

## Utah Commission on Aging

Minutes for April 30, 2007

<b>Commission Member Attendees:</b>	
Representative Steven Mascaro	Utah House of Representatives
TantaLisa Clayton	Utah Legal Services
Michael Jones	Utah Department of Financial Institutions
Norma Matheson	Chair
Kristie McMullin	Southwest Applied Technology College
Senator Allen Christensen	Utah Senate
Scott Wright for Anne Peterson	University of Utah
Sara Sinclair	Sunshine Terrace Foundation
Michael Daily for Dr. David Sundwall	Utah Department of Health
Connie Laws for Kristen Cox	Workforce Services
Commissioner William Cox	Rich County Commissioner
Shauna O'Neil	Salt Lake County Aging Services
<b>Commission Members Unable to Attend:</b>	
Rob Ence	AARP
Leone Harwood	Utah Department of Transportation
Jason Perry	Governor's Office of Economic Development
Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale City
Michael Styles	Utah Office of Ethnic Affairs
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	
Mark Ward	Department of Human Services
Lynn Samsel	Community-Based Care and Services
Andrew Riggle	Utah Health Policy Project
Alan Ormsby	DHS Division of Again and Adult Services
Lorna Koci	Utah Food Bank
Anne Romney	Center on Aging
Mark Supiano	Center on Aging

The meeting was called to order by Chair Norma Matheson.

The meeting will be taped according to the updated Open and Public Meetings Act.

The February 14, 2007 minutes were presented for approval. They were approved unanimously.

Legislation Status (Maureen Henry)

1. Revise the Personal Choice and Living Will Act. Passed House and Senate unanimously and has been signed into law.
2. Extend the Commission on Aging. Passed the House and Senate and has been signed into law.

## Committee Updates

Special Committee	Activity Highlights
<p><b>Caregiver Support</b> Maureen Henry summarized</p>	<p>The Special Committee on Caregiver Support has developed and published "Guidelines for Employers of Caregivers." (Send email to <a href="mailto:mhenry@utah.gov">mhenry@utah.gov</a> if you would like a copy of these documents.) This product is a comprehensive review of the issues and impact of caregiving in the workplace. The guidelines provide a step-by-step outline of actions employers may take to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* survey staff to assess needs</li> <li>* evaluate policies and benefits applicable to caregivers in that particular workplace</li> <li>* suggestions for compiling an HR/EAP resource library about caregiving</li> <li>* availability of "brown-bag" training for employee caregivers; also benefit fairs to include issues of caregiving</li> <li>* suggestions for management training on caregiver employee issues, flexible work schedule</li> </ul> <p>These guidelines were presented to three area employers. These employers had expressed interest in evaluating their workplace as "caregiver-friendly" and taking the first steps of an incremental process to make "caregiver-friendly" a focus for employees.</p> <p>At this date, the Special Committee's task, development of the Guidelines, has been completed. At the next Committee meeting, further discussion will be given about publication of the Guidelines and/or presentation to the Special Committee on Seniors in the Workplace. The project is now ready for local AAA's Caregiver Support Programs to incorporate in their training and community education presentations. Planning for the publication of the Guidelines and implementation at the community level will bring the Committee's project to a close.</p>
<p><b>Community-Based Care</b> Lynn Samsel</p>	<p><b>211 Information and Referral</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with DWS to reach agreement on listing for-profit businesses serving the aging population and collecting listing information from for-profit businesses who wish to be listed;</li> <li>• Issued a request for information on interface products.</li> </ul> <p><b>State long-term care policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maureen met with the Vermont administrators to learn about its system in which beneficiaries choose the setting in which to receive care.</li> </ul> <p><b>Federal Life Span Respite Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill to help families' access quality, affordable respite care has passed, but funding is not yet approved. State grant application will be submitted for funding services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transportation pilot project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project received consent to move forward with non-lapsing funds during the legislative session.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Education</b> Scott Wright</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aging SMART will be printed (100 copies +) for distribution this month for targeted agencies, organizations, and corporations.</li> <li>• A policy brief on educational issues for older adults in the State of Utah will be ready for Commission review this month.</li> <li>• The Committee has initiated an in-depth review of HB-60 throughout the state.</li> </ul>
<p><b>End-of-Life</b> Maureen Henry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial draft of Model Instructions completed; working with DOH to draft instructions that will be issued through the rule-making process</li> <li>• Utah Bar has agreed to host the training for attorneys and healthcare providers on September 13-14. It will be called The Governor’s Conference for Professionals in Aging.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Care</b> Ginny Pepper</p>	<p><b>Care Management</b>  <b>Goal: To explore primary care office-based models of care management to meet the needs of aging population in 2020</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Care Management Plus (Oregon Health and Sciences University, Health Insight, &amp; Intermountain Healthcare)- Training and pilot statewide is continuing; Hartford funded \$2.5 million continuation of the project through the Oregon Health &amp; Science University with Cherie Brunner, MD, as Co-Principal Investigator</li> <li>2. University of Utah College of Nursing Geriatric Nurse Leader grant (HRSA): developing certificate training</li> </ol> <p><b>Workforce Initiative</b>  <b>Goal: To identify workforce needs in 2020 for care of aging population in Utah.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify jobs and professions where this has been accomplished or is in process</li> <li>2. Develop a strategy for workforce projections for essential eldercare professions and jobs</li> </ol> <p><b>SMART goals</b>  Develop SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, timely) goals for next 2 years at next meeting</p>
<p><b>Healthy Aging</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara Sinclair and Lorna Koci presented to the Utah Gerontological Society on Healthy Aging in March</li> <li>• Will review whether there is a role for the Commission in promoting healthy aging</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mental Health</b> Maureen Henry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on an assessment of requirements and standards for surrogate decision making in various parts of the Utah Code</li> <li>• Will collaborate with the Judicial Council’s Ad Hoc Committee on Probate to make recommendations to reconcile conflicts in the code and clarify ambiguities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Safety</b> TantaLisa Clayton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considering the possibility of adapting a Child Protective Services model for staffing and prosecuting elder abuse matters</li> <li>• Drafted a survey for law enforcement to assess awareness of elder abuse issues</li> </ul>

<b>Quality of Life</b> Gary Kelso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A planning session for the Culture Change Coalition will be hosted by HealthInsight on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>• Other culture change efforts continue</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b> Maureen Henry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working to make links with DMV.</li> <li>• Transportation summit scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul>

### **Legislative Session Outcomes**

Alan Ormsby reported on the funding outcomes for DAAS, including increased ongoing funding for the Aging Waiver (\$340,000), Caregiver Support (\$300,000), Meals on Wheels (\$146,000), and a pilot transportation program.

### **2030 Status**

Most agencies have submitted their final 2030 report. The final report is being prepared for publication in June.

### **Utah Food Bank Services Report**

Lorna Koci gave a summary of services offered.

### **Utah Gerontological Society**

The next UGS conference is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.