

MINUTES
Senior & Disabled Services
Disability Services Advisory council
1015 Willamette St; Eugene, OR 97401

May 14, 2010

Members Present: Tim Baxter, Mary Johnson, Dawn Aubrey, Ed Necker,
LM Reese, Robert Fritson, Jessica Harris, Linda Hamilton

Members Excused: Trescott Ducker, Bruce Abel, Kathy Jenness, Scott Whetham,
Dr Diane Rogers

Staff: Kay Metzger, Lenora Crowson, Judy Wolf

1. Call to Order; Self Introductions

Ed Necker called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Everyone present introduced themselves.

2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda

The Agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the January and March 2010 DSAC Meetings (Attachments)

A motion was made by Tim Baxter to approve the January 8, 2010 minutes with a second by Robert Fritson. The January minutes were approved unanimously. There was a correction made to the March 12, 2010 minutes. Linda Hamilton was not listed as excused from the March meeting. The motion to accept the amended March 12, 2010 minutes made by Tim Baxter and seconded by Robert Fritson. The motion carried.

4. LCOG Reports

a. Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

Mary Johnson reported that the SSAC met last Tuesday, May 8, 2010. They reviewed and approved the 2010-2011 OAA Contracts for Legal Services from Senior Law Service, Elder Help Volunteer Program, Money Management Program, Caregiver Support Group and Training by Cascade Health Solutions, Long Term Care Ombudsman Screening and Recruitment Program, Food Service for Senior Meals, and Metro Meals on Wheels (American Red Cross). The SSAC is in the process of nominating and interviewing new candidates for the Council.

b. LCOG Board of Directors

Kay Metzger reported that the LCOG Board of Directors met in April and will be meeting again in June. They've created the "Climate of Prosperity" task force which has three sub-committees focusing on Economic Development, Communication, and

Human Services Coordination. The goal is to identify specific action items that are doable in the short term. They are looking for ways the LCOG Board members can jointly work together to positively impact important issues within Lane County. Regarding the Human Services Coordination sub-committee, the Board accepted their recommendation to support the expansion of United Way's 211 System. Currently the 211 System (lane211.org) is a resource data base of governmental and non-profit social agencies. Lane County does not have a phone-based 211 system at this time, but plans are under way to implement a telephonic 211 system by this fall. However, both political and financial support is needed. The LCOG Board supported the 211 System and a presentation will be given at the board meeting in June.

5. Action Items

a. Confirmation of Nominating Committee Members

Kay Metzger confirmed that Jessica Harris, Kathy Jenness, Scott Whetham, and Ed Necker are on the Nominating Committee. Linda Hamilton and L. M. Reese volunteered to be backup committee members if needed.

b. 2010-11 Area Plan Update

Kay Metzger presented the 2010-11 Area Plan Update to be reviewed by the DSAC. Extensive work is done on the Area Plan every four years, and we are in the third full year of the Area Plan cycle which began in January 2008 and runs through December 2011. The Plan is reviewed and updated annually. The Planning and Budget Committee is consulted for direction on priorities and use of OAA funds. The intent is to provide an array of services that help people stay in their own homes. There is a slight increase (4%) in the budget for 2010-11. The Committee members agreed that the 2010-11 Budget should reflect minimal and equal funding increases for each of the current service providers, i.e. across-the-board increases of approximately four percent. The committee will focus their efforts on advising S&DS staff regarding the needs assessment process and the drafting of the new Area Plan for 2012-2015. The committee approved the following initiatives or special projects to focus on in the upcoming year.

1. To gather information on problems and needs of seniors and people with disabilities in Lane County.
2. Work towards the successful implementation of two important new projects within S&DS—Mobility Management grant and the Real Choices Systems Change grant.
3. Research opportunities to improve and expand services to seniors and people with disabilities through newly proposed health care initiatives and reform.
4. Pursue partnerships with other organizations and agencies to combine efforts towards common objectives to improve services for senior and people with disabilities. Then report back to S&DS and DSAC on the progress and findings.

They also agreed to consider issues related to the Oregon Project Independence Program (OPI) at a later date, if appropriate.

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

1. That LCOG adopt the 2010-11 Update to S&DS' 2008-11 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services, as presented to the Disability Services Advisory Council; and
2. That S&DS staff be authorized to submit the Plan Update to the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Tim Baxter made the motion to accept the Planning and Budget Committee's recommendation as proposed. Mary Johnson seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Letter of Appreciation to Senator Morrisette

Kay Metzger presented a letter of appreciation written to Senator Morrisette and signed by SSAC Chairperson, Mary Johnson and DSAC Chairperson, Ed Necker. The DSAC members were given the opportunity to add their names to the letter.

d. Other

6. Special Presentation: Status Report on the Rollout of the Aging and Disability Resource Center

Kay Metzger distributed a report on the Real Choices Systems Change Grant, which includes establishment of a local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in Lane County. Tim Baxter asked about the system being used to track the ADRC information. Kay responded that the state is in charge of creating a tracking system. However, there is an IT expert in our office, JJ Bein, who has created a temporary program to track the information in the interim.

Judy Wolf, ADRC Resource Specialist, reported that there are three ways they can be contacted; a person can call; walk into the office, or e-mail them. The contact person doesn't necessarily have to be the one needing help. The tracking system allows for pertinent information to be captured and meets the Federal requirements for certain pieces of information. The program focuses on helping people find solutions instead of trying to fit them into certain programs. Another important part is to utilize warm transfers, so the person doesn't have to repeat their story multiple times. The Resource Specialists follow up on all calls, and they will also make house calls if necessary. Brochures are available to distribute, however, the statewide marketing plan won't happen until this fall. So far there have been 181 contacts in the first six weeks of the rollout.

7. Information Items

a. Chair's Report

No report given

b. Committee reports

(1.) Long Term Care Committee

Dawn Awbrey reported that Marie Iverson, ADRC Project Supervisor, gave a report on the ADRC rollout, and that the stats being collected will be used to get a permanent funding stream. Discussion items included having a welcoming, non-bureaucratic environment for the ADRC and a University of Portland grant to train on Options Counseling.

(2) Advocacy Committee

Mary reported that the city of Springfield sent a letter with a timeline in regard to the Hayden Bridge roundabout. Tim Baxter is to follow up. The committee is hoping the Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) signals are in place before the EMX opens January 2011. The advocacy committee is contemplating taking a summer hiatus.

c. Staff Reports

Kay reported that S&DS's case loads are growing substantially, with the exception of the nursing facility caseloads. Patti Little has been promoted to the position of Senior Connections Supervisor.

8. Other Reports and Announcements

Mary Johnson remarked how much she's enjoyed working with DSAC the last six years. She plans to continue volunteering at Peace Health and AARP.

9. Reminder of Next Council Meeting

Friday, July 23, 2010; 12:30 p.m.

1025 Willamette S., Eugene, OR 97401

10. Adjourn

Ed Necker adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.