

March 4, 2008

TO: Disability Services Advisory Council

FROM: Planning and Budget Committee

SUBJECT: Action on the 2008-09 Update to the 2008-011 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for Lane County

Program Year 2008-09 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) represents the first full year of the new Area Plan cycle, which began in January 2008 and runs through December 2011. To prepare for the multi-year plan, an assessment of the needs of seniors and people with disabilities who live in Lane County was completed by S&DS during the fall of 2006. Additionally, other studies of local needs, such as the United Way 2007 Community Assessment and the Lane Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan, were evaluated. The multi-year Area Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities in Lane County was submitted to the State of Oregon in October 2007 and has received approval from the Department of Human Services State Unit on Aging.

The development of the 2008-09 Component to the 2008-2011 Area Plan was a joint effort involving staff and members of S&DS' Planning & Budget Committee, a standing committee of LCOG's two advisory councils. Work started in November 2007. First, in order to help the Committee make informed choices, significant time was spent educating members on the various funding sources, the services provided during Program Year 2007-08, the effectiveness of current services, the unmet needs of the senior community, and potential new service models. The Committee concluded this first phase by agreeing upon eight basic principles for decision-making. Second, the Committee received preliminary information from staff on the availability of federal and State revenues for the 2008-09 program year. Last, based on all of the above information and using the eight principles for decision-making, the Committee developed recommendations covering the key policy elements of the 2008-09 Component to the Area Plan, notably, the budget and objectives for the year.

In accordance with State and Federal requirements, a summary of the proposed 2008-09 Plan Update and a notice of a February 26, 2008 public hearing on the document were prepared, duplicated and circulated broadly throughout the county. In addition to the publication of a legal notice of the hearing and the distribution of hard

copies of both documents, they were posted on S&DS' website for those with access to the internet. The proposed Plan Update was available for public review and comment between February 11 and February 26, 2008. (Copies of the notice of the public hearing and the summary of the proposed Area Plan Update for 2008-09 were mailed to Council members in mid-February. If you misplaced your copy and would like another, please request one from Kay Metzger, 682-4432.)

Public Hearing:

As announced, the public hearing was held on February 26th at the Hilyard Community Center in Eugene. The agenda for the hearing addressed the following topics:

- Review of the purpose of the hearing;
- Explanation of the processes used to develop the Area Plan Update;
- Review of the contents of the draft Plan Update;
- Response to questions from the audience regarding the draft Plan;
- Acceptance of comments from the public on the draft Plan; and
- Closing comments.

Once the hearing was held, the Planning and Budget Committee met immediately afterward to review the input received from the public. During the public hearing, no negative or opposing comments were given and one positive comment was received from an attendee. The Planning and Budget Committee determined that no adjustments were needed to the proposed 2008-09 Area Plan Update, and unanimously voted to make a recommendation to the two Advisory Councils (Disability Services and Senior Services) for approval. At the March 14th meeting the DSAC will hear a report on the Public Hearing and be asked to take action on the recommendation of the Planning and Budget Committee.

Requested Action:

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends that the Advisory Councils recommend to LCOG the following:

1. That LCOG adopt the 2008-09 Update to S&DS' 2008-11 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services, as presented at the March 14, 2008 DSAC meeting; and
2. That S&DS staff be authorized to submit the Plan Update to the Oregon Department of Human Services.