

MINUTES

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

March 9, 2007

Members Present: L.M. Reese, Chair; Sharon Durham, Ed Necker,
Tim Baxter, Kathy Jenness, Darlene Puls, Trescott
Ducker, Dan Arkin, Leslie Gilbert, Kelly
Hodgkinson, Leslie Gilbert

C.R. Member: Graham Bailey

Member Excused: Laura Weil

Guest Present: Gene Obersinner

Staff Present: Kay Metzger

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, "Recruitment of Southern Willamette Services Corporation Board Member" be added under Action Items. Agenda approved by consensus with addition.

3. CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY MINUTES

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

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. Recruitment of Southern Willamette Services Corporation (SWSC) Board Member

Gene Obersinner, current Chair of the Southern Willamette Services Corporation gave a presentation to the Council Members

regarding the purpose and services provided by the SWSC. As the 501c(3) arm of LCOG, the SWSC was created to make a positive impact on environmental and human services issues. The SWSC assists with fund-raising, and has focused on the Senior Connections Program for the past few years. Its members have worked to promote the Senior Connections Program by arranging for speaking engagements with other local non-profit and humanitarian organizations. The SWSC meets quarterly. Gene Obersinner will be retiring as Chair in the next few months and is recruiting for new members. He encouraged anyone interested to contact him. Tim Baxter suggested that Gene send an e-mail to Kay Metzger, who can distribute it to the DSAC group list. Each DSAC member can then forward it to their sphere of potential candidates.

b. Senior Services Advisory Council

A summary of the February SSAC meeting was shared with the Council. At its February meeting, the SSAC approved further research into an “Integrated Medicaid Pilot Project”, in which S&DS would partner with two Transfer Type B Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (Oregon Cascades West and Northwest Senior and Disability Services) to administer the direct Long Term Care funds. This requires special approval from the State and the Federal Government. The project is in the beginning research phases and no decisions have been made at this point. The SSAC requested future updates on the project as it progresses.

Additionally, the SSAC reviewed the 2006 Needs Assessment of Seniors and People with Disabilities residing in Lane County. The Needs Assessment was completed by Patti Little in the fall of 2006, and included literature research, census information, and data gathered from seven local focus groups. The Planning and Budget Committee used this study as it determined the services to be provided during the 2007-08 cycle of the Area Plan.

c. LCOG Board of Directors

Kay Metzger reported on the February meeting of the LCOG Board. Items pertinent to Senior & Disabled Services included the approval of a letter from the Board President to Lane County’s State Representatives regarding the need for equitable funding for Transfer Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities. LCOG Board Members also received a template letter for their use in the event they wished to send a letter as a local entity supporting equity.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2007-08 Area Plan Update

Kay Metzger shared the process for the creation of the 2007-08 Area Plan Update for Seniors and People with Disabilities in Lane County. The Planning and Budget Committee plays an instrumental role, evaluating information and determining funding levels for each contract. A public hearing was held on February 27th at which two members of the public attended. No comments were received regarding the Proposed Area Plan. The DSAC reviewed the information contained in the agenda packet, including a summary sheet of the proposed services to be provided.

Motion: Kathy Jenness moved that the DSAC recommend to LCOG the following:

1. That LCOG adopt the 2007-08 Update to the S&DS' 2008-12 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services, 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.

b. 2006 Needs Assessment

In preparation for the 2008-12 Area Plan, Patti Little completed a Needs Assessment of Seniors and People with Disabilities in Lane County in the fall of 2006. Literature research, census data, and information from seven local focus groups was evaluated and summarized. The information was disseminated throughout the county, to public libraries, senior centers, local human service organizations, licensed facilities, and newspapers. The Planning and Budget Committee used this information as a foundation for the decisions made regarding service delivery in 2007-08. DSAC members each received the summary report in their packet.

c. Other

No additional Action Items were discussed.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair's Report

L.M. Reese gave a report on the public hearing for the Special Transportation Funds that he attended in late February.

Additionally, L.M. attended the O4AD Quarterly on February

20th; 21st. L.M. gave a detailed report to the DSAC regarding the events of the O4AD Quarterly.

b. Committee Reports

(1) Long Term Care Committee

Leslie Gilbert reported the group has been focusing on the Home Care Worker program. Members are interested in evaluating systems to assure that quality care is provided. Lack of oversight, the ability of some clients to supervise home care workers, and the number of hours a provider may claim are several examples of areas the group has discussed and are in the process researching.

(2) Advocacy Committee

Kathy Jenness reported the Advocacy Committee met to prepare for a meeting with the Department of Medical Assistance Programs regarding client and stakeholder inclusiveness in the policy-making process. Dan Arkin reported that the meeting was held, and that we have their attention. Plans were made for a joint meeting of DMAP and the People with Disabilities Advisory Council to be held next week. Tim and Dan plan to attend.

c. Staff Reports

Given the time, no staff reports were submitted.

7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting to be Friday, May 11, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

Location: S&DS, 1015 Willamette St, Eugene, OR 97401

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.