

## MINUTES

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

May 11, 2007

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

C.R. Member: Graham Bailey

Member Excused: Dan Arkin

Guest Present: Rhonda Busek

Staff Present: Kay Metzger, Lorilee Davis

## A G E N D A

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

L.M. Reese called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

### **2. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING AGENDA**

It was noted that the item numbers on the agenda were incorrect.  
Correction noted. The agenda was accepted with corrections.

### **3. Special Presentation: Lane Individual Practice Association (LIPA)**

Rhonda Busek shared an overview of LIPA and Trillium. OHP services are an important part of our clients' lives and LIPA is the managed care company for Lane County. LIPA began doing managed care for OHP in Lane County in the 70's. LIPA was contracted to do OHP services by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. When Providence left the area, LIPA absorbed the Providence members. In 2003, LIPA began addressing complaints and began refocusing on customer service and community partnership. Trillium was developed to assist dual eligibles with Medicare Part D.

Trillium provides the benefit of coordinated care for both Medicaid and Medicare services. LIPA is now working with all current members who do not wish to join Trillium, for whom the drug formulary doesn't work. Ed Necker asked about durable medical equipment such as power wheelchairs and whether they are still unauthorized outside the home. Rhonda Busek explained that this is no longer LIPA's policy and they are working to get that appealed at the state level. Leslie stated it would be helpful if LIPA could refer clients to other resources if Medicaid would not cover. Rhonda stated that LIPA's goal is not to say no, yet if they are unable to assist, they want to be able to redirect to other resources. Tim Baxter noted that he has seen a turnaround in LIPA's service in the past year and that they are now working better as a good community partner. Kathryn Jenness agreed. Rhonda gave out her card and offered to send out information regarding contacts at the State level regarding medical coverage and benefits.

#### **4. CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY MINUTES**

**Motion:** Ed Necker moved the minutes be approved. Kelly Hodgkinson seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

#### **5. LCOG REPORTS**

##### **a. Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)**

Kay Metzger reported for Jane Boren on the SSAC meeting held last Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. This was an interesting and busy meeting. There were several motions and review of contracts that we have for our OOA programs: Elder Help, Family Caregiver Program, Senior Law, Red Cross MOW, Meals on Wheels, and Bateman Food Services for preparation. The focal point was to review OOA contracts.

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

Kay Metzger reported that at its April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting the LCOG Board approved the S&DS 2007-08 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for Lane County.

#### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **a. Exploration of Integrated Medicaid Pilot Project**

Kay Metzger described a concept that S&DS is exploring in collaboration with Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and Northwest Senior & Disability Services (all Type B Transfer Area Agencies on Aging). Currently, S&DS holds a contract with DHS to provide Medicaid eligibility, screening, case management, adult

protective services, and licensing and monitoring of adult foster homes. The three AAA's are researching the feasibility of incorporating the cost of direct provision of services (i.e. payments for care to foster homes, home care workers, nursing homes, residential care and assisted living facilities) into the contract. Nationally, there is much discussion regarding integrating acute care with long term care. There is concern that long term care will be driven by a medical perspective only, rather than considering the client holistically including one's social situation and individual choice. It is possible this design could offer greater flexibility in the delivery of services. At this point, this concept is only in the research stage. Kay will update the Council as the research progresses.

**b. Confirm Nominating Committee Members**

The time is approaching for the Nominating Committee to begin meeting. Kay confirmed with the group that Dan Arkin, Kathy Jenness, Ed Necker, L.M. Reese, and Laura Wiles are members of the Nominating Committee.

**c. Other**

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Chair's Report**

L.M. Reese asked about the emergency preparedness plan. The plan was given by Ed Necker to be on the second floor as it is easier to get down than up from the basement. Kay Metzger suggested a fire drill exercise as a future agenda topic.

L.M. Reese attended the Ways and Means meeting at U of O. It was successful and packed. Several calls were made to Salem to garner their support. Recently, a Ridesource bus was taken by several members and 5 Legislative Members were visited in 2 hours time.

**b. Committee Reports**

**(1) Long Term Care (LTC)**

Leslie Gilbert reported that the LTC had a presentation from JJ Beinn regarding the Client Tracking System (CTS). She gave a very impressive demo of the system. There is talk of this system being used by the State. Patti Little shared information about the Money Management Program. LTC will meet again July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**(2) Advocacy**

Kathryn Jenness reported that they met with legislature at the capitol to circulate the Ombudsman Bill. The Advocacy Committee has also been busy promoting the OPI program. They are hopeful that Senate Bill 360 will pass with funding. Per Kathryn, “when we try to put a face on what we are advocating, it makes a difference and it is harder to say no.” Kathryn passed out flyers for the Legislative Dialogue June 9<sup>th</sup>. Ed Necker will be moderating and Legislators will be invited. We are encouraged to post a flyer in the community.

Kathryn also shared a letter mailed to the Governor from the Home Care Commission, requesting increased wages and benefits for Home Care Workers.

**Motion:** Tim Baxter moved that DSAC support this letter. Laura Weil seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

## **8. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leslie Gilbert announced that there are 4 new universal access duplexes for rent in Springfield. She also announced that she is looking for a roommate.

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

Next Council meeting to be Friday, July 27, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

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

## **10.ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.