

# MINUTES

Senior & Disabled Services  
**Disability Services Advisory Council**  
Senior & Disabled Services Office, Ed's Room  
1015 Willamette Street, Eugene

September 8, 2006

Members Present: Dan Arkin, Vice-Chair; Jane Boren, Kathy Jenness, Kelly Hodgkinson, Ed Necker, Darlene Puls, Jeanne Barter and Laura Weil.

Members Excused: L.M. Reese , Chair; Tim Baxter, Kevin O'Reilly, Luther Beecroft, Michael Thomas, Joann Scheck

C.R. Members Excused: Maureen Wadst

Guest: Leslie Gilbert

Staff Present: Kay Metzger

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dan Arkin, DSAC Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:44 P.M. All present introduced themselves.

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

Due to time constraints, it was requested that Item 4. LCOG Reports, be considered after Items 5 and 6.

**Action:** By consensus, the agenda was approved with changes as noted.

## **3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE July 2006 DSAC MEETING**

**Motion:** Kelly Hodgkinson moved, Kathy Jenness seconded a motion to accept the minutes as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. LCOG REPORTS**

##### **a. Senior Services Advisory Council**

Jane Boren reported on the August SSAC meeting. At that meeting, the SSAC approved the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee regarding the 2006-07 Legislative Priorities, made appointments to the 2006-07 SSAC Standing Committees, and received an update on S&DS staffing for the MMA temporary positions and the Quality Assurance Supervisor position.

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

No report from the LCOG Board at this time, as there had been no meetings since the DSAC met in July.

#### **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2006-07**

##### **a. Nominating Committee: Presentation of the Slate of DSAC Officers for 2006-07**

Ed Necker, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommended Slate of DSAC Officers for 2006-07 as,

- L.M. Reese, Chair
- Ed Necker, Vice-Chair.

##### **b. Nominations from the Floor**

Ed invited nominations from the floor. There were none.

**Motion:** Laura Weil moved the DSAC accept the Slate of Officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Jeanne Barter seconded the motion.

##### **c. Election**

Members voted unanimously to accept the Slate of Officers as proposed.

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

##### **a. Nominating Committee: Membership Appointments**

Ed Necker, Chair of the DSAC Nominating Committee, reviewed the recruitment and interview process for 2006-07 member appointments. As approved by the DSAC, the Nominating Committee undertook targeted recruitment activities this year. Individual members were assigned to reach out to specific individuals, institutions, agencies and groups. Contacts were made to local human service

agencies that serve people with disabilities. The Nominating Committee interviewed four new applicants for vacant positions.

Additionally, Ed reported that an application for membership was received on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, one week after the posted deadline of August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Nominating Committee had a thorough discussion of how to proceed in this matter, and recommended to the DSAC that the applicant be invited to attend DSAC meetings as a member of the public. This approach invites participation by the individual, while protecting the fairness and integrity of the recruitment process.

**Motion:** Jeanne Barter moved that the DSAC set a policy of using an application deadline during the normal application process for yearly recruitment. However, if necessary due to lack of applicants the Nomination Committee may reopen the application process. Kathy Jenness seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Necker then reviewed the Nominating Committee recommendations for membership with the group. He pointed out that Maureen Wadst, who had initially expressed an interest in appointment to the full Council, was moving to Portland and therefore unable to be considered as a full Council applicant for the 2006-07 term. The group also engaged in a discussion regarding the qualifications of the applicants.

The recommendation of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

1. That the following current Advisory Council members be re-appointed to the Council for two year terms (ending September 30, 2008):
  - Dan Arkin
  - Ed Necker
  - Laura Weil
  
2. That the following candidates be appointed to membership on the Council, effective October 1, 2006:
  - Leslie Gilbert
  - Trescott Duncan
  - Sharon Durham

That the following individuals be appointed to one year Community Representative Member positions on the Council, effective October 1, 2006:

- Terry Parker
- Graham Bailey

**Motion:** Jeanne Barter moved that the DSAC approve the applications for membership as presented by the Nominating Committee. Kathy Jenness seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Other Action Items**

Ed Necker announced that a liaison to the SSAC was needed for the 2006-07 term. Darlene Puls indicated her ongoing interest in serving in this capacity. No other members expressed an interest.

**Action:** By consensus, it was agreed that Darlene Puls will serve as the DSAC liaison to the SSAC for the 2006-07 term.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Chair's Report**

Dan Arkin, Vice Chair, gave a brief report on the ramp at the Federal Court House. He has tested it, and the ramp seems adequate, has a plateau at certain points. Since there are so many steps, the ramp may be used by many able-bodied people as well as those using mobility devices. Dan also announced a meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> of the Disability Law Section of the Oregon Bar Association. In summary, Dan reported he believes the DSAC is running very well.

**b. Committee Reports**

**(1) Long Term Care Committee**

Laura Weil reported the LTC Committee had a very informative meeting in September. Staffing issues pertinent to S&DS were reviewed, such as the Public Knowledge Survey and local office staffing changes and challenges. In October, they will be reviewing the S&DS Mission Statement. The S&DS Program Manager, Nancy Sargent-Johnson, will poll staff regarding how the LTC Committee can be of assistance and potential special projects the LTC Committee can conduct.

**(2) Advocacy Committee**

Kathy Jenness reported on the August meeting of the Advocacy Committee. Committee members are working on the Legislative Priorities. A sub-group is focusing on the Ombudsman for Health Care and improved client participation in the Department of Medical Assistance Programs. They are pursuing a meeting with Bruce Goldberg, hopefully to occur in the next few months. Ed Necker reported he has appointments with Phil Barnhart and Bill Morrisette to discuss issues important to seniors and people with disabilities.

**c. Staff Reports**

Given the time and the Council's desire to honor the departing DSAC members (Jeanne Barter), no staff report was given.

**7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No additional reports or announcements.

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M. Cake and juice were served in appreciation of Jeanne Barter's many years of service on the DSAC.

**REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Friday, November 17, 2006**

**12:30 – 2:00**

**\*\*Due to the Veteran's Holiday, this meeting will be held on the third Friday of the month instead of the second Friday of the month.**

**PLEASE NOTE LOCATION:**

**Senior & Disabled Services**

**Ed's Room**

**1015 Willamette Street**

**Eugene, OR 97401**

**Note: Two DSAC Sub-Committees will also meet on this date:**

**11:00-12:30: The Health Care Ombudsman Sub-Group of the Advocacy Committee will meet, and**

**2:15–3:45: The regularly scheduled Advocacy Committee meeting will occur.**

**All will be held at the same location.**