

Oklahoma Alliance on Aging
Strategy Committee Notes, April 17, 2006

Location: Aging Services Division Conference Room, Shepard Mall

Luann Cox resigned as Alliance secretary effective last Friday April 14, 2006.

Motion: John Terneus – That the committee that hired Luann be reactivated to look for a secretary.

Second: Tully McCoy

Helen Patrick made a motion to table the discussion on John's motion and recommended we call a full board meeting. Second: Tully McCoy. 2 yes 2 no 1 abstain - Motion failed

Tully called the vote on John's original motion. 5 yes 0 no - motion passed.

James Crowder will contact Theo Crawley today to begin process.

HB2842 - Helen got a copy of the committee substitute and talked to Cal Hobson. He requested a handwritten letter, which Helen wrote and sent.

James said to call Senate author to find out when it is going to be heard.

Esther said a handout was provided in the packet, at Senior Day, with a number of points vital to understanding the bill. There are 4 problem areas discussed in the handout,

- 1) "The plan allows insurance companies to cover fewer services than Medicaid currently provides,
- 2) The plan allots Medicaid beneficiaries an instrument of credit,' or voucher, equal to the average cost of providing necessary health services for an individual in the beneficiary's category.
What happens to the individual with above average health care costs?
- 3) The plan allows providers to charge co-payments
- 4) The plan is an untested and radical **experiment**

There are some good things in the bill but NOT in sections 2 or 3. Those sections are dangerous. There is no provision for evaluating the pilot before statewide expansion. Esther advised advocates to oppose sections 2 and 3. Consumer input into the Medicaid Task Force, what little there was, did not make it into the bill. There is too little that protects the consumer. Esther talked to the Governor after the Senior Day presentations. He seemed aware of concerns.

SB1793 – Explotation. Moving along. Apparently Rep Covey amended on the house floor. Will probably be removed or cleaned up. DAs office wants to increase statute of limitations to 5 years after discovery rather than 5 years after occurrence.

John Terneus handed out information on elder crimes and victimization. The first paragraph indicates an increase in violent crime. The last paragraph states that fraud and assault are increasing. This was Crime Victims Month and last week was Crime Victims Week. John referred to the APS pamphlet and said it was excellent.

Esther doesn't think 1793 is going to have any trouble. Currently our law is just for caretakers. This expands exploitation to include a person who "a. stands in a position of trust and confidence with the elderly person or disabled adult, or
b. has a business relationship with the elderly person or disabled adult,,"

HB2820 – Esther thinks this was not heard. We don't know what happened to it.

HB2399 – Esther thinks this was not heard. Looks like it is deceased.

HB283 (similar to 2399) don't know where it is.

SB1850 – Board of Examiners – Good Bill – Esther has talked to Denny about the bill and will be talking to Cain today.

SB1887 – Esther says anyone who's ever had to take care of a person with dementia needs to talk to Representative Cox or his or her Representative about this bill. The bill would require 2 persons to staff specialized dementia units at all times.

Esther says last Monday, while the session for senior day was going on, Ron Peter's appropriations sub committee heard from Lisa Boren who represents Concerned Advocates for Responsible Eldercare, Inc. (CARE, Inc.). Esther has been told it is a political action committee (PAC) for the for profit nursing home association. She is going to have to find out what was said but thinks the basic message is there is not enough money. We need senior citizen advocates at this sub committee if those folks are going to be present.

SRJ 43 – Representative Steele – Medicaid Income Pension Trust (Miller Trust). Raises the eligibility for Medicaid to a level comparable to the per diem rate. Currently eligibility is around 3x the poverty level. People who fall in between, too much income to qualify but not enough to pay bill, can set up a trust which allows extra income to go back to the state and allows people in the gap to qualify for Medicaid. This will allow more people to get the help they need.

The next Alliance Education meeting is April 21 at the Mayfair.

The Annual Meeting will be May 4 at the Mayfair.

Helen says that membership is down. Currently we have around 36 organizational members and around 175 regular members.

The next meeting of the Strategy Committee will be Monday April 24, 2006 9:30am at Aging Services in Shepard Mall.

