

Minutes

General Issues Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services October 21, 2004 Keizer, Oregon

Attendees: Eunice Dutton, Chair; Remona Simpson, Vice Chair; Elaine Barrett; Don Butsch; John Helm; Marilyn Hinds; Dolores Hubert; Bob Lawrence; Barbara Nelson; Ed Payton; Dolores Raymond; Marjorie Reuling; Maria Smith

Staff: Jane-ellen Weidanz and Kim Hector

Called Meeting to Order

Approved September 2004 Minutes.

Disaster Preparedness

Don Butsch asked where the 72-hour kits could be purchased so he could inform different groups to whom he has been speaking. Currently they are only available in Portland and the cost is \$40. That led to the discussion of asking Renee from the Red Cross to come speak to the commission regarding the kits. We will ask her to bring some kits with her and find out what happened with the survey. Jim Carlson was unable to attend. We will invite him to come to the December meeting.

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| Invite Jim Carlson, Oregon Health Care Association, to the December meeting to talk about the long-term care component. | Jane-ellen | 11/22/04 |
| Invite Renee from the Red Cross to speak to the commission regarding the 72-hour kits. | Eunice | 11/22/04 |

End-of-Life Resource Guide

Jane-ellen has a few more adjustments to make to the resource guide and then it will be sent to the printer next week. It will be translated into Spanish and Russian. Both version will be put on the GCSS website.

ID Theft Poster

The poster is also ready to be printed. We have permission to print in color. A cover letter will be sent out with each one explaining it is a limited edition and asking the recipient to please post it or give it to someone that can. John Brenne mentioned that the League of Oregon Cities has a newsletter called Local Focus that they send out to all cities, city council members, and mayors. It was suggested that the committee could provide material and John would write an article for each publication. His first article could be regarding ID Theft. Mary also suggested working with radio stations to publicize the GCSS issues

MOTION: Authorize John Brenne to write articles for the Local Focus and to include articles in the Oregon Association of Counties newsletter if accepted. GCSS will suggest the subject matter. (Marilyn Hinds) *Passed*

| Action Item | Assigned To: | Deadline: |
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| Provide John Brenne with suggested subject matter for articles in the Local Focus and for the Oregon Association of Counties newsletter. | Jane-ellen & Sherry | Ongoing |

Transportation

John Helm will be attending a national conference November 4th and 5th. He will bring back information to our December meeting. Dolores Raymond spoke to us regarding a presentation by her and DMV to the AAA directors regarding seniors receiving letters from the DMV stating they have had their license privileges revoked. DMV requested more help getting out information be sent out to the seniors other than just a letter from DMV. Marilyn Hinds offered to try to get a copy of that letter from DMV as soon as possible. It was decided we would invite someone from DMV to speak at our January meeting.

| Action Item: | Assigned To: | Deadline: |
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| Invite someone from the DMV to speak at our January meeting. | Jane-ellen | 12/15/04 |

ID Theft Law

We reviewed the ID Theft law. It was upgrade from a misdemeanor to a Class A Felony at the last Oregon session. The question was asked if people are actually being prosecuted? We decided to find out more information before making any recommendation to strength the law. We will invite Jan Margosian to discuss the number of cases prosecuted and how many have actually served time.

Low Income Housing

It was decided to table this issue until March.

Next Meeting

- Possible presentation from Jim Carlson, Oregon Health Care Association.
- Presentation from Renee, Red Cross.