

MINUTES

Senior & Disabled Services
Disability Services Advisory Council
S&DS, 1015 Willamette St, Eugene, OR 97401

January 12, 2007

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

Members Excused: Darlene Puls, Kelly Hodgkinson

C.R. Member Excused: Graham Bailey

Staff Present: Kay Metzger, Patti Little

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER

L.M. Reese called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING AGENDA

Kay Metzger requested an item, "Location of Meetings" be added under Action Items. Agenda approved by consensus with addition.

3. CONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

L.M. Reese pointed out a typo in the Chair's Report. His name should read "L.M." not "L.N.". Additionally, the winter O4AD Quarterly will be held in February, not January.

Motion: Ed Necker moved the minutes be approved, with corrections. Dan Arkin seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. Senior Services Advisory Council

Summary of the December SSAC meeting was shared with the Council.

b. LCOG Board of Directors

No report, as the LCOG Board had not meet since the last DSAC meeting.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Promoting the Needs of People with Disabilities

On behalf of the O4AD, Kay requested input from Council members about how O4AD could represent the needs of people with disabilities most effectively. Council members offered the following comments:

- As a rule, Council members did not like the term “Long Term Care”. Members did not like the word “care”, as they would prefer to promote the concept of partnership and consumer direction.
- Phrases such as Long Term Support, Independent Living Support, Extended Care, or Life Span Quality were recommended.
- The Council felt that Long Term Living was more reflective of the aging population.

b. Services for People with Disabilities through the Oregon Project Independence Program

The Department of Human Services is currently in the process of re-writing the Oregon Administrative Rules for the Oregon Project Independence Program to include people with disabilities between the ages of 18 and 59. Once the new rules are written, S&DS will be able to implement them on a local basis. In preparation for this, S&DS is beginning to gather information on which services people with disabilities who are not on Medicaid need. The Council offered the following suggestions:

- Personal care and housekeeping would be helpful, particularly an annual deep cleaning, more heavier type of housework and shopping assistance.
- Case Management, care co-ordination, nutrition education, connecting people with resources they need, problem solving life’s issues, mentoring, basic “check-in” regarding how things are going with bill paying, food, heat, etc.
- Range of Motion, speech therapy, physical therapy
- Yard care, minor home improvements
- “Filling in the gaps”

- Wheelchair repairs and transportation are critical issues for many.

c. Location of Meetings

S&DS is in the midst of updating its Business Continuation Plans. As part of that process, an evaluation of emergency exit procedures was taken. Kay inquired of the Council regarding their thoughts on the risks involved in meeting at the S&DS Eugene Office, at which there is no ground level meeting room large enough for our group. Thus meetings are held either on the second floor or in the basement.

By consensus, the DSAC agreed they preferred to meet at a downtown location. There may be other meeting rooms available downtown, such as at LCC, LTD, the Library or the Atrium. Kay indicated the room must be rent-free. Staff will follow up with these possibilities. In the meantime, Ed Necker shared it is safest to meet on the second floor, as it is easier to assist someone with mobility impairments to go down rather than up. There are also specialty items that can be purchased to help people evacuate safely. In conclusion, Council members thought it would be a good idea to request a presentation by the fire department.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair's Report

In preparation for the O4AD Quarterly, L.M. requested written reports from Committee Chairs by February 1.

b. Committee Reports

(1) Long Term Care Committee

Leslie Gilbert is the new Chair, effective January. Laura Weil reported on the December meeting. Alicia Beymer reported on the S&DS staff survey. Leslie reported that Carol Cookson, Money Management Program Co-ordinator, attended the January meeting. The LTCC will serve as the interim Advisory Council for the Money Management Program.

(2) Advocacy Committee

Advocacy Committee members reported on the latest action regarding the Legislative Priorities. Specifically, Senator Morrisette plans to introduce a Health Care Ombudsman bill on our behalf.

c. Staff Reports

(1) Medicare Modernization

Given the time, this report was tabled until the next meeting.

(2) Other Staffing

None.

7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting to be Friday, March 9, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

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9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.