

MINUTES

Senior & Disabled Services
Disability Services Advisory Council
Senior & Disabled Services Office, Ed's Room
1015 Willamette Street, Eugene

November 17, 2006

Members Present: L.M. Reese, Chair; Dan Arkin, Jane Boren, Kathy Jenness, Kelly Hodgkinson, Ed Necker, Michael Thomas, Darlene Puls, Tim Baxter, Trescott Ducker, Sharon Durham, Leslie Gilbert and Laura Weil.

C.R. Member Present: Graham Bailey

Members Excused: Kevin O'Reilly

Guest: Jerry Linville

Staff Present: Kay Metzger

1. CALL TO ORDER

L.M. Reese, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:36 P.M. All present introduced themselves.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Laura Weil requested an addition to the agenda regarding the LIPA Advisory Committee. By consensus, the item will be added under 4a.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE September 2006 DSAC MEETING

Motion: Ed Necker moved, Kathy Jenness seconded a motion to accept the minutes as mailed. Motion passed with one abstention.

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. LIPA Advisory Committee

Laura Weil reported that LIPA is seeking volunteers for their newly created Advisory Committee. L.M. Reese stated he was interested. Laura will give him further information on the opportunity.

Additionally, Dan Arkin reported on presentation by the ADA Watch on the history and progress of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Motion: Ed Necker moved that the DSAC allow Dan Arkin to represent the group in expressing our interest in having the presentation in the Eugene/Springfield area. Kathy Jenness seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Senior Services Advisory Council

Jane Boren reported on the October SSAC meeting. At that meeting, the SSAC offered suggestions for protocol in managing the waiting list for Oregon Project Independence services. Additionally, they heard an update on the budget issues in the Family Caregiver Support Program and heard a presentation from Joan Taylor, supervisor of the Senior Connections Program.

b. LCOG Board of Directors

Kay reported that the LCOG Board approved the S&DS Legislative Priorities for 2006-07 at its last meeting. At the meeting, a Board member expressed interest in sending a letter to the Governor or State Legislature supporting equitable funding for the AAAs.

Motion: Dan Arkin moved that a letter for LCOG approval be drafted regarding support for equity in funding for the AAAs. Kathy Jenness seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. ACTION ITEM

No action items were submitted for the agenda.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair's Report

L.M. Reese distributed a summary of the O4AD Quarterly meeting. He found the meeting very helpful, as he was able to network with other Advisory Council Chairs. L.N. requested a report of each Standing Committee at the next DSAC meeting, so that he can accurately report on our activities at the Winter Quarterly meeting which will be held in January or February 2007.

b. Committee Reports

(1) Long Term Care Committee

Laura Weil reported on the November 7, 2006 Long Term Care Committee meeting. The final presentations by the S&DS Supervisors were completed, with Becky Strickland providing information on Adult Protective Services, Licensing and Monitoring of Adult Foster Homes and the Client Employed Provider Program, Sue Wilbur giving information on the Florence Office, and Alicia Beymer offering information on Medicare Modernization and Quality Assurance. The Committee discussed what role the Long Term Care Committee could play in being of assistance to S&DS staff. Additionally, the LTCC reviewed a questionnaire that will be distributed to S&DS staff on process improvement.

(2) Advocacy Committee

Kathy Jenness offered an update on the most recent Advocacy Committee meeting. The group is moving forward on the Legislative Priorities, with a smaller group focusing on promotion of the Health Care Ombudsman concept. Senator Morrisette has expressed an interest in helping with this issue.

c. Staff Reports

(1) DSAC Committee Assignments

Kay distributed a handout of the DSAC Committee Assignments. There will be one correction: Darlene Puls will be moved from the Long Term Care Committee to the Advocacy Committee.

(2) Planning & Budget Timeline

Kay distributed a handout describing the timeline for the 2007-08 Area Plan and Budget process.

(3) Family Caregiver Support Program

Kay described recent events related to funding for the Family Caregiver Support Program. In October DHS discovered there was an error in the allocation formula, resulting in a significant decrease in this year's funding. The E-Board will be meeting on November 30, 2006 and hopefully the problem will be considered and additional funding will be granted. In the meantime, S&DS has closed the program to new participants.

(4) Oregon Project Independence Program

Kay directed the DSAC's attention to the policy statement included in their packets on the expansion of the Oregon Project Independence Program. The primary principles recommended by the Governor's Commission on Senior Services and the People with Disabilities Advisory Council are;

- Do No Harm

The expansion of the program to serve younger people with disabilities should not be a detriment to seniors currently receiving services. Those who are currently receiving services under OPI should continue to receive services. Additionally, the start date for services to people with disabilities should be July 1, 2007 if possible.

➤ **People are People**

There should be no “set aside” for either constituency. Rather, both populations have an equal right to service priority.

➤ **This is a Critical Investment**

The OPI program is a key ingredient in an overall strategy to transform the long term care system away from more costly services and toward less costly, preventative services. DHS, the Governor, and the Legislature need to view OPI as a priority.

➤ **Adequate Funding is Essential to Fuel the Investment**

Additional funding is needed to provide the services needed to maintain people in their own homes.

7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L.M. Reese reported on the Boutique at Olive Plaza, a fund raiser for the Senior Meals Program. In the first six weeks it has raised \$1000 toward the cause.

Kathy Jenness made a motion to move the monthly meeting of the DSAC from a start time of 1:30 to 12:30. This allows the Advocacy Committee to meet immediately afterward on the same day. The DSAC had no objections. Dan Arkin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 P.M.

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING:

Friday, January 12, 2007

12:30 – 2:00