

MINUTES

Senior & Disabled Services
Disability Services Advisory Council
LCOG's Administrative Office, 4th Floor Large Conf. Room
99 E. Broadway, Eugene

January 13, 2006

Members Present: L.M. Reese, Chair; Dan Arkin, Tim Baxter, Ed Necker, Joann Scheck, Michael Thomas, and Laura Weil.

Members Excused: Luther Beecroft, Jane Boren, Kathy Jenness, Kevin O'Reilly, and Darlene Puls.

C.R. Members Present: Maureen Wadst.

Guest: Mary Otten (Eugene Human Rights Commission)

Staff Present: Patti Little, Nancy Sargent-Johnson and Ted Stevens.

1. CALL TO ORDER

L.M. Reese, DSAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. At his request, persons in attendance introduced themselves.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Dan Arkin requested permission to give reports under Agenda Item #7, Other Reports and Announcements.

Action: Without objection, the Chair ruled that the agenda for the meeting be approved, as presented, with the understanding that reports will be presented under Agenda Item #7.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2005 DSAC MEETING

Motion: Moved by Ed Necker, and seconded by Tim Baxter, to approve the

Minutes of the November 2005 DSAC meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. Senior Services Advisory Council

Ted Stevens reported on the December Senior Services Advisory Council meeting. Regarding Action Items, he shared that the Council considered and acted on a proposed extension of the In-Home Services contract with Addus HealthCare, S&DS' current provider. This proposal called for the current contract to be extended by nine months, through September 30, 2006, and for increases in the rates of payment be granted to Addus for the provision of Home Care and Personal Care services. Ted reported that the proposal was approved, as presented, by the Senior Council. Ted also reported that the Senior Council agreed to shift the location of its February meeting to LCOG's Administrative Office, 99 E. Broadway, Eugene, to enable staff to demonstrate two new internet based services, the Network of Care web site showcased to the DSAC in November, and S&DS' revised and improved web site (www.sdslane.org). Concerning the information items considered by the SSAC, Ted shared that they also appear on today's DSAC's meeting agenda and, as a result, will be addressed later in the meeting.

b. LCOG Board of Directors

Ted Stevens reported on the Board's December 8, 2005 meeting. He shared that the Board learned of the Executive Committee's approval of SSAC-recommended revisions to the current year budget for Oregon Project Independence, and passed a resolution thanking him, on the occasion of his retirement, for his years of service to the agency and to seniors and people with disabilities.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Proposed Amendments to the Council's Bylaws

Ed Necker, DSAC Nominating Committee Chair, and Ted Stevens, S&DS Director, introduced and explained the many recommendations for amendments to the Council's Bylaws. Following this presentation, Dan Arkin introduced several additional modifications to the proposals offered by the Nominating Committee. The Council spent approximately 45 minutes reviewing and debating the proposals offered by the Nominating Committee and Dan Arkin. A number of changes were

agreed to, both formally and informally, as follows:

Action: By consensus, the Council agreed to include the proposed amendments offered by the Nominating Committee in the final draft of the amendments of the Council's Bylaws to be presented to the Council at its March meeting for formal consideration, with the exception of the following items (the approved language is set forth below, with the changes noted by underlines and strike-throughs):

(1) Article VI.1.a(1), Council Meetings, Regular Meetings: "The Council shall meet six times a year, ~~on the second Friday of the following months~~, unless the Council ~~it~~ agrees otherwise:

(a) On the second Friday of the following months: January, March, May, September, and November; and

(b) On the fourth Friday of July." (Note: This modification was approved by a motion made by Michael Thomas and seconded by Joann Scheck. The motion passed on a majority vote, with two abstentions.)

(2) Article VIII.1, Executive Committee Composition: "The Executive Committee shall be composed of five members and shall include the Chair, Vice Chair, the Chair of the Nominating Committee and at least two additional DSAC members at large."

