

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Thursday • May 28, 2009 • 8:15 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

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

LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffry Brandon
Patty Brost
Chuck Frazier

Robert Lawrence
Barbara Nelson
Timothy McQueary

Dolores Raymond

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

John Brenne

John Helm

Marilyn Patton

GUESTS:

Elaine Barrett
Peggie Beck
John Crawford

Chris Flammang
Charles Richards
Rep. Greenlick

Ross Mathews
Keith Putman
Rob Johnson

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
- Announcements

Public Comment

Review and Discuss Co-Chair Legislative Budget

Review GCSS Bills of Interest

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Lawrence called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Introductions

Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Motion: Barbara Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Jeff Brandon seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-3

Yeas: Brandon, Brost, Frazier, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Raymond

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Helm, Patton

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Barbara Nelson moved to approve the minutes. Patty Brost seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-3

Yeas: Brandon, Brost, Frazier, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Raymond

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Helm, Patton

Motion carried.

Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Keith Putman discussed disclosing bill funding sources.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS CO-CHAIR LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

Rob Johnson, with Oregon Health Care Association, discussed the Co-Chair legislative budget. He touched on the following:

- 40% cut to nursing facilities
- Elimination of health insurance for homecare workers who work less than 80 hours a month
- In-home care reductions
- Stressed that budget cuts were a shock to many legislators and said many have commented they had no idea about the cuts until the day before release
- Senior cuts will eliminate 6,000 jobs
- Senior reductions cause Oregon to forfeit \$200 million in stimulus dollars

Representative Greenlick distributed and discussed the HB 2009 Structural Transition Timeline for 2009-2011. Representative Greenlick talked about:

- HB 2009 & HB 2116 & HB 2109
- Health Care Reform
- Oregon Health Fund Board
- Provider Tax
- POLST

Chuck Frazier shared a human impact story with the committee. Bob Lawrence would like Chuck to write a letter in response to the Co-Chair's budget, sharing his story with the legislators.

Motion: Barbara Nelson moved to have the full commission vote on having Chuck Frazier write a letter on the budget cuts. Tim McQueary seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0-0-3

Yeas: Brandon, Brost, Frazier, Lawrence, McQueary, Nelson, Raymond

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Brenne, Helm, Patton

Motion carried.

Action Item: Chuck Frazier will draft a letter to legislators.

Action Item: Rob Johnson will send Dawn Rustrum a list of legislator email addresses.

REVIEW GCSS BILLS OF INTEREST

Bob Lawrence recommended reviewing bills during the full commission meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Bob Lawrence identified the following agenda item for the June committee meeting:

- Review bills of interest

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:40 a.m.