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Senior & Disabled Services Advocacy Committee

June 8, 2007

Members Present: Kathy Jenness, Chair, Dennis Shine, Jim Patterson, Ed Necker, Tim Baxter, Trescott Ducker, Mary Johnson, Sharon Durham, L.M. Reese, Dan Arkin.

Members Excused: Dianne Burch, Jane Boren, Marion Esty.

Guest: Krystal Zanel

Staff Present: Kay Metzger

1. Call to Order

Chair Kathy Jenness called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda

Agenda accepted by consensus.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the May meeting

Motion: Ed Necker moved the minutes of the May meeting of the Advocacy Committee be approved. Jim Patterson seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Committee Business

a. Continuing Work on 2006-07 Committee Priorities

The Committee spent time planning for the Legislative Dialogue scheduled for Saturday, June 9th. Ed Necker agreed to be the moderator of the event. Kay will open with a summary of the S&DS Legislative Priorities for 2007. Each Legislator will be allowed to speak for five minutes regarding, “the good, the bad, and the ugly” of the 2007 Legislative Session. We will then move to take questions from the audience. Committee members addressed how to handle this part of the event. After an extensive discussion of the pros and cons of various techniques used in the past, the group agreed to a two-pronged approach. There will be cards available for those attendees who wish to submit a written question or comment to the Legislators, which Ed will read. Additionally, we will allow people to ask questions verbally. However, in order to maintain control and order over the process, we will allow only one

minute for each participant to make a comment or ask a question, and we will have Patti Little hold the microphone rather than giving it to the person. L.M. volunteered to be the timekeeper. Mary Johnson volunteered to come early and staff the sign-in table.

b. Medicare Independent Living Act

Tim Baxter informed the Committee on the progress and challenges facing the Medicare Independent Living Act. Jim Patterson volunteered to follow up via phone call to the Oregon U.S. Legislators.

c. Other Business

Tim Baxter distributed a phone number list of Department of Medical Assistance Program staff, as provided by Rhonda Busek of LIPA.

5. Announcements

- a) Dan Arkin informed the group of the progress of the United Way Personal Assistant Committee. The Committee is pursuing grant funding for planning and research to implement a caregiver registry.
- b) Mary Johnson reported on HB 2530, which addresses several issues within the state tax system. Mary stated the bill sets up a task force. She is very interested in following the progress of this issue.
- c) Dan recognized Tim Baxter for all his hard work promoting the priorities of the Advocacy Committee.

**6. Reminder of Next Meeting:
Friday, July 27, 2007; 2:15 p.m.**

**Location:
Senior & Disabled Services
2nd Floor Large Conference Room
1015 Willamette Street
Eugene, OR 97401**

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.