

MINUTES

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

April 7, 2006
(Reschedule of March 10, 2006 meeting)

Members Present: L.M. Reese (by phone), Chair; Dan Arkin,, Ed Necker, Joann Scheck, Jane Boren, Kevin O'Reilly, Darlene Puls, Jeanne Barter, Kelly Hodgkinson, and Laura Weil.

Members Excused: Tim Baxter, Luther Beecroft, Michael Thomas, Kathy Jenness.

C.R. Members Present: Leslie Relle

Guest: Mary Otten (Eugene Human Rights Commission)

Staff Present: Patti Little, Kay Metzger.

1. CALL TO ORDER

L.M. Reese, DSAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

No additions were made to the agenda.

Action: Without objection, the Chair ruled that the agenda for the meeting be approved, as presented.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE January 2006 DSAC MEETING

L.M. Reese stated there was an omission in agenda item 5a. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws. Specifically, the minutes did not reflect the discussion

and decision by the Council to include, “Assisting with the development of agendas for regular meetings of the Council, at the request of the Chair” as one of the duties of the Executive Committee. Omission so noted. This information was, however, included in the memo, “Proposed Amendments to the Council’s Bylaws” that will be discussed later in the meeting.

Action: Minutes approved with suggested change.

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. Senior Services Advisory Council

Kay Metzger reported briefly on the February Senior Services Advisory Council meeting. The SSAC approved an additional meeting for May to review and act on recommendations from the Procurement and Monitoring Committee regarding the contractual agreements S&DS has with several other entities that provide Older Americans Act and TXIX services to senior residents of Lane County.

b. LCOG Board of Directors

Kay Metzger reported on the Board’s February meeting. She shared that the Board received a presentation by Lane County Commissioner Bobby Green, chair of the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC). The Board followed the presentation with a beneficial discussion of the transportation planning work done by the MPC.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Final Draft of the Amendments to the Council’s Bylaws

According to the DSAC Bylaws, a two-thirds vote of the Council is necessary in order to enact change in the Bylaws. Therefore, ten Council members are needed for the vote. At this point in the meeting, there were only nine present. Therefore, the Council proceeded with a discussion regarding the initiation of meetings of the Nominating Committee for the 2006-07 cycle.

Motion: Dan Arkin moved to begin scheduling the Nominating Committee meetings in preparation for the 2006-07 cycle. Ed Necker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Kay will contact the Nominating Committee members to schedule a meeting this month.

At this point in the meeting Jane Boren arrived. Thus, two-thirds of the Council (10 members) were present. Action on the DSAC Bylaws could go forward. Dan Arkin asked the Council members if the handout reflected what the Council agreed upon at its January meeting. Ed Necker responded yes, it did.

Motion: Ed Necker moved that the Council adopt the Bylaws as presented and recommend to the LCOG Board Executive Committee that they be ratified. Jeanne Barter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council then moved to a discussion regarding the change in operating year from July through June to October through September. Kay posed the question regarding Council membership from July 2006 through September 2006. There are six Council members whose terms expire the end of June 2006. Will these members continue to serve through September?

Kevin O'Reilly asked members of the Nominating Committee what their intent was when they drafted the change. Ed Necker opined that the Nominating Committee recommended the changes in order to avoid down-time between when a new member is recruited and the time they begin serving. The Council then asked those members in attendance whose terms were expiring if they would be willing to serve through September 2006. All said yes.

Action: By consensus, it was determined that the Bylaws would take effect beginning next month and would include the current members, thus extending the terms of six current members to serve through September 2006.

b. Area Plan Update for 2006-07

Kay explained the process and the information that the Planning and Budget Committee used to create the Area Plan Update. A public hearing was held in February, at which no objections or suggestions for change were received. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning and Budget Committee met and approved the recommendation the Council members received in their packets.

Motion: Jeanne Barter moved to accept the Planning and Budget Committee's recommendation to recommend to LCOG the following:

1. That LCOG adopt the 2006-07 Update to S&DS' 2003-07 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services, as drafted; and
2. That S&DS staff be authorized to submit the Plan Update to the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Ed Necker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Time Allowed on DSAC Agenda for Information Items

L.M. introduced this item by stating that there have been meetings in which it seems there was not enough time given to information items presented by Committee members. Dan Arkin indicated he is constantly gathering pertinent information related to disability issues and would use as much time as we allowed. The Committee confirmed that our usual process is to allow ten minutes at the end of the meeting for this activity. Kevin O'Reilly stated Committee members can always ask for a specific item to be added to the agenda if they feel more time is needed to fully explore an issue. Dan Arkin agreed. Ed Necker stated he felt the current format was sufficient.

Action: By consensus, Committee members agreed to keep the format the same, understanding that members can always request pertinent topics to be included in the published agenda.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair's Report –

L.M. reported he attended the Legislative Conversation held in January at the Boulders and thanked Dan Arkin for the cake in honor of Ted Stevens. He was not able to attend the Legislative Conversation held in February due to illness. L.M. has requested a schedule of sub-committee meetings so that he can attend, if available.

b. Committee Reports

(1) Long Term Care Committee

Laura Weil reported that the committee has changed meeting dates for the next six months to the fourth Tuesday of the month, same time, same place. While there was some difficulty with that transition, they are now on track and meeting regularly. At the last meeting they reviewed the Customer Service Report Cards, and plan to evaluate the responses for trends. The Committee plans to do another tour of the S&DS office and have in-depth presentations by S&DS Supervisors of programs offered. They will also be reviewing the mission and purpose of the LTC Committee, as articulated in the SSAC and DSAC Bylaws.

(2) Advocacy Committee

Dan Arkin reported on the February 17th Legislative Conversation. It was a very productive meeting. In particular, we had an excellent opportunity for one-on-one discussion with Bill Morrisette, as he arrived early. Rep. Barnhart's focus was tax loopholes, and Rep. Beyer's focus was transportation. In general, all Legislators were pleased with our priorities. They suggested we target other groups to partner with on common issues.

Ed Necker reported on the March Advocacy Committee meeting. At that meeting, we de-briefed the Legislative Conversations and evaluated lessons learned. At our April meeting we will be discussing the Tax Exemption paper prepared by the UofO intern.

c. Staff Reports

Kay reported that several of the temporary MMA Choice Counselors have been laid off, according to plan. Four staff will continue working on this project through May 31, 2006.

7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. United Way Personal Assistant Meeting

Dan Arkin announced that United Way is spearheading meetings to discuss the issue of finding reliable personal assistants. There are several agencies involved, including LILA, ARC, and S&DS. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1st at 1:30.

b. Film Festival at UofO

Dan Arkin announced that there are plans for a film festival highlighting disability issues, to be held at the UofO. More info will be forthcoming.

c. LIPA Meeting

Jane Boren announced an OHP Community Forum sponsored by LIPA and Advocates to be held next Thursday at Eugene Public Library. All were

encouraged to attend. Additionally, Jane requested an agenda item for the next meeting that addresses the performance of state agencies, such as OMAP. Kay will add this to the May meeting.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

**REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING:
Friday, May 12, 2006 1:30 p.m.
LCOG Administrative Office, 4th Floor
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