

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

TRANSPORTATION

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Brenne
John Helm

Tim McQueary
Charles Richards

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ross Mathews

GUESTS:

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Reports

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER

Tim McQueary 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.

Motion: Consensus to approve agenda as presented

Review and Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Motion: Richards moved to approve the minutes. Brenne seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0-0

Yeas: Brenne, Helm, , McQueary, Richards

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: Mathews

Motion carried.

Announcements

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

REPORTS

An open discussion ensued with members sharing information from their local areas. The demand for transportation across all age groups was discussed. The difference in population densities across our state (urban to rural settings) create a slippery slope of being able to meet demands with limited funding.

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Big question is at what level does the service need to be to transfer people out of their cars and onto public transportation. Two answers: convenient and dependable.

We had a lengthy discussion about a subject brought to the group by John Helm which was the unintended consequences presented by the changes in the state contracting liability insurance coverage. This could have a tremendous impact on Transportation Brokerages (Medicaid) and their providers throughout the State. Many of the transportation providers are small mom and pop operations that operate on a shoe string and would have a hard time paying the premium let alone if they could even get the coverage. The end result is that it will cost the State more money to provide the same service but with probably fewer providers in the business.

The group is very interested in the information that will be presented by our panel of transportation experts and we intend to use that information in helping to prioritize the work plan scope.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Discuss and finalize Transportation Committees Work Plan presentation to the full board.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:30 p.m.