House Bills

<u>HB2073</u>	4/11/2006	Revenue and Taxation; income tax deduction; 04/11 Senate CONF GRANTED #@x/	Smithson, Glen Bud (H), Wilson, Jim (S)
<u>HB2360</u>	4/06/2006	Revenue and Taxation; relating to federal retirement benefits; providing for graduated exemption amounts for income tax 04/06 Senate CONF GRANTED #@x	Banz, Gary (H) Leftwich, Debbe (S)
<u>HB2370</u> Dormant	03/21/06	Crimes and Punishments; providing separate penalties for child abuse crimes Senate 03/21/06 Referred to Appr/Sub-Public Safety and Judiciary #d	Dank, Odilid (H) Lamb, Todd (S)
<u>HB2399</u> Dormant	3/23/2006	Public Health and Safety; criminal arrest checks; 3/23/2006 Senate REF TO HEALTH #xd	Hastings, Chris (H) Brian, Crain (S)
<u>HB2430</u> Dormant	3/15/06	Children; specifying standard for obtaining custody. Senate REF TO JUD #ds	Kern, Sally (H) Lawler, Daisy (S)
<u>HB2459</u> Dormant	3/08/06	Revenue and Taxation; relating to income tax deduction; providing for those providing care for elderly persons Changed to SB1646 3/8 Senate referred to finance #xd	Peterson, Pam (H) Anderson, Patrick (S)
<u>HB2484</u> Dormant	3/8/06	Professions and Occupations; allowing certain entities to transfer unused prescription drugs to certain pharmacies; Senate referred to Health and Human Resources d	Nance, John (H) Nichols, Jonathan (S)
<u>HB2592</u>	4/6/06	Developmental Disabilities Services; modifying Group Homes for Persons with Developmental or Physical Disabilities Act; repealer; codification; Senate General Order #xs	Peters, Ron (H) Cain, Bernest (S)
<u>HB2649</u>	4/6/06	Insurance; relating to Health Savings Act; modifying definitions; providing for tax treatment. Emergency. 4/4/06 Senate GENERAL ORDER #@xe	Steele, Kris (H) Laughlin, Owen (S)
<u>HB2812</u>	4/6/06	Revenue and Taxation; ad valorem tax exemption for continuum of care retirement community. Senate GENERAL ORDER #@x/	Denney, Lee (H) Johnson, Mike (S)
<u>HB2820</u> Dormant	3/22/06	Public Health and Safety; licensing of persons who provide companion or sitter services; codification; Senate Ref to Health #ds	Peterson, Pam (H) Williamson, James (S)
<u>HB2830</u> Dormant	3/21/06	Sex Offenders; providing time limitation for issuance of identification card to certain persons; Senate REF TO AP-PUBSA #ds	Billy, Lisa (H) Eason McIntyre, Judy (S)
<u>HB2842</u>	4/10/06	Public Health and Safety; Medicaid Reform Act; codification Senate GENERAL ORDER #xs	Steele, Kris (H) Cain, BRIAN (S)

<u>HB2844</u>	4/6/06	Professions and Occupations; creating Drug Reimportation Act; codification; Senate GENERAL ORDER @x	Steele, Kris (H) Adelson, Tom (S)
<u>HB2865</u>	4/6/06	Mental Health; clarifying and modifying scope of certain definitions; repealer; codification; Senate GENERAL ORDER #@xe/	Worthen, Trebor (H) Cain, Bernest (S)
<u>HB2907</u> Dormant	3/20/06	Public Health and Safety; The Governmental Tort Claims Act; Senate REF TO HEALTH #eds	Peterson, Ron (H) Leftwich, Debbe (S)
<u>HB3125</u> Dormant	3/23/06	Revenue and Taxation; estate tax; repealer; emergency; Senate REF TO FIN Pending Coauthorship Representative(s) Bengel, Blackwell ed	Hiatt, Todd (H) Laughlin, Owen (S)
<u>HJR1002</u> Dormant	3/27/06	Oklahoma Constitution; advalorem taxation; limitation on increases; ballot titles; filing. Senate REF TO FIN #cda	Liebmann, Guy (H) Lamb, Todd (S)
<u>HR1075</u>	3/29/06	Public Safety; Silver Alert; distribution. Withdrawn from calendar; referred to Rules Committee (Original bill was HR1055, SB1053) 3/29/06 SEC OF STATE	Perry, Fred (H)

