

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Wednesday • December 3, 2008 • 10:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.

Comfort Suites (Board Room) • 630 Hawthorne Street SE Salem, Oregon 97301

CAREGIVER SUPPORTS AND SENIOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elaine Barrett
Jeffrey Brandon
Chuck Frazier
John Helm

Robert Lawrence
Barbara Nelson
Kathleen Schonau
Remona Simpson

Joan Staley

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ross Mathews
Marilyn Patton

GUESTS:

Judy Bowen
May Martin

Tim McQueary
Peggie Beck

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator
Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Announcements

Public Comment

Family Caregiver Support Update

Lifespan Respite Update

Finalize Workplan

Agenda Items for January Meeting

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Remona Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Bob Lawrence and Jeffry Brandon asked for 5 minutes each on the agenda.

Motion: Bob Lawrence moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Elaine Barrett seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0-5

Yeas: Barrett, Brandon, Frazier, Lawrence, Nelson, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Helm, Mathews, Patton, Schonau, Staley

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Elaine Barrett moved to approve the minutes. Bob Lawrence seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0-5

Yeas: Barrett, Brandon, Frazier, Lawrence, Nelson, Simpson

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Helm, Mathews, Patton, Schonau, Staley

Motion carried.

Announcements

Jeffry Brandon distributed a handout and discussed the following:

- Continue Adult Protective Services (APS) education by having APS provide updates monthly at the committee meetings.
- Incapacity Project that involves tracking incidences of incapacity in Oregon.
- Better coordination between APS and Everyday Heroes regarding providing information on how to report Elder Abuse.

Action Item: Jeffry Brandon will deliver an Everyday Heroes poster to Dawn Rustrum so she can review the information listed on the poster.

Action Item: Dawn Rustrum will research the phone number used on poster.

Bob Lawrence discussed Policy Option Package 153 and suggested that the committee continue to support it even though it did not make it into the Governor's recommended budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORTS UPDATE

Judy Bowen, SPD, distributed a handout and discussed:

- Annual training
- Providing technical assistance
- Study of Caregivers
- Statewide outreach
- Grants
- Native American Caregiver Conference
- Evidence based programs
- Home Style Direct Program in Idaho

Judy Bowen distributed a Tribal Liaison Report and discussed the differences between the tribes and information on demographics and racial and ethnic differences among older adults in long term care services.

LIFESPAN RESPITE UPDATE

May Martin, Lifespan Respite Coordinator, DHS, distributed handouts and discussed the current status of the Lifespan Respite program and improvements/changes that are being made. May shared that she has been working with stakeholders and advocates on developing a strategic plan for the program and that an advisory council will be forming in January.

Action Item: May Martin will email additional information to Dawn Rustrum on the advisory council and when their meetings will be held so Dawn can distribute information to the commission.

FINALIZE WORKPLAN

Remona Simpson asked the members to review the workplan.

Topics/Issues	Goals	Strategies
Family Caregiver Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education & Awareness for GCSS members ▪ Seek funding for family caregiver supports ▪ Seek additional funding for Non-Medicaid support services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Educate Local Communities & Review POPs ▪ Support legislation for funding for caregiver supports ▪ Support OPI and support SPD's draft Long Range Plan
Protection of Vulnerable Adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abuse Reporting ▪ Financial Abuse/ Money Management ▪ Guardianship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Educate citizens on how to report Senior abuse ▪ Reduce level of financial abuse of Seniors ▪ Support Guardianship concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support DHS policy option packages ▪ Provide information in local communities on money management ▪ Continue education on financial abuse and ID theft ▪ Continue liaison participation in guardianship workgroup

Motion: Elaine Barrett moved to approve the workplan as presented. Joan Staley second the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-4

Yeas: Barrett, Brandon, Frazier, Lawrence, Nelson, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Helm, Mathews, Patton, Schonau

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY MEETING

Remona reviewed the following agenda items for the January committee meeting:

- 15 minutes Legislative update from Bob Lawrence
- 30 minutes for Adult Protective Services to present updates
- 15 minutes for Jeffry regarding Advance Directives
- Update from Judy Bowen on Caregiver Supports

Bob Lawrence talked about the abuse reporting tracking system.

Motion: Bob Lawrence moved that the Caregiver Supports and Senior Safety Committee recommend that the Legislative and Advocacy Committee track the abuse reporting database legislation. Elaine Barrett seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-4

Yeas: Barrett, Brandon, Frazier, Lawrence, Nelson, Simpson, Staley

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Helm, Mathews, Patton, Schonau

Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:38 A.M.