

**Oklahoma Alliance on Aging  
Strategy Committee Notes, February 13, 2006**

Location: Aging Services Division Conference Room at Shepherd Mall

Present: Vivian Smith, John Terneus, Tully McCoy, James Crowder, Leo Orsi, Janine McCullough, Esther Houser and Helen Patrick

Chairman Tully McCoy called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Bills discussed at this meeting included the following

SB 809, Leftwich, Department on Aging, to be heard Thurs, Feb 16, Senate Health and Human Resources committee, 9 am, Rm 534.

SB 975, Laster, Taking a trust to court. Defeats purpose of making a trust. To House Judiciary committee.

SB1022, Morgan/Hiett of House, Economic, passed out of House Revenue and Taxation committee, to House floor.

SB 1349, Garrison, Nursing Facility protocols to install security cameras in public areas, to Health and Human Resources

SB1643, C Johnson, Donation of organ, eye and tissues, passed out of Health and Human Resources to Senate floor.

SB 1646, Laster, Tax deduction for caregivers of elderly, to Senate. (Senate version of HB 2459.) SHL bill.

SB 1665, Gumm, Three day sales tax exemption on clothes and shoes in August. Passed out of Finance Committee.

SB 1679, C Johnson, State Aging Agency, to Appropriations Health and Human Resources subcommittee, then to full appropriations committee.

SB1707, Myers, A sleeper bill, looks like the bill will release Nursing Facilities from any liability in the event of a sexual offense that takes place on the premises. The bill goes against the Sex Offender Registration Act in its current form. Be prepared to OPPOSE this bill in its current form.

SB1748, Bass, ID Theft, to full Senate. AARP bill

SB 1793, Justice, Penalty for Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults, passed Appropriations, to the Senate floor.

SB 1818, Brogdon, Transportation for Senior Citizens in rural areas, to Rules

SB1841, Garrison, Crimes and Punishment of Abuse and Lewd Molestation of the Elderly, to Appropriations/Subcommittee-Public Safety

SB1887, Capps, Staffing Ratios in nursing homes, passed out of committee, to Senate floor. AARP

#### HOUSE

HB2073, Income Tax deduction for fire fighters, reserved deputy police, sheriffs.

HB2148, Carey/Gumm, Tax credit for certain fees, to House

HB2360, Banz, Federal Retirees to get Oklahoma tax benefit, to Senate

HB 2399, Hastings, Allow use of other resources for criminal arrest checks than just OSBI for background checks

HB2410, Balkman, Neighborhood protection, businesses conduct criminal background checks of employees to screen for sex offender history of those employees who will enter the residence of a person who is elderly, disabled person or a child, to Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 2459, P Peterson, P Anderson, Dorman,Dank, Income tax deduction for caretakers of elderly, to House. Also see SB1646

HB2649, Steele, Health Savings Accounts, to Senate

HB2674, Staggs, Health Care Planning Uniform Wish Document, end of life or 5 wishes bill, to all a person to use another form than the State Advanced

Directive. Alternate form must be consistent with current Advanced Directive and legal in Oklahoma, to Judiciary committee.

HB2812, Denny/M Johnson, Advalorum Tax, Continuum of Care, to House

HB2833, Billy/Crutchfield, Sales Tax exemption for hearing aides, to House floor.

HB2907, Ron Peterson, Government, Tort Claim, Task force to study the lack of liability insurance for care facilities, House and Human Services

HJR1002 (House Joint Resolution), Liebman, Lower ad valorum tax to 3% from the current 5% Passed House Revenue and Taxation

HR 1055 (House Resolution), Perry, Public Safety: Silver Alert, to Rules See bill by Staggs on same subject.

Changes in Federal Law now state that you must give away your money within 5 years effective 2009, to be eligible for Medicaid. Currently it is 3 years.

Next meetings are Monday, Feb 20, 9:30, at the State Capitol, basement snack bar and Monday, Feb 27, 9:30, at Aging Services Conference room.

This meeting is open to all. Meetings are usually lively and interesting. Please join us.

Helen Patrick, Note Taker

