

MINUTES
Senior & Disabled Services
Advocacy Committee
1015 Willamette St; Eugene, OR 97401

January 14, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Patterson, Chair; Dennis Shine, Robert Fritson, Donna Peterson, Rosemary Foster,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ed Necker, Janet O'Bryant, Tim Baxter, Jessica Harris, Diane Rogers, and Kathy Jenness

STAFF: Kay Metzger

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 p.m.

2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the November meeting

Approved by consensus.

4. Committee Business/Updates

A. Roundabout Update

1) Rosemary F. reported that she spoke to an ODOT representative, Sonny Chickering regarding the efforts to improve pedestrian safety on Main Street in Springfield. An investment of \$1 million will be made for improvements to 4 crossings: 41st Street, 35th Street, 43rd Street, and 48th Street (location of an Assisted Living Facility). These should be accomplished by summer 2011. A website is available to track the progress on these changes: www.springfieldmainstreet.org. Robert Fritson stated that the Advocacy Committee should continue to represent the needs of seniors and people with disabilities in this project. Rosemary F. agreed to continue tracking and reporting to the group.

2) Dennis Shine reported that he spoke to the Register Guard reporter regarding the recent article on the roundabout. Dennis informed him of the extensive background and involvement of the Advocacy Committee. Jim Patterson acknowledged Tim Baxter's assistance in

drafting the letter to the editor that was published. Dennis reminded the group that the City Councilor that had represented the roundabout area (Christine Lundberg) has been promoted to Mayor and a new City Councilor has been appointed (Sean VanGordon). Jim Patterson agreed to draft a letter to Mr. VanGordon to educate him on the roundabout and our concerns.

B. 2011 Legislative Session

1) Advocacy Training

Kay informed the group there will be Advocacy Training sponsored by O4Ad. More information will be available in the future. Jim Patterson stated he found the training helpful.

2) Budget, Policy and Program Issues

Kay described the potential issues on the table during the 2011 Session, including moving long term care out of the current model and into a more integrated approach with health care, potential under managed care oversight. Robert Fritson commented that the goals of long term care and health care have some commonalities but are very different on many levels. The group will closely track this issue in the coming months.

3) Working with Legislators

The group agreed that a legislative forum sometime in March or April would be a good idea. Developmental Disabilities is interested in partnering. Committee members supported this.

C. Other Business

Robert Fritson reported on his work with the Trillium/LIPA DME Committee, describing the issues on which he voted. Committee members recognized Robert's important work on this committee. Robert also informed members of a new workgroup that would deal with Oregon Administrative Rules related to DME. He is willing to be more involved and will share more information with the group at the February meeting. He will also provide an update on the crosswalks at various locations around town.

6. Date for next meeting: February 11, 2011; 2:15 p.m.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.