

Minutes

General Issues Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services December 7, 2005 Department of Human Services

Attendees: Eunice Dutton (Chair), Remona Simpson (VC), Elaine Barrett, Jack Ewing, John Helm, Kay Kirkbride, Charles Kurtz, Jack Roberts, and Maria Smith

Excused/Absent: Robert Lawrence, Dolores Raymond, and Kathleen Schonau
Peggie Beck, Dolores Hebert, Jean Palmateer, and Deb Wert

Guests: Becky Murphy and Marc Overbeck

Staff:

Called Meeting to Order

Minutes reviewed and approved with corrections. *Passed.* (Jack Roberts/Remona Simpson)
Corrections: Delete Remona as a guest on page 1. Last sentence, second row under Financial Abuse Committee, page 1, should be "2,000" not 10,000. Last page under actions, page 3, fourth row, assigned to Financial Abuse Coalition and DOJ, instead of Committee, and it is due by 3/06.

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Announcements

None.

Old Business

Financial Abuse – Eunice reported the new guides are white, with no spiral binding. If you want copies, there are two boxes by Marc's cubicle.

End of Life – Eunice reported the guides are in book format, due to the cost of printing the spiral-bound versions.

ID Theft brochures – Marc reported that Becky Trachsel from Communications is researching the costs of printing these pamphlets. Eunice will look elsewhere if costs are too much.

Elder Law – Eunice reported that Janay Haas had requested GCSS to print "Elder Law;" however, the Executive Committee felt there was no money available at this time and gave other suggestions.

Jack Ewing routed a "living will addendum," and copies will be made for Friday's meeting.

Disaster Preparedness: James requested GCSS to research Oregon's disaster preparedness. Eunice is still requesting information from the Red Cross. She gave a brief history of a previous request after 9/11.

ACTION ITEM: Members to request updated disaster preparedness information from their communities/counties. Members will also summarize the reports.

Eunice mentioned an article in the Roseburg paper on “What if....” Remona reported on another article about a class in response to Hurricane Katrina.

ACTION ITEM: Members to keep newspaper articles on disaster preparedness.

Eunice discussed the importance of all seniors having an emergency card which includes medicine (and expiration dates), etc. The 72-hour emergency kit purchased from the Red Cross was reviewed.

Jack R requested a plan for his area and found seniors aren’t dealt with specifically and the plan was not adequate for a true emergency.

Ken Murphy, State Emergency, will be at the January meeting. It would be great to have summary reports to review with Ken.

Housing Research Team Report – The team is meeting tonight. Affordable housing information by county has been distributed to the members of the team.

Bob Repine will be at the January meeting.

Transportation Discussion with Deb Wert & Jean Palmateer

Deb Wert, DHS (client transportation) and Jean Palmateer, ODOT (public transit) gave an overview of medical Medicaid transportation brokerages.

An effort is being made to expand operations (including non-medical transportation) and funding streams. There is more awareness now of the need for transportation resources and coordination within the community and with surrounding areas (especially in rural areas).

Every county has a Transportation Advisory Committee which gives advice to transit boards. ODOT is working on the Oregon Transportation Plan; please review and give comments. Input is needed from you as individuals and as a group. John is the GCSS liaison to the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC).

ACTION ITEM: Jean will E-mail the Transportation Plan for comments information to Marc to send to the committee.

ACTION ITEM: Jean will E-mail websites to access low-income populations (census data) to Marc to send to the committee.

Deb and Jean offered that a successful program is one that is not just focused on one service and one population but it fits the community, working together with multiple perspectives.

Deb reported she is working with a group in Multnomah County (grant) on coordination of vehicles in case of disasters – how to inventory vehicles and contacts.

Public Comment

None.

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Due Date:
Follow-up with Becky Trachsel on cost of ID theft brochures.	Marc	12//9/06
Copy and distribute “living will addendum”.	Marc/Wendy	12//9/06
Check with communities/counties on disaster preparedness plans, and summarize results.	Committee/ Commission	1/27/06
Keep articles about disaster preparedness.	Committee	Ongoing
E-mail transportation survey.	Marc	1/06
E-mail “low income” map website.	Marc	1/06