

# MINUTES

## Senior & Disabled Services Advocacy Committee

January 12, 2007

Members Present: Kathy Jenness, Chair, Jim Patterson, Dennis Shine, Dianne Burch, Ed Necker, Tim Baxter, Trescott Ducker, Dan Arkin, Sharon Durham

Members Excused: Andrea Gillespie, Mary Johnson, Jane Boren, Marion Esty,

Staff Present: Kay Metzger, Patti Little

### 1. **Call to Order**

Chair Kathy Jenness called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

### 2. **Consideration of Meeting Agenda**

Dianne Burch requested an item be added to the agenda regarding cell phone usage during meeting. The Committee opted to begin the discussion on that topic immediately. Specifically, the Committee discussed whether or not cell phones should be turned to silent mode during meetings. Kathy Jenness asked the group what their preference was. Dan Arkin pointed out there are times when someone may be waiting for an important call. In that situation, the “vibrate” mode would notify the person of the call without having the ringer on. By consensus, the committee agreed that phones should either be turned off, to silent, or to vibrate mode during meetings. No additional items were added to the agenda.

### 3. **Consideration of the minutes of the December meeting**

**Motion:** Ed Necker moved the minutes of the December meeting of the Advocacy Committee be approved. Tim Baxter seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

### 4. **Committee Business**

#### a. **Report on Legislative Boot Camp**

Jim Patterson reported that he thought the Boot Camp was excellent, and a good learning experience. However, the representative from the Oregon Health Care Association seemed less informed than the other presenters, and Jim questioned their commitment to the O4AD agenda.

Ed Necker reported on Nicole Palmeteer's presentation, that it seems O4Ad is shifting the emphasis from restoring lost services to focusing on new programs. Members asked for clarification on this, Ed and Kay responded that while there is support for the restoration of some services (such as the Survival Priority Levels), there is also opportunity for new ideas (such as the Older Oregonians Act).

Jim Patterson also reported that he is working to promote harsher penalties for licensed facilities that do not offer adequate care.

## **b. Continuing Work on 2006-07 Committee Priorities**

### **(1) Health Care Ombudsman**

A meeting with Dr. Douma, Director of DMAP, has been scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion, the group decided on the following:

(A) Due to the inability to plan adequately for the meeting (because of several reasons, including health issues of some members), Kay will request the meeting be rescheduled.

(B) Dianne Burch and Kay Metzger will be meeting with Rep. Jean Cowan next week and will bring up this issue. Rep. Cowan knows Dr. Goldberg and may have some influence.

(C) Dianne Burch requested information on Drs. Douma and Goldberg, on their past life experiences and accomplishments. Tim agreed to follow up on this.

(D) Kay asked for clarification on who will be attending the meeting with Dr. Douma. Those expressing interest were: Kathy Jenness, Dan Arkin, Jim Patterson and Tim Baxter.

(E) Kay distributed information from other areas regarding examples of consumers having problems accessing health care. Most dealt with managed care companies.

(F) Dennis Shine reminded the group that it is important to show the fiscal impact of the issue. Work will need to be completed to show examples of how a lack of advocacy for consumers costs the state money.

(G) Jim Patterson states he will contact the Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office regarding specific issues they have experienced.

**c. Other Business**

Kay distributed information on the following:

(A) House and Senate Committee assignments

(B) Legislative Quick Card with contact numbers for Legislators

(C) A table showing each of the Committee member's elected officials. Kay encouraged each member to make contact with their individual reps.

**5. Announcements**

None recorded.

**6. Reminder of Next Meeting:**

**February 9, 2007, 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

**Location:**

**Senior & Disabled Services**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room**

**1015 Willamette Street**

**Eugene, OR 97401**

**7. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.