

October 26, 2005

TO: Disability Services Advisory Council

FROM: Planning & Budget Committee

SUBJECT: Current Year Area Plan Budget – Amendments Due to the
Availability of Additional Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Funds

Background:

A year ago, there was considerable uncertainty regarding the availability of funding for OPI for Fiscal Year 2005-06. In response, last year's Planning and Budget Committee developed two versions of the FY 2005-06 Area Plan Budget, one based on the Governor's Recommended Budget for OPI for 2005-07, and a second based on the assumption that the Legislature would approve a more generous appropriation for OPI. The first version assumed that \$3.9 million would be available for OPI, statewide, for the 2005-07 biennium. The second assumed an appropriation twice as large or approximately \$8 million statewide. Fortunately, due to highly successful grassroots advocacy, the Legislature appropriated \$12 million for OPI for the biennium.

The first version of S&DS' 2005-06 Area Plan Budget assumed that \$166,417 in OPI funds would be available for the period between July 2005 and June 2006. The second version assumed that \$351,340 would be available. Following the development and approval of these budgets, DHS notified S&DS that its worst-case budget for 2005-06 would be \$177, 932, or \$11,515 more than our estimate. Given the more positive outlook for OPI funding at that point in the legislative process (May 2005), the LCOG Board Executive Committee approved small adjustments to the Option #1 version of the OPI budget to provide "bridge" funding to programs funded in 2004-05 but excluded from the budget in 2005-06. Two awards went to the Meals on Wheels programs; the third went to the Money Management Program.

Current Situation:

On October 18th, S&DS was informed by DHS that its share of the \$12 million appropriation for OPI is \$1,134,786. In accordance with the Advisory Councils' Bylaws, responsibility for the development of an updated 2005-06 OPI budget rests with the Planning and Budget Committee. At a meeting on October 11th, the Committee considered two additional versions developed by S&DS staff, one based on an annual appropriation of \$405,793 and another based on an annual appropriation of \$520,000. (Note: Initially, DHS released a biennial allocation of \$811,586 for Lane County. Approximately three weeks later, a final allocation of \$1,134,786 was issued. The \$405,793 version was based on the initial appropriation of \$811,586; the \$520,000 version was based on the final appropriation.) Both versions were considered and approved by the Senior Services Advisory Council at its meeting in mid-October. The LCOG Board Executive Committee considered and approved the \$520,000 version at its meeting on October 20, 2005. (This matter was taken to the LCOG Board Executive Committee directly from the SSAC for reasons of timing; some programs were running out of funds and it seemed inappropriate to harm clients by delaying Executive Committee action for a month while the matter was being considered by the DSAC.)

As approved by the LCOG Board Executive Committee, the revised OPI budget for Program Year 2005-06 is as follows:

Program	Funds Spent Last Year	Revised Approved Budget for 2005-06	Difference
S&DS Administration	\$44,106	\$52,000	\$7,894
Case Management	128,939	104,000	(24,939)
Home Care	133,460	179,190	45,730
Personal Care	87,267	121,810	34,543
CEP – Home Care	4,884	5,500	616
Meals on Wheels	46,338	55,000	8,662
Money Management	972	2,500	1,528
TOTAL	\$445,966	\$520,000	\$74,034

Note regarding OPI Services for People with Disabilities:

Senate Bill 870, as enacted into law by the 2005 Legislature, provides for the expansion of OPI to include the provision of services to adults with physical disabilities between the ages of 18 and 59 years. DHS has informed S&DS that administrative rules controlling the provision of OPI-funded services to people with disabilities will not be promulgated until sometime in 2006-07. As a result, the OPI program in 2005-06 continues to be a program almost exclusively for older people 60+ years of age.

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