

## MINUTES

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

March 14, 2008

Members Present: Kelly Hodgkinson, Tresott Ducker, LM Reese, Mary Johnson  
Graham Bailey, Laura Weil, Ed Necker Terry Parker, Jan Scott

Members Excused: Leslie Gilbert, Dan Arkin, Tim Baxter, Sharon Durham  
Jessica Harris, Scott Whetham, Mary Otten

Guests Present: Etta Mochel,  
Staff Present: Kay Metzger, Lenora Crowson

## A G E N D A

### 1. CALL TO ORDER; SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Ed Necker called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. All those in attendance introduced themselves.

### 2. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING AGENDA

**Addition to agenda:** LM Reese requested a spot on the agenda so he could report on the problem he is having arranging for his transportation in Mississippi. This was added to the agenda under 7. b. Other Announcements. The agenda was accepted by consensus.

**Change of order to agenda:** Kay Metzger moved that **5. a. 2008-09 Area Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities** be considered before **4. LCOG Reports** in the agenda, so action could be taken while we have a quorum, since Laura Weil is leaving early. Motion to accept adjusted agenda was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by L. M. Reese. The adjusted agenda was approved unanimously.

### 3. CONSIDERATION OF THE JANUARY MINUTES

The January 18, 2008 minutes were approved by consensus.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

### a. 2008-09 Area Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities (See Attachment)

Kay Metzger explained that there is a four year area plan for the state which is updated annually. This is the proposed annual area plan update for the State. The plan shows how we are going to deliver services to seniors and people with disabilities through our agency. Most of the services are funded through Medicaid since the State of Oregon doesn't fund anything outside of Medicaid for people with disabilities. These services are mandated without flexibility. We have some flexibility with the Older Americans Act and Oregon Project Independence funds. Hopefully the legislature will fund OPI more generously so that services to people with disabilities can be expanded. It is very helpful and important to have input from DSAC members. Kay highlighted the basic principles for decision-making that were used by the Planning & Budget Committee on page 9 and a high level overview of the programs that are being funded on page 10 of the handout. There was a five percent increase in the funding over last year's budget. Kay also, referred to page 12, services provided during the past year, and page 14, the overview of the Area Plan Objectives for 2008-09. Kay answered questions. She reported that the Area Plan received positive feedback with no objections voiced at the Public Hearing held February 26, 2008: Discussion followed with Kay answering questions.

**Motion:** Laura Weil moved that the Summary of Proposed Area Plan On Aging & Disability Services for 2008-09 be approved and submitted to the LCOG Board for their approval. Mary Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 4. LCOG REPORTS

### a. Senior Services Advisory Council

Mary Johnson reported that the Advisory Council met on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. The Advocacy Day in Salem was a success. The Procurement and Monitoring Committee reported on the progress of the contracts with agencies that are paid to deliver services. An emphasis was put on having everyone attend the meeting in May, since these contracts need to be approved for the coming year. The Planning and Budgeting Committee continued their work on the budget. Sandy Karsten gave a very interesting report on the Meals On Wheels program for Lane County.

## **b. LCOG Board of Directors**

Kay Metzger reported that the Board of Directors met Feb 28, 2008. She gave them a summary of the February 2008 Legislative Session and let them know that the S&DS' 2008-09 Area Plan was coming their way for approval.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **a. Chairs report**

Governor Ted Kulongoski appointed Ed Necker to the LTD Board of Directors.

### **b. Committee Reports**

#### **(1) Long Term Care Committee**

No formal report was given, however, Kay Metzger stated that the focus of the LTC committee is on the customer service reports, and policy issues for all long term care administered through S&DS. The main concern is how service is getting delivered, and how that service can be improved. LTC is working on bringing down the barriers that the state puts up in keeping people in their own homes. They also reviewed the homecare worker program, and there are some changes coming.

#### **(2) Advocacy Committee**

Mary Johnson reported that Bill SB1061 was passed at the February 2008 Special Session which requires a comprehensive plan for long term senior care. An additional 12.2 million dollars were appropriated in the budget to improve access to adult foster home care, assisted living centers, and relative foster care. Mary attended a Town Hall Meeting held by Bill Morrisette and Nancy Nathanson. The consensus was that a comprehensive plan for long-term services was needed. Nancy Nathanson stated that one of their priorities should be helping people stay in their own homes. She, also, stated that OPI will be reviewed at the next Emergency Board meeting in June.

#### **(3) Planning and Budget Committee**

Kay Metzger thanked Tresott Ducker for his help on the Planning and Budget Committee.

### **c. Staff Reports**

Kay Metzger reported that S&DS is adding new staff members, so service to the clients will be more efficient.

## **7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **a. Presentation on Lane Coordinated Transportation Plan**

Terry Parker, Accessible Services Manager, from LTD gave an extensive report on the progress of the coordinated plan for Department of Human Services Transportation, Medicaid Transportation, and Volunteer Transportation in Lane County. The LTD Brokerage Call Center is to be completed in May 2008.

### **b. Other Announcements**

LM Reese reported that he will be visiting Mississippi in the near future and is having difficulty arranging for his transportation after his arrival there, since he uses a wheelchair. He is thankful he lives in Eugene where it is easier to get around in a wheelchair.

## **8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**Friday, May 9, 2008**

**12:30 p.m.**

### **LOCATION:**

**Senior & Disabled Services**

**1015 Willamette**

**Eugene, OR 97401**

## **9. ADJORN**

Ed Necker called the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m..