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To: Disability Services Advisory Council

From: Kay Metzger

Subject: 2006 Needs Assessment

In accordance with federal and state policy, S&DS is required to help create and maintain a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery system to meet the needs of older and disabled people in Lane County. To document its work toward this goal, S&DS must develop an Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services. The Area Plan is a multi-year document, with annual updates. It serves two purposes: (1) it is a planning document -- it identifies the needs of seniors and adults with disabilities, and describes the agency's plans for addressing these needs; and (2) it is a compliance document which provides the basis for the State of Oregon to contract with LCOG for the delivery of a range of services to older people and people with disabilities.

Program Year 2007-08 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) will be the first year of a new Area Plan cycle. To prepare for this cycle, during the summer and fall of 2006 Patti Little, S&DS Contracts Manager, completed an assessment of the needs of seniors and people with disabilities who reside in Lane County.

During its meetings in January and February 2007, the Planning & Budget Committee reviewed a draft of the 2006 Needs Assessment. Members offered input for additions and/or corrections. Copies have been mailed to Advisory Council members. Additionally, the 2006 Needs Assessment has been distributed throughout the county to libraries, cities, senior centers and other community locations. At the March 9th DSAC meeting, Council members will have an opportunity to review and discuss the 2006 Needs Assessment.