

MINUTES

Senior & Disabled Services
Planning & Budget Committee
Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard Street, Eugene

January 10, 2006

Members Present: Jane Boren, Chair; Dianne Burch, Mae Westfall Cook,
and L.M. Reese.

Members Excused: Kevin O'Reilly, Terry Parker, and Joe Xavier.

Staff Present: Patti Little, Kay Metzger, and Ted Stevens.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jane Boren, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Persons present introduced themselves.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Action: Without objection, the Chair ruled that the agenda be accepted, as printed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2005 COMMITTEE MEETING

Action: Without objection, the Chair ruled that the Minutes of the December 13, 2005 Committee meeting be approved, as printed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2006-07 Revenues

Ted Stevens reported that the revenue picture for 2006-07 has changed slightly. This change is due to the recent decision by the U.S. Congress to cut discretionary spending for FFY 2006 by 1% across-the-board. While acknowledging that this

cut will impact S&DS' 2006-07 budget, Ted stated that the agency does not know how Oregon's Department of Human Services will handle this cut. In the absence of this information, Ted advised the Committee to continue to rely on the revenue numbers provided by staff at the December 13, 2005 meeting, but mentioned that it may be necessary for the Committee to re-convene later in the year, once solid information is available from DHS, to determine how to incorporate any reductions into its 2006-07 Area Plan Budget. Committee members expressed frustration with the situation, but agreed to follow the approach advocated by staff.

b. Proposed Expenditures for 2006-07

In advance of the meeting, explanatory materials, including detailed and summary spreadsheets were furnished to Committee members. Under this agenda topic, Ted Stevens explained these materials, including the methods used by staff to arrive at the preliminary recommended budget. Following these explanations, he asked the Committee to address two questions: (1) is it comfortable with the approach used by staff to develop the preliminary "base" (i.e., no "cola") budget, and (2) does it agree with the recommendations developed by staff for enhancing this budget by approximately \$250,000 (the sum available after the development of the base budget)?

After numerous questions and answers, members debated the two questions set forth above. Its decisions follow:

Actions: By unanimous consensus, the Committee agreed to the following:

- (1) To accept the staff-developed base budget, as reflected in Column E of the "2006-07 Expenditure Summary" spreadsheet (attached).
- (2) To accept the staff-developed recommendations for the application of available funds, as shown in Column F of the "2006-07 Expenditure Summary" spreadsheet. (With this action, the proposed 2006-07 Area Plan Budget appears in Column G of the "2006-07 Expenditure Summary" spreadsheet.)

c. 2006-07 Area Plan Objectives

Ted Stevens asked Committee members if they wished to modify the list of objectives presented and discussed at the December 13, 2005 meeting. During the discussion of this question, members urged S&DS to be more aggressive in its pursuit of private foundation support of its services. Staff was encouraged to

approach foundations associated with the following industries: railroads, timber, and pharmaceuticals, including drug stores. In addition, they concurred with the existing list and added one new objective, as follows: “Develop and implement an educational campaign to encourage adults to take more responsibility for the financing of their long term care.”

Actions: By unanimous consensus, the Committee agreed to the list of six proposed objectives for inclusion in the draft 2006-07 Area Plan Update, as attached.

5. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Based on the actions described above, members felt that they had accomplished the work that needed to be completed in January and, as a result, canceled the January 24, 2006 meeting. Given this decision, Jane Boren announced that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on February 21, 2006, immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing on the Draft 2006-07 Area Plan Update. Members were encouraged to attend the 2-21-06 public hearing, which is scheduled for 1:30 PM at the Hilyard Community Center, Eugene.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The January 10th meeting of the Planning & Budget Committee was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Attachments

Recorded by Ted Stevens

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List of Proposed Objectives for 2006-07

1. Continue to assist seniors and people with disabilities secure prescription drug benefits under Part D of Medicare and assistance programs operated by pharmaceutical manufacturers.
2. Update S&DS' disaster preparedness plan and, as part of this work, coordinate S&DS' plans with local public and private non-profit agencies.
3. In preparation for the development of the 2008-2012 Area Plan on Aging and Disabilities, re-assess the needs of Lane County's seniors and people with disabilities.
4. Continue to pursue activities designed to generate non-public sources of support for services for seniors and people with disabilities.
5. Continue outreach efforts directed to minority seniors.
6. Develop and implement an educational campaign to encourage adults to take more responsibility for the financing of their long term care.