

**Oklahoma Alliance on Aging
Strategy Committee Notes, November 14, 2005**

Location: Aging Services Division Conference Room in Shepherd Mall

Present: Vivian Smith, Helen Patrick, Tully McCoy, James Crowder, Albert N. Janco and John Terneus

Tully McCoy called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

It was reported that Bob Bristow, President of AARP Oklahoma, has been elected to be the Coordinator of the Aging Partnership.

We were told how well the Heartland Flyer is doing in its travels between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth.

The next Education Committee meeting will be on January 20, 2006, between 10:00 and 12:00 noon at Mayfair in the South Boardroom. These meetings are always interesting.

SB 809 will be the bill that seeks to create a separate department on aging in the 2006 session of the legislature.

Lance Robertson is the Vice President of the Alliance on Aging that is in charge of our part of the Senior Day at the Capitol.

The annual list of priorities of the Oklahoma Alliance on Aging was announced.

No. 1 priority: Increase funding for Older Americans Act services including nutrition sites, home delivered meals, and in-home services, statewide.

No. 2 priority: Develop affordable housing and supportive services, including low cost telephone services, for older and disabled people in all parts of the state.

No. 3 priority: Support services to protect older adults from abuse, exploitation and fraud (by telemarketing, mail and internet).

No. 4 priority: Increase support for grandparents raising grandchildren, including legal, health care, social services, and tax breaks.

No. 5 priority: There was a three way tie on this position. Expand special supportive services for family caregivers including caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. Assure adequate direct care staffing in nursing homes and assisted living centers, plus better training, wages and benefits for dependable staff. Work to develop statewide community based public transit to increase access to services and employment for older Oklahomans and persons with disabilities.

Helen Patrick asked James Crowder to give us a list of those legislators that will be term limited at the close of 2006. He is glad to do so.

Senators term limited in 2006: Sen. Cal Hobson (D) of Lexington, District 16, *Cleveland and *McClain counties; Sen. Bernest Cain (D) of Oklahoma City, District 46, *Oklahoma county; Sen. Gilmer Capps (D) of Snyder, District 26, *Beckham, *Caddo, Greer, *Jackson, Kiowa, Tillman and Washita counties; Sen. Ted Fisher (D) of Sapulpa, District 12, Creek and *Okfuskee counties; Sen. J. Berry Harrison (D) of Fairfax, District 10, *Kay, *Osage, Pawnee, *Payne and *Tulsa counties; Sen. Robert Kerr (D) of Altus, District 38, *Beckham, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, *Greer, Harmon, *Jackson, and Roger Mills counties; Sen. Frank Shurden (D) Henryetta, District 8, McIntosh, *Okfuskee, and *Tulsa counties; Sen. Stratton Taylor (D) of Claremore, District 2, Claremore, *Mays, and *Rogers counties.

Representatives term limited in 2006: Rep. Jari Askins (D) of Duncan, District 50, *Comanche, *Cotton, and *Stephens counties; Rep. Debbie Blackburn (D) of Oklahoma City, District 88, *Oklahoma county; Rep. Bill Case (R) of Midwest City, District 95, *Oklahoma county; Rep. Odilia Dank (R) of Oklahoma City, District 85, *Oklahoma county; Rep. Abe Deutschendorf (D) of Lawton, District 62, *Comanche county; Rep. Joe Eddins (D) of Vinita, District 6, Craig, *Mayes, and *Rogers counties; Rep. Randall Erwin (D) of Nashoba, District 19, Choctaw, *LeFlore, *McCurtain, and Pushmataha counties; Rep. Chris Hastings (R) of Tulsa, District 79, *Tulsa county. Rep. Todd Hiatt (R) of Kellyville, District 29, *Creek and *Tulsa counties; Rep. Doug Miller (R) of Norman, District 46, *Cleveland and *McClain counties; Rep. Danny Morgan (D) of Prague, District 32, *Creek and *Lincoln counties; Rep. Fred Morgan (R) of Oklahoma City, District 83, *Oklahoma county; Rep. Fred Perry (R) of Tulsa, District 69, *Tulsa county; Rep. Bob Plunk (D) of Ada, District 25, *Hughes, *McClain, *Pontotoc and *Pottawatomie counties; Rep. Barbara Staggs (D) of Muskogee, District 14, *Cherokee and *Muskogee counties; Rep. Opio Toure (D) of Oklahoma City, District 99, *Oklahoma county.

* Counties so marked represent only a part of the county in that district.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2005, at the Aging Services Division Conference Room at Shepherd Mall. Please plan to be with us.