

# GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • May 27, 2009 • 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elaine Barrett  
Peggie Beck  
Patty Brost  
Chris Flammang  
Chuck Frazier

Ross Mathews  
Timothy McQueary  
Lucy Morgan  
Barbara Nelson  
Charles Richards

Dolores Raymond  
Millie Salt

## MEMBERS EXCUSED:

John Brenne  
Jeffrey Brandon  
Rep. Jean Cowan  
John Helm

Sen. Bill Morrisette  
Marilyn Patton  
Robert Lawrence  
Kathleen Schonau

Remona Simpson  
Joan Staley

## GUESTS:

Cathy Cooper

John Crawford

## STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator  
Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff

## AGENDA ITEMS:

### Call to Order

- Introductions
- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Review and Approval of Minutes from September Meetings
- Announcements

### Public Comment

### SPD Updates

### Committee and Liaison Reports

- Legislative and Advocacy Committee
- Senior Issues Committee

- Caregiver Supports and Senior Safety Committee
  - Health and Wellness Committee
  - Liaison Reports
- ### Commission Business
- Budget and Expense Report Update
  - Other Items

### Working Lunch: Sick Around

### America Frontline Video

### Review GCSS Bills of Interest for Next Meeting

### Agenda Items

### Adjourn

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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Chuck Frazier called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

### **Introductions**

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

### **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

**Motion:** Tim McQueary moved to approve the agenda. Charles Richards seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 12-0-0-10

**Yeas:** Barrett, Beck, Brost, Flammang, Frazier, Mathews, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Raymond, Richards, Salt

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Brenne, Brandon, Rep. Cowan, Helm, Lawrence, Sen. Morrisette, Patton, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

**Motion carried.**

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

**Motion:** Barbara Nelson moved to approve the minutes. Tim McQueary seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 12-0-0-10

**Yeas:** Barrett, Beck, Brost, Flammang, Frazier, Mathews, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Raymond, Richards, Salt

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Brenne, Brandon, Rep. Cowan, Helm, Lawrence, Sen. Morrisette, Patton, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

**Motion carried.**

### **Announcements**

- Dolores Raymond discussed the elimination of the cost of living allowance increase.
- Elaine Barrett shared information about a Faith Based Domestic Violence Training on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Eugene from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is due on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Dawn Rustrum announced that Dawn Bonder from the Governor's office and will be attending part of the full commission meeting in June.

- Chuck Frazier reported that pharmacy technicians are now required to be licensed and community colleges are adjusting classes to help technicians become certified.
- Patty Brost reported that Portland Community College will start a program this fall for students who would like to be Activity Directors for senior physical fitness activities.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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None.

## **SPD UPDATES**

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Cathy Cooper, Deputy Assistant Director for Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD), distributed and addressed the Ways and Means Co-Chair Recommended Budget Summary Report. She touched on the following:

- SPD was facing a \$404 million cut but the cut ended up being \$123 million
- Hiring freeze until January 2010
- Transfer AAA Aged and Physical Disabled field structure hiring freeze
- Move 600 people from nursing facilities back to community-based settings
- Special Needs Fund
- Accessible Housing
- Oregon On the Move Program
- Diversion/transition of nursing facility clients
- Elimination of COLA for Aged, Physically Disabled and Developmentally Disabled
- Reduction of Home Care Worker training budget by 50%
- Elimination of Retired Senior Volunteer Program General Fund allocation from SPD
- Elimination of Home Care Worker Health Insurance coverage for less than 80 hours/month
- Reduction of In-Home Care Program
- Reduction of DD Employment and Community Inclusion Program
- Reduction of DD housing General Fund and DD special projects (training)
- Reduce and restructure DD Family Support Program
- Oregon Supplemental income Program (OSIP) under-expenditures
- Close Eastern Oregon Training Center sooner (within 4 months of July 2009)
- Boards and commissions reduction
- HB 2069
- ADLs current system statistics

Ross Mathews suggested that Cathy Cooper send the local paper a positive story on the closure of the Eastern Oregon Training Center and stressed how the dedicated staff go above and beyond their call of duty.

