

Minutes

Elder Abuse Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services April 24, 2008 Department of Human Services

Attendees: Peggie Beck (Chair), Jeff Brandon (Vice-Chair), Elaine Barrett, Eunice Dutton, John Helm, Lucy Morgan, and Remona Simpson

Excused/Absent: Marjorie Reuling and Kathleen Schonau

Guests: John Brenne, Patty Brost, Meredith Cote, Lynda Dyer, Patti Little, Ross Mathews, Timothy McQueary, Barbara Nelson, Millie Salt, and Joan Staley

Staff: Becky Murphy, Marc Overbeck, and Dawn Rustrum

Called Meeting to Order

Introductions – Introductions were made by members and guests.

Review Agenda – No changes were made.

Approval of March Minutes – MOTION: Approved minutes as written.
(Remona Simpson/Eunice Dutton) *Passed.*

Announcements: None

Next Steps on Public Guardianship

Marc reported on SB 116 and HB 3342 and the results of a national search on public guardianship. Eunice reported on the noon presentation on the Money Management Program.

Patti Little referred to last month's handouts, discussing survey criteria and using public guardianship as a last resort. There was discussion regarding whether or not a survey would be beneficial as well as who would be surveyed. Possible audiences to be surveyed on needs and savings: AAAs, SPD, County Mental Health providers. The group also discussed the various interpretations and ideas around who and when someone should have a guardian. It was mentioned that Judy Giggy shared interest in forming a group to look at the public guardianship needs of Oregon. The committee decided not to develop a survey but to participate in the group that Judy Giggy forms.

Other discussion items included: Pilot training of proposed guardians and visitors---a consistent approach, APS, other county programs, Legal Services regarding civil rights, the last legislative session, and a Supreme Court Task Force (Morgan Brodie attends).

MOTION: Contact Judy Giggy about intention and recommend to proceed with

forming a task force regarding guardianship/conservatorship. Express interest in participating in the taskforce. (Eunice Dutton/Remona Simpson) *Passed.*

ACTION: Staff will contact Judy regarding the task force on public guardianship. Marc will contact Morgen regarding the court's task force.

Financial Abuse Coalition Report (Eunice Dutton)

Eunice reported that Valerie Eames is working on a DVD and paperwork for the Credit Union Training and that she will give an update to Executive Committee members at the next meeting. Eunice also reported there may be minor changes for the publications, and that legal reviews will be done by Lynda Dyer. Shared that there are lots of requests for the booklets. Announced that the Department of Justice will have a table at the State Fair and has invited GCSS to share the table with them. Eunice suggested that members volunteer to help with the table. Reported that the state of Michigan is revising the Financial Abuse booklet for their state and that California is already using the End of Life booklet. John Brenne and Millie Salt volunteered to take booklets to the Ontario meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Make decision after Planning Days in June.

Adjourned