

Minutes	<p>Executive Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services</p> <p style="text-align: right;">June 10, 2005 Keizer, OR</p>
	<p>Members: Dolores Hubert, Chair; Eunice Dutton; Elaine Barrett; Don Butsch; and Estill Deitz</p>
<p>Staff:</p>	<p>Morgen Brodie; Marc Overbeck; and Sherry Whitehead</p>
<p>Excused</p>	<p>Dolores Raymond</p>
<p><i>Call Meeting to Order</i></p>	
<p>Approved May 2005 Minutes</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	
<p>Dolores Hubert has been in contact with Dolores Raymond. Dolores Raymond has returned home and is recovering from her illness. Dolores Hubert will continue to talk with Dolores to get updates on her health status.</p>	
<p>Dolores Hubert had a meeting last week with Bob Nikkel, Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services, regarding the placement of a GCSS member on the Adult Services Advisory Committee and the Oregon State Hospital Planning Committee. Today we received a letter from Bob inviting GCSS to send a representative to the Adult Services Advisory Committee.</p>	
<p>Marilyn Hinds is representing the Commission at today's Medicaid Summit.</p>	
<p>Barney Speight, Director of the Oregon Medical Assistance Program (OMAP) is leaving and Lynn Read will act as the Interim Director.</p>	
<p>Kaiser has asked Dolores Hubert to do a presentation on the End-of-Life at the Ethics Panel on June 22.</p>	
<p>Chair Concerns</p>	
<p>Dolores expressed the opinion that the Commission needs clarification on the Medicare Modernization Act Part D Prescription Drug Plan. She will address her questions to Jane-ellen Weidanz, DHS, when she arrives later for her presentation.</p>	

A discussion regarding the State Plan ensued. Marc will set up a meeting with Elaine, Remona and Barbara next week to develop a list of further recommendations from the Commission to give to Rhonda. GCSS would like to watch the development of the Plan prior to its finalization, so that we can see how recommendations are being addressed in the final plan, and will be happy to watch the implementation of the plan over time. There was a firm statement from the members concerning the need for measurable outcomes and baselines to be developed

ORS 410—Duties of Commission

Dolores expressed an interest in discussing how the Commission can be more closely meeting the intent stated in the ORS 410 statute. The Commission needs to look into a couple of things: framework which we can use the assessment tools developed by Bobby Silverstein for involvement of advocates and the staff should attend the Operations Committee to make sure the Commission is involved in the developments of DHS rules, policies, and workgroups from the get go.

MOTION: Executive committee examine at its next meeting ORS 410 to see whether or not the commission is following its charge. (Don Butsch) *Passed*

Capital Coordinator Report

Don Butsch discussed SB 781's progress, HB 2416 and its amendments, and HB 3489, which combines HB 2555 and SB 870, sponsored by Rep. Garrard. The Executive Committee voted to make this a priority 1, and support. SB 770 & HB 2573 were also discussed; these are the AAA –sponsored bills. DHS is neutral on both of these bills. The agreement was to hold these for further discussion at the full commission meeting.

Marc brought up a new bill--SB 1075, sponsored by Whitsett., which creates and expands tax incentives – Priority 2, Oppose

MOTION: We support HB 3489 at a priority 1. Also we will send a letter of support on HB 3489 to the AAAs with copies of the letter going to Garrard and the legislative leaders. (Don Butsch) *Passed*

Bill Review

Discussed GCSS priority one bills; SB 88, HB 2492, SB 1, HB 2555, HJR 21, SB 774, HB 3073, HB 5038, HB 5049, SB 781A, SB 106A, HB 2629A, SB 870A, SB 208A

MOTION: On HB 3073 change our priority to a 2 and our position to neutral. (Don Butsch) *Passed*

Health, Abuse, and Long-term Care Update

Estill gave an update regarding this committee's subcommittee structure (Wellness, APS, and AFH). His concern with breaking into these three subcommittees is that the full committee only gets a synopsis of the information shared and gathered in each of the subcommittees. He also discussed the IdentiMed medication system, the safety manual for the HCC, and the exercise guide for the National Institute on Aging.

Mental Health Committee Update

Elaine gave an update on the May 2005 meeting. It was recommended that everyone check into their county peer counseling programs. They also discussed the county mental health plans and the State Plan. The committee needs a vice-chair; Barbara Nelson was suggested.

General Issues Committee Update

Martin Loring, Public Transit Division (ODOT), and David Rafael, Community Mobility Solutions, are speaking on issues regarding transportation brokerages. Each speaker has been sent a list of questions. The Senior Financial Abuse Coalition will be starting the first of seven regional trainings with bank tellers regarding senior financial abuse. Valerie Eames, SPD, and Jan Margosian, DOJ, are going to sit on the Bankers Association Board to bring back information to the Senior Financial Abuse Coalition. The committee will continue talking about housing and transportation.

SPD Update (Cathy Cooper, SPD)

Cathy gave an update on the "Re-shoot" of the DHS Budget. Some of the reasons for necessary updates to the budget are as follows:

- Caseload projections needed revisions; we are now using a new model to forecast. (This accounts for \$34 million of the \$107 million adjustment.)
- DHS had budgeted the use of MUPL monies
- Federal match rate changes
- Agency with Choice likely will not produce the budget savings initially targeted.
- Relative Foster Homes
- Waiver cap

There are still cuts in caseload, which will result in staffing cuts inside SPD. The General Assistance program and the Employment Initiative program have been eliminated. Phase III of the budget process will begin around the 20th of June. The Oregon Disabilities Commission (ODC) budget was heard last week. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is recommending that ODC go under the umbrella of DHS. There is no funding for ODC outside the funding for DHHAP.

Medicare Modernization Act Update (Jane-ellen Weidanz, DHS)

Jane-ellen Weidanz introduced Christina Jaramillo as new staff with the MMA Implementation Unit. Cindy Becker, now with DAS, will be organizing an MMA public education campaign for the general public. June 15, 2005, 1-3 is the kick off of the education campaign through Cindy Becker at the Keizer Training Center. Jane-ellen discussed SB 88. Jane-ellen announced that the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) staff is starting next week, and will be helping people get through the application process via a toll-free phone number. We will need approximately 100 volunteers to assist in this process. Supervision of these volunteers will be done through the local offices- we are going to follow the SHIBA model; background checks will be done on all volunteers.

GCSS Recruitment

The Executive Committee has decided that they would prefer to invite a small number of candidates to meet with the Commission and interview in person, rather than having a two-step process, given the short timeframe between now and early August. The interviews are to take place during the June 2005 committee meetings. All potential candidates are going to be invited to the June meeting.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Distribute the Bobby Silverstein framework for policy development to the Commission.	Morgen Brodie	July 8
Appoint a staff member to the Operations Committee	Morgen Brodie	June 23
Set a meeting with the Executive Committee to discuss the ORS 410 before the Executive Committee meets in July 2005. Use the time before or after the mini-orientation. The meeting will be held at DHS.	Marc Overbeck	June 24
Action Item:	Assigned To:	Due Date:
Write a letter of support on HB 3489 to the AAAs with copies to Garrard and the legislative leaders.	Marc Overbeck	June 23
Update Committee participant list.	Marc Overbeck	June 23
Send out invitation to GCSS candidates for the June 2005 meetings.	Marc Overbeck.	June 16