**Action Item:** Dawn Rustrum will email the list of SPD boards and commissions to Elaine Barrett.

## **COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

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### **Legislative and Advocacy Committee**

Bob Lawrence reported that Rob Johnson from the Oregon Health Care Association and Representative Greenlick spoke during the Legislative Committee meeting. Rob discussed the Co-Chair Recommended Budget and Representative Greenlick talked about the health care reform bills. Bob reported that HB 2883 passed on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Bob reported that Chuck Frazier shared a human impact story with the Legislative committee and that Bob would like Chuck to write a letter sharing his human impact story with legislators via email.

### **Senior Issues Committee**

Chris Flammang reported that Stephanie Miles from DMV and Annette Evans with Washington County Department of Housing Services presented during the Senior Issues Committee meeting. Chris shared that the committee will be inviting someone to present from the Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises and suggested other members attend if interested.

### **Caregiver Supports and Senior Safety**

Barbara Nelson reported that Valerie Eames and Judy Bowen presented at the Caregiver meeting. She shared that the committee discussed the Silver Alert System and family caregiver supports trainings and activities. She also reported that the committee viewed the Caring for Your Parents video and that some members expressed interest in showing the video in their local communities.

**Motion:** Ross Mathews moved to view Caring for Your Parents video during the full commission lunch for the June meeting. Lucy Morgan seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 12-0-0-8

**Yeas:** Barrett, Beck, Brost, Flammang, Frazier, Mathews, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Raymond, Richards, Salt

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Brenne, Brandon, Helm, Lawrence, Patton, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

**Motion carried.**

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### **Health and Wellness Committee**

Chuck Frazier shared that the committee discussed health care reform, senior mental health issues, and also reviewed the committee workplan. Chuck reported on the letter that he drafted to Bob Nikkel on behalf of GCSS. Patty Brost recommended that Chuck include statistics on Oregon's older adult suicide rate in the letter.

**Motion:** Bob Lawrence moved for Chuck Frazier to finalize the letter with modifications and send to Bob Nikkel. Lucy Morgan seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 12-0-0-8

**Yeas:** Barrett, Brandon, Brost, Flammang, Frazier, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Raymond, Richards, Salt

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Beck, Brenne, Helm, Mathews, Patton, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

**Motion carried.**

### **Liaison Reports**

None.

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

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### **Budget and Expense Report Update**

Elaine Barrett reported on the monthly GCSS budget and finding a replacement for her position. Elaine suggested having the new financial officer appointed by September. Elaine explained that mileage reimbursement expenses are up do to commission members traveling to the capitol for the legislative session.

**Motion:** Bob Lawrence moved to approve the budget report. Tim McQueary seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 12-0-0-8

**Yeas:** Barrett, Brandon, Brost, Flammang, Frazier, Lawrence, McQueary, Morgan, Nelson, Raymond, Richards, Salt

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Beck, Brenne, Helm, Mathews, Patton, Schonau, Simpson, Staley

**Motion carried.**

## **Other Items**

Charles Richards announced that he would like to be a member of the Health & Wellness Committee and the Legislative Committee. Chuck Frazier confirmed his appointment to both committees.

## **WORKING LUNCH: SICK AROUND AMERICA FRONTLINE VIDEO**

The commission viewed and discussed the Sick Around America Frontline video.

## **REVIEW GCSS BILLS OF INTEREST**

Bob Lawrence reviewed the following bills and provided updates:

- HB 2009
- SB 451
- SB 457
- HB 2069
- HB 2001
- HB 2391
- HB 2442
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- HB 2883
- SB 16
- SB 451
- SB 646
- SB 702
- SB 966

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Chuck Frazier identified the following agenda items for the June commission meeting:

- SPD Updates
- Dawn Bonder from Governor's Office
- View Caring for Your Parents video during the full commission lunch break

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:13 p.m.