

**Oklahoma Alliance on Aging
Strategy Committee Notes, January 30, 2006**

Location: Aging Services Division Conference Room in Shepherd Mall

Present: Vivian Smith, John Terneus, Tully McCoy, James Crowder, Dorothy Cassel, Albert Janco, Esther Houser and Helen Patrick

Our Chairman, Tully McCoy, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Senior Day at the Capitol was again mentioned. It will be held on April 10 at the Capitol from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It was announced that a planning committee meeting is to be held on January 31 at Shepherd Mall at 10:30 a.m. I am sure much good information will be available at our next meeting.

Esther gave us the numbers of several bills that she thought we would be interested in and should follow in the legislature.

House bills are:

HB 2410 by Rep. Balkman.	Requiring criminal history background checks and sex offender registration inquiry for certain employees.
HB 2484 by Rep. Nance.	Donation of unused prescription drugs, allowing certain entities to transfer unused prescription drugs to certain Pharmacies.
HB 2674 by Rep. Staggs.	Relating to healthcare planning, enacting the Uniform Wishes Document Act.
HB 2675 by Rep. Staggs.	Requiring the State Department of Health to develop certain protocol for nursing homes.
HB 2713 by Rep. Shelton.	Relates to the Elderly and Incapacitated Victim's Protection Program.
HB 2759 by Rep. Askins.	Enacting the Long-Term Care and Health Care Gap Insurance Tax Incentive Act of 2006.
HB 2820 by Rep. Pam Peterson.	Requiring the licensure of persons who provide companion or sitter services.
HB 2872 by Rep. Morrissette.	Prohibiting employment of certain persons in nursing facilities, prohibiting certain acts committed upon residents of nursing homes.

HB 2887 by Rep. Steele. Modifying language which relates to Nursing Home Care Act.

HB 3069 by Rep. Jackson. Updating Citation which relates to the Nursing Home Care Act.

Senate bills are:

SB 1707 by Sen. Myers. Relates to sex offenders registry: authorizing the Commissioner of Health to obtain and distribute information to nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

S8 1793 by Sen. Justice. Making exploitation of elderly persons or disabled adults a crime.

SB 1841 by Sen. Garrison. Prohibiting certain abuse, neglect and lewd acts against elderly person or disabled adult.

SB 1850 by Sen. Cain. Relates to the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators; requiring the board to access certain fines.

S8 1887 by Sen. Capps. Relates to staffing ratios of nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities.

Abuse in State Veterans Homes will be discussed at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2006, at the Aging Services Conference Room at Shepherd Mall. Please plan to be with us. When we have our next meeting the Legislature will have been in session a week. Come and find out what has happened so far.