(3) Article VIII.2.b, Executive Committee, Responsibilities: "Acting ~~on behalf of~~ for the Council between regular meetings on membership appointments and advocacy recommendations during periods between the Council's regular meetings; and"

(4) Article IX.1, Committees, Types of Committees: "Two types of committees shall assist the Council to accomplish its purpose and functions...."

(5) Article IX.2.b(1), Committees, Nominating Committee Responsibilities: "At the ~~May~~ July meeting each year, make nominations for the Council's officers...."

(6) Article IX.2.b(2), Committees, Nominating Committee Responsibilities: "With the assistance of LCOG staff, recruit, screen and recommend to the Council nominees ~~to the Council for appointment for DSAC membership appointment by LCOG~~, keeping in mind the need to maintain a balanced ~~representation of and~~ representative Council membership, including people with disabilities, service providers and others members."

(7) Article IX.2.b(3), Committees, Nominating Committee Responsibilities: "If a member fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without notifying the Council Chair or staff, the Nominating Committee ~~shall~~ may recommend to the Council that the member's seat be declared vacant."

(8) Article X.1, Coordination with LCOG's SSAC: "Select and appoint at least one, but not more than two members to serve on the Senior Services Advisory

Council. The normal term of appointment for liaison members shall be one year, from ~~July~~ October 1 to the following ~~June~~ September 30.”

(9) Article XI.1, Termination of Membership, Resignation: “A member may resign by submitting written notice to the Council Chair or LCOG Director of Senior & Disabled Services.”

(10) Article XI.1, Termination of Membership, Absence: “If a member fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without notifying the Council Chair or staff, upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Council ~~shall~~ may declare the member’s seat vacant.”

b. Recruitment Procedures

Ted Stevens introduced this topic. He explained the motivation for the development of procedures for the recruitment, screening, and selection of nominees for appointment to the Disability Services Advisory Council, and reviewed the proposed procedures in some detail.

During the discussion of these procedures, Dan Arkin stated that their intent is to promote broad representation within the membership on the Council, but not to grant designated seats on the Council to specific groups or individuals. Dan and other members also expressed concern regarding the use of the words, “promotion” and “promoted.” Given this latter concern, Recruitment Procedures #2.a and #2.b were reworded, as follows:

2.a: “Are there ~~qualified~~ any Community Representative Members interested in being appointed ~~promotion~~ to full membership on the Council. If there are, will their appointment fill identified membership needs?”

2.b: “If Community Representative Members are ~~promoted~~ appointed to full membership, will the number of remaining Community Representative Members be sufficient for the Council’s purposes, or should additional Community Representative Members be recruited?”

Motion: Moved by Ed Necker, and seconded by Laura Weil, to approve the proposed Nominating Committee Recruitment Procedures, as amended by discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair’s Report – none.

b. Committee Reports – Advocacy Committee

Ted Stevens announced the Committee’s schedule for the final two “conversation” meetings with members of Lane County’s legislative delegation. The dates, times and locations of the January and February meetings were announced. DSAC members who do not routinely attend Advocacy Committee meetings were urged to attend these meetings.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

a. Senator Wyden Town Hall Meeting

Dan Arkin announced a town hall meeting being held by U.S. Senator Ron Wyden at 4:00 PM today (January 13) at Campbell Senior Center, Eugene.

b. Film at Bijou Theater

Dan Arkin announced that a local film maker’s film is being shown at the Bijou Theater. He urged DSAC members to attend a showing of this new film.

c. City of Eugene Web Site

Michael Thomas announced that he has been asked to consult with the City of Eugene on the usability of its web site to people who are blind or have visual impairments.

8. REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING/ADJOURN

Dan Arkin, Council Vice Chair, reminded members that the next DSAC meeting will be held on Friday, March 10, 2006, 1:30 – 3:00 P.M., at LCOG’s Administrative Office, 99 E. Broadway, Eugene. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.