Senate Bills

<u>SB334</u>	4/14/06	Revenue and Taxation; modifying tax rate and exemption for estate tax heirs. House General Order #xcs	Mazzie, Mike (S) Bingman, Brian (H)
<u>SB1022</u>	3/6/06	Revenue and Taxation; sales tax exemption; authorizing exemption for sales of tickets for certain professional athletic events; emergency Approved by Governor 3/6/06 #@es	Morgan, Mike (S) Hiatt, Todd (H)
<u>SB1367</u>	3/15/06	Energy assistance funding; creating the Helping Oklahomans Pay for Energy (HOPE) Revolving fund. Emergency Second House Reading referred to Appropriations and Budget @xe	Hobson, Cal (S) Askins, Jari (H)
<u>SB1391</u>	3/23/06	Revenue and Taxation; modifying exemption from estate tax on certain estates. House GENERAL ORDER xs	Leftwich, Debbe (S) Terrill, Randy (H)
<u>SB1434</u>	3/28/06	Public Health; creating the Drug Reimportation Act House GENERAL ORDER #@xe/s	Adelson, Tom (S) Steele, Kris (H)
<u>SB1640</u>	4/4/06	Public Health; authorizing residential care homes to participate in a program for unused prescription drugs. House GENERAL ORDER	Johnson, Constance (S) Balkman, Thad (H)
<u>SB1646</u>	4/10/06	Revenue and Taxation; providing deduction for taxpayers who provide percentage of support for certain relatives House HS'S REJ, CONF REQ #@x/	Laster, Charlie (S) Peterson, Pam (H)

<u>SB1655</u>	3/23/06	Revenue and Taxation; providing income tax exemption for certain federal civil service retirees House GENERAL ORDER @x	Leftwich, Debbe (S) Banz, Gary (H)
<u>SB1665</u>	4/11/06	Revenue and Taxation; exempting items of clothing and footwear from state and local sales taxes for certain time period; modifying apportionment of sales tax. House HA'S REJ, CONF REQ #@xe/	Gumm, Jay Paul (S) Piatt, Greg (H)
<u>SB1707</u>	4/11/06	Sex Offenders; providing sex offenders' registry to Commissioner of Health. House HA'S READ #@e	Myers, David (S) Duncan, Rex (H)
<u>SB1738</u>	3/16/06	State government; relating to prescription assistance for medically indigent residents; modifying procedures. Emergency House REF TO HEALTH @xe	Paddack, Susan (S) Terrill, Randy (H)
<u>SB1748</u>	3/30/06	Crimes and Punishments; creating Identity Theft Protection Act. House REF TO BANKING @xs	Bass, Randy (S) Ingmire, Terry (H)
<u>SB1754</u>	3/16/06	Sex offenders; creating Neighborhood Protection Against Sex Offenders Act. House REF TO BUS/ECON e	Coffee, Glenn (S) Balkman, Thad (H)
<u>SB1793</u>	4/11/06	Crimes and Punishments; prohibiting the exploitation of elderly persons; providing for penalties. House HA's READ #@xes	Justice, Ron (S) Richardson, Justice (H)
<u>SB1850</u>	4/5/06	Public Health; modifying powers and duties of the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators; deleting authority of qualified mental retardation professionals HA's READ	Cain, Bernest (S) Denney, Lee (H)
<u>SB1887</u>	4/4/06	Public Health; creating additional staffing ratios for Alzheimer units in nursing facilities. House GENERAL ORDER #@x/s	Capps, Gilmer (S) Walker, Purcy (H)
<u>SB1964</u>	4/10/06	Sentencing; granting court authority for imprisonment and post-imprisonment supervision for sex offense; providing procedures. Senate REF TO COR/CRIM #@xe/s	Corn, Kenneth (S) Blackwell, Gus (H)
<u>SB1971</u>	4/17/06	Public Health; exempting certain State Department of Health fees from limitations. House General Order s	Rile, Nancy (S) Peters, Ron (H)
<u>SB2016</u>	3/30/06	Revenue and Taxation; relating to income tax; modifying amount of exemption for specified retirement benefits based on filing status. House GENERAL ORDER @x	Gumm, Jay Paul (S) Dorman, Joe (H)
<u>SB2017</u>	4/13/06	Poor persons; extending the Strategic Planning Committee on the Olmstead Decision; creating the Oklahoma Persons with Disabilities Transition Act. House GENERAL ORDER #@xs	Johnson, Constance (S) Balkman, Thad (H)

#	measure amended by the House
@	measure amended by the Senate
x	title stricken
\$	appropriations bill
c	carryover bill
e	emergency measure
/	enacting stricken
d	dormant measure
s	committee substitute