

# GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

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Thursday • December 16, 2010 • 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peggie Beck	John Crawford	Lucy Morgan
Jeffrey Brandon	Rep. Jean Cowan	Charles Richards
John Brenne	John Helm	Kathleen Schonau
Patty Brost	Timothy McQueary	Catherine Skiens

## MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Barbara Bieg	Joy Kilishek	Sen. Bill Morrisette
Chuck Frazier	Ross Mathews	

## GUESTS:

James Toews	Dawn Bonder
Sonya Fischer	Verna Porter

## STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Rustrum, Coordinator  
Kelsi Eisele, Administrative Staff  
Karen Mainzer, Intergovernmental Relations Liaison

## AGENDA ITEMS:

### Call to Order

- Introductions
- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Review/Adoption of Agenda
- Announcements

### Public Comment

### Commission Business

- Review/Discussion of previous day's activities
- Possible Action(s) on previous day's activities

### Discussion Items

- ADRC Update
- Legislative Update
- General Discussion – Legislative Changes & GCSS's Agenda

### Working Lunch

## **Committee Reports**

- Guardianship & Conservator Task Force Update
- Budget & Expense Report Update
- Liaison Reports
- Report to the Governor Structure
- Old Business
- Member Items

## **SPD Update & Discussion**

## **Adjourn**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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John Helm called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

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

Members reviewed and approved the agenda with John Helm's addition of reviewing the letter to Dawn Bonder.

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

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

**Motion:** Lucy Morgan moved to approve the minutes as written. Charles Richards seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 10-0-0-7

**Yeas:** Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Crawford, Helm, McQueary, Morgan, Richards, Schonau, Skiens

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Bieg, Brost, Rep. Cowan, Frazier, Kilishek, Mathews, Sen. Morrisette

**Motion carried.**

### **Announcements**

- Lucy Morgan reported that Linn County's Advisory Board invited the community to view a movie on mental illness called A Beautiful Mind.
- Dawn Rustrum shared Marilyn Patton's Christmas card with the commission.
- John Helm reported on excused commission members.
- Patty Brost shared Mary Shortall's information with the commission on in-home care.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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None.

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

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### **Review/Discussion of Previous Day's Activities**

The commission discussed information shared by presenters during the previous day's meeting. The commission specifically liked Senator Richard Devlin and Senator Betsy Johnson's advice to exercise patience with the legislature, to communicate broadly with the legislature and to focus on program value rather than dollar amounts when advocating this session.

### **Possible Action(s) on Previous Day's Activities**

**Action Item:** Lucy Morgan suggested that commission members write personal letters of support to their legislators if they haven't already done so.

**Action Item:** John Helm will send Dr. Dion's information to Mary Rita Hurley at OCN.

**Action Item:** John Helm will write a letter to Cindy Howe asking her to provide the commission with an update on VA transportation.

**Action Item:** Tim McQueary suggested the commission provide Mitch Sparks' contact information to any groups that show a need for or interest in receiving VA information.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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John Helm shared a draft letter to Dawn Bonder thanking her for her work with the commission and her commitment to developing a stronger relationship between the commission and the Governor's office.

**Motion:** John Brenne moved to approve and send the letter to Dawn Bonder. Lucy Morgan seconded.

**Vote:** 11-0-0-6

**Yeas:** Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Crawford, Helm, McQueary, Morgan, Richards, Schonau, Skiens

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

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**Excused:** Bieg, Rep. Cowan, Frazier, Kilishek, Mathews, Sen. Morrisette  
**Motion carried.**

### **Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Update**

Tim McQueary gave an update on the ADRC project. Tim reported:

- Program is moving forward
- The goal is to bring consistency across Oregon
- Quality control not yet determined
- Next meeting will be in January
- Number of regions have not been decided as of yet
- Three pilots currently underway

Kathleen Schonau suggested that private industry providers should be included in the ADRC information and referral database.

### **Legislative Update**

Representative Jean Cowan reported on:

- LC 1435
- House split 30/30
- Co-Governance structure for 2011

Tim McQueary gave a legislative update:

- Oregon Project Independence (OPI)
- Junction City Hospital
- E-board

John Helm presented Dawn Bonder with a plaque on behalf of GCSS and thanked her for working with the commission.

