. to talk with citizens about the needs of their community.

Agenda: September 24 agenda items include roundtable discussion on caregiver supports and senior safety, 8 – 9:45 a.m.; roundtable discussion on housing, transportation, and volunteerism, 10 – 11:50 a.m.; roundtable discussion on wellness, mental health and health care reform, 1 – 2:50 p.m.; and a public forum on community needs, 3 – 5:00 p.m. September 25 agenda items include commission business, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

The agenda is posted on the Governor's Commission on Senior Services Web site.

The Governor's Commission on Senior Services is charged in Oregon statute with advising the governor and the director of the Department Human Services on needs of elderly persons, and recommending actions by the Governor, DHS, other governmental entities and the private sector, appropriate to meet such needs.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for individuals requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials. Individuals needing these types of accommodations should call DHS at 1-800-282-8096 at least five days in advance of the meeting.

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