

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SENIOR SERVICES

Wednesday • January 20, 2010 • 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

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

GERIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffry Brandon

Bob Lawrence

Marilyn Patton

Chuck Frazier

Lucy Morgan

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Discussion on the Following Topics:

- Deficit Reductin Act
- Mental Health Services in Nursing Homes, Adult Care Homes, Adult Day Care and Adult Living Facilities

Oregon Project Independence

- Recommendations to Full Commission

Future Meeting Considerations

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Introductions

Commission members and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Members reviewed and approved the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Announcements

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

Deficit Reduction Act

The discussion on the Deficit Reduction Act was led by Chuck Frazier. The DRC from 2006, section 6086 creates new options for states under the Medicaid program allowing the states the ability to provide home and community-based services to elderly individuals and people with disabilities without requiring a waiver or demonstrating cost neutrality. The question was asked whether or not Oregon is participating in this program and to what extent? Which department is in charge of this program?

Mental Health Services in Nursing Homes, Adult Care Homes, Adult Day Care and Adult Living Facilities

Tim Malone sent an email to Chuck regarding mental health. Chuck will read Tim's comments into the record with copies to the panel. We will ask to have a speaker from Multnomah County on this subject.

Lucy mentioned how difficult it is to find a geriatric health professional to evaluate nursing home patients. Some nursing homes have teams that help in this area. Nursing home residents do have frequent reviews of their medication on a monthly basis. A pharmacist reviews each patient's list of medications and suggests changes if they believe there may be overmedication that might cause behavioral health problems. The pharmacist makes the recommendation but the physician must make any changes.

Generally speaking, we believe that training to deal with behavioral health issues in long term care facilities is not available. Caregivers most often use their instincts to help calm people in their care.

OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

The question has been asked whether or not all OPI funds should go to in-home services with case management provided by State. We will look into this.

Recommendations to Full Commission

It has been recommended that we invite a panel of experts including the Oregon Health Care Association, SPD and Community Mental Health to discuss these issues.

FUTURE MEETING CONSIDERATIONS

- Follow up after the mental health panel discussion
- Field visit with Clackamas County Sheriff
- Visit Adult Protective Services as well as Seniors and People with Disabilities units in Multnomah County
- Visit Tuality Psych hospital, the only inpatient mental health unit now operating.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:20 p.m.