Karen Mainzer reported that DAS will be posting agency legislative concepts on the web for the public to view.

John Helm reminded the commission about the 04AD legislative bootcamp training on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The commission will not hold their regular meeting on Thursday but will attend the bootcamp instead. If members are able to pay for the training they can do so. If not, the commission will pay for the training.

**Motion:** Peggie Beck moved for the commission to attend the 04AD bootcamp on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in place of the regular GCSS meeting. John Crawford seconded the motion.

**Vote:** 11-0-0-6

**Yeas:** Beck, Brandon, Brenne, Brost, Crawford, Helm, McQueary, Morgan, Richards, Schonau, Skiens

**Nays:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**Excused:** Bieg, Rep. Cowan, Frazier, Kilishek, Mathews, Sen. Morrisette

**Motion carried.**

### **General Discussion – Legislative Changes & GCSS’s Agenda**

Tim McQueary discussed:

- Rep. Cowan’s LC 1435
- Tracking fewer number of bills than last session to concentrate GCSS efforts
- Collaborating with other groups to have one voice
- Focus on services, not dollar amounts

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **Guardianship & Conservator Task Force Update**

None.

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

None.

### **Liaison Reports**

None.

### **Report to Governor Structure**

Jeff Brandon presented the following information regarding ways GCSS could provide reports to the Governor:

Question: What would a monthly, quarterly, annually report to the Governor look like?

Answer to this begins with the question of what we do and how we do it?

So...the commission follows the statute

Coat hanger concept: everything can hang from this.

Our niche is what? What makes the commission unique?  
 What is our four?

ORS 410.320 (3) The GCSS shall advise the Governor and the director of DHS on needs of elderly persons and recommend actions by the Governor, DHS, other government entities and the private sector, appropriate to meet such needs.

Translation:

1. Advise Governor/DHS on unmet needs
2. Recommend actions

What does GCSS Do?

1. We identify and priorities unmet needs of seniors
2. We recommend actions to meet these needs (either GCSS actions or other actions)
3. We advise (communicate with) Governor/DHS about the above.

How do we do this?

- A. Every speaker/presentation is about one question: is an unmet need being described or addressed?
  - B. If so, where does it fall on our priority list?
  - C. What is being done to meet this need?
  - D. We seek info on unmet needs of elders
- \*\*\*Everything we do is about building the list.\*\*\*

The GCSS priority list on unmet needs of the elderly in Oregon

<b>Need (unmet)</b>	<b>Recommendation Action</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
1. Lack of legally responsible	Statewide public	GCSS
2. Lack of recognition to reporters of elder abuse	Form an “Everyday Heroes” volunteer organization	GCSS promulgates and “dishes off” to a new nonprofit group (now defunct)
3. Need of comprehensive advise to seniors on life choices/ services/ options prior to Medicaid eligibility	Set up “Aging resources Center” in every locality to do pre-XIX and XIX Intake and advise	Leg passed bill in '09. DHS Implenenting.
4. Lack of geriatric mental health services for seniors	(Under study by GCSS)	(Under Review)
5. Lack of NHs and care facilities that serve Medicaid population	GCSS Consulting w/ SPD	(Under Review)
6. Continued existence of OPI.	Lobbying/ Advocacy in	GCSS and the “campaign for

Threatened elimination.	Legislature	OR Seniors and PWD.”
7. (Scan Advocacy Groups)	?	?
8. Patty Brost	To be developed?	?

Authority Given to GCSS [410.320 (4) (5)]:

- To study programs/budgets of state agencies
- To make recommendations to Gov/Agencies
  - Provide coordination of programs
  - Avoid duplication of services
  - Point out gaps in services
- Recommend development of comprehensive plan for delivery of services to elderly (This done by SPD)
- Coordinate GCSS efforts w/ other advisory groups within DHS
- Consult w/DHS about any programs or legislature that DHS may be developing
- “The Commission shall promote responsible statewide advocacy for elderly persons.”

**Old Business**

None.

**Member Items**

None.

**SPD UPDATE & DISCUSSION**

James Toews, Assistant Director with Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD), provided an overview and explanation of a handout which includes information about SPD programs and the various restrictions SPD has to consider when making budget reductions or program changes.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 3:07 p.m.