

MINUTES

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

September 14, 2007

Members Present: L.M. Reese, Chair; Ed Necker, Tim Baxter, Kathy Jenness, Mary Johnson, Trescott Ducker, Leslie Gilbert, Michael Thomas, Dan Arkin, Jane Boren

Member Excused: Sharon Durham

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 12:35 p.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING AGENDA

Agenda approved as mailed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF JULY MINUTES

Motion: Ed Necker moved the minutes be approved. Trescott Ducker seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Ed Necker noted that the minutes of the May 2007 have not been officially approved yet, due to the lack of a quorum at the July 2007 meeting. Without prior review, the Committee felt they could not consider a motion at this meeting. The May 2007 minutes will be mailed with the packet for the November meeting.

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

Kay Metzger reported that Mary Johnson is the new SSAC liaison, with Jane Boren as back-up. The August meeting was the first for the new members of SSAC. The focus was on introductions and an

explanation of Senior & Disabled Services. Appointment of a new Money Management Program Manager, Clay Austin, was approved.

b. LCOG Board of Directors

Kay Metzger reported the LCOG Board of Directors has not met since the last DSAC meeting.

5. Action Items

a. Report of the Nominating Committee

(1) Recommendations for the Appointment of Members to the DSAC

L.M. Reese, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported on the membership needs of the Council. There are eight DSAC members whose terms are expiring at the end of September. Of the eight,

- 3 members eligible for reappointment have expressed an interest in reappointment (Tim Baxter, Kelly Hodgkinson, L.M. Reese)
- 3 members have completed their third terms and thus are not eligible for reappointment (Kathy Jenness, Darlene Puls and Michael Thomas)
- 2 members eligible for reappointment are not available (Wanda Jo Lang and Kevin O'Reilly).
- As a result of the above, and assuming those interested in reappointment are approved by the Council, there are five vacancies on the DSAC.

L.M. then explained to the Council that four applications for membership had been submitted as a result of recruitment activities. Additionally, Community Representative Graham Bailey has indicated an interest in full DSAC membership, and Terry Parker is willing to continue serving as a Community Representative. In early September, interviews were scheduled with all four applicants. However, one applicant did not attend the interview, and thus was unable to be considered for membership. Per the DSAC Bylaws, at least 50% of the membership should be people with a disability. Given this guideline, of those new applicants interviewed, one person with a disability and one temporarily able-bodied person may be recommended for DSAC membership. After careful review of the applicants and a thorough discussion of the options, the

following motions regarding membership of the 2007-08 DSAC were submitted and approved.

Motion: Ed Necker moved to reappoint Tim Baxter, Kelly Hodgkinson and L.M. Reese for additional two year terms, to be effective October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2009. Kathy Jenness seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Tim Baxter moved to appoint 2006-07 Community Representative Graham Bailey as a full DSAC member for the term to be effective October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2009. Ed Necker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Kathy Jenness moved to appoint Jessica Harris and Scott Whetham as new DSAC members, terms to be effective October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2009. Trescott Ducker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Kathy Jenness moved to appoint Terry Parker as Community Representative for 2007-08. Ed Necker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The recommendations of the DSAC for 2007-08 new members will now be submitted to the LCOG Board for approval.

(2) Presentation of the Nominated Slate of Officers

L.M. Reese presented the Nominating Committee recommendations for the 2007-08 Slate of Officers which were:

- Ed Necker, Chair
- Tim Baxter, Vice-Chair

(3) Nominations from the Floor

L.M. offered DSAC members in attendance the opportunity to nominate someone from the floor. No nominations submitted.

(4) Election

Motion: Mary Johnson moved to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the 2007-08 Slate of Officers. Kathy Jenness seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Committee Preference

Kay asked that DSAC members submit their Committee Preference sheets (included in the packet) as soon as possible. Per the By-laws, she and the DSAC Chair (Ed Necker) will determine committee assignments for 2007-08.

c. DSAC Representative to SSAC

Tim Baxter agreed to be the DSAC Liaison to the SSAC if no one else is interested or available. Kay will also follow up with other DSAC members.

d. Other Action Items

None.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair's Report

L M Reese wishes well to DSAC's next Chairperson. As Chair of the 2006-07 DSAC, L.M. has been attending the O4AD Quarterly Business Meetings and has found them to be very beneficial. Ed Necker, 2007-08 DSAC Chair, stated it is unlikely he will be available to attend. Tim Baxter, 2007-08 DSAC Vice-Chair, may be interested in attending in the future, but is unable to attend the October Quarterly. L.M. will attend in his place.

b. Committee Reports

(1) Long Term Care (LTC)

Leslie Gilbert reported that the LTCC is acting as the interim advisory council for Money Management and now Money Management is stable enough to recruit on their own. The program is doing well and has 16 clients that they are working with consistently. Additional funding is needed and Carol has ideas for fundraising for clients under 60. During the LTCC meeting, a desire was expressed to have a stronger focus as far as hot button issues and LTCC members will come to the next meeting with issues to focus on. Issues regarding Homecare Workers (HCW) have been a focus during the past year. The State is beginning to track total HCW hours and flagging those that exceed hours in the month as over-billing of hours may be considered Medicaid fraud.

(3) Advocacy

Kathryn Jenness reported that the last Advocacy meeting was cancelled.

c. Staff Reports

(1) Legislative Summary

The end of session report is in the packet. There were 4 priorities that we have focused on and a brief summary regarding the outcomes of the 2007 Legislative session are included. The 2007 Legislature focused on education, and thus many human services needs were not addressed. We are having more success with Tim Baxter's tireless work regarding improving DMAP's consumer inclusiveness and customer service orientation. Tim continues to work with DMAP outside of the legislative process. At least the topic is still alive although progress is difficult. Tim Baxter was recognized for his efforts on this front.

(2) S&DS Staffing Report

Kay reported that S&DS is able to add 5 new positions, even though Transfer AAA funding was only approved at 90%. Even with this, S&DS is still understaffed in relation to the number of clients served.

(3) Audit of Criminal Record Checks Process

Last month S&DS' Criminal Background Check process was audited and we came through with flying colors.

7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Recognition of Outgoing Council Members

Michael Thomas and Kathy Jenness were honored with a certificate and thanked for 6 years of commitment and hard work.

8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, November 9th, 2007

12:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

S&DS

1015 Willamette St.

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6. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.