

MINUTES

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

July 27, 2007

Members Present: L.M. Reese, Chair; Sharon Durham, Ed Necker,
Kathy Jenness, Trescott Ducker, Leslie Gilbert,
Laura Weil

C.R. Member: Graham Bailey

Members Excused: Dan Arkin, Tim Baxter

Guest Present: Michael Bellish, Program Manager, Washington
County Aging and Disability Services

Staff Present: Kay Metzger

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

L.M. Reese called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. All present introduced themselves. DSAC members welcomed Michael Bellish, visiting from Washington County.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING AGENDA

Ed Necker requested the DSAC Nominating Committee Report be moved to section 5b, under Action Items. Addition accepted by consensus.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MAY MINUTES

Approval of the May 2007 minutes was deferred to the September meeting, as a quorum was not present.

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

Kay Metzger reported for Jane Boren on the SSAC meeting held in June. New members were approved by the Council. The SSAC had a very good response to their recruitment efforts, with twelve people applying for membership. SSAC Officers for 2007-08 were also confirmed. The outgoing members were honored with cookies and juice.

b. LCOG Board of Directors

Kay Metzger reported on the June 28th meeting of the LCOG Board, which included approval of the SSAC member appointments, information on the 2007-08 Older Americans Act contracts, and a short summary of the accomplishments of the recently concluded State Legislature. Additionally, the LCOG Board heard a special presentation on regional transportation issues.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. DSAC REPRESENTATIVE TO SSAC

Kay directed the Council's attention to the DSAC By-Laws, which call for a representative from DSAC to attend the SSAC meetings. Darlene Puls has filled this role for the past few years, but her term is concluding. Kay requested that anyone interested in filling this position to contact her or L.M. Reese, Chair.

b. DSAC MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT

Ed Necker shared information with Council members on recruitment activities for the 2007-08 term, which per the By-Laws runs from October 2007 through September 2008. A handout was also distributed. At present the Council has 15 members. Eight members' terms will be expiring in September. Additionally, the terms of two Community Representatives will expire on September 30, 2007. Of the eight current members whose terms expire, five are eligible for reappointment to a second or third term. The other three members must wait out one year prior to reapplying for Council membership (per the DSAC By-Laws).

Out of the five eligible for reappointment, two are not available for DSAC participation next year (one person is moving out of the community, the other person has been inactive and cannot be located). Three out of the five have indicated an interest in reappointment. In summary, Ed shared that the DSAC needs to recruit up to four new members. Additionally, the By-Laws allow up to five Community Representatives. Word of mouth and personal contact by DSAC members has been found to be the most effective means of recruiting

new people. DSAC application packets were distributed to all attendees, and members were encouraged to make contacts to people they know that may be interested in DSAC membership. Given a quorum was not present, the DSAC will move forward with recruitment activities based on this report.

c. Other

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair's Report

L.M. Reese reported on the O4AD Quarterly held in June. L.M. participated on a panel discussion at the opening session. The Chairs of several SSAC/DSACs were asked four questions about the 2007 Legislative Session:

- What worked?
- What didn't work?
- What was different about this Legislative Session?
- What made a difference?

The discussion was very informative to all present and L.M. found the experience to be positive.

b. Committee Reports

(1) Long Term Care (LTC)

Laura W. reported that the LTCC heard a report from Alicia Beymer, who will be leaving the agency soon. Marie Iverson has been promoted to Quality Assurance Supervisor.

(2) Advocacy

Ed N. reported that the June Legislative Dialogue was well attended and successful. Graham Bailey noted that there were not many young people present. Is there a way to better target this population? Laura W. indicated she has information on the "Bus Project" which includes participants that are younger. She will share the information at a future meeting. Leslie G. also shared that the UofO's Public Policy Department and/or the Disability Services office may be good sources to contact.

7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Necker shared a flyer announcing an Open House for Brethren Housing this weekend. Sharon Durham shared that Safe Haven will have a 10th Anniversary celebration on September 14th from 12:00p.m.-2:00pm. Graham B. shared that Ulhorn is planning an Open House for September also.

8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council meeting to be Friday, September 14, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.
Location: S&DS, 1015 Willamette St, Eugene, OR 97401

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.