

MINUTES

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

May 18, 2006

Members Present: Jane Boren, Chair; Joe Xavier, Mae Westfall Cook,
Kevin O'Reilly, L.M. Reese and Murray Pettit.

Members Excused: Terry Parker, Dianne Burch .

Staff Present: Sandy Karsten, Patti Little and Kay Metzger.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jane Boren, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. No introductions were necessary. Kay requested an addition to the agenda, "Re-Distribution of the OPI Biennial Allocation", be added as item 3a.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2006 AND THE FEBRUARY 21, 2006 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Action: Joe X moved to accept as presented, LM Reese seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. REVISED OLDER AMERICANS ACT ALLOCATIONS

a. Re-distribution of the OPI Biennial Allocation

Kay reviewed a handout (made available at the meeting) describing the OPI funding situation last year. During the 2005 Legislative Session, the future of the OPI program was unclear. It was difficult to predict at what level, if any, the program would be funded. It was not until the end of the Session that the OPI program was funded at a level better than anticipated. S&DS received its OPI allocation figures for the 2005-07 biennium in October 2005. At that time the

Committee determined it would be best to allocate the funding at 45% for the first year and 55% for the second. Since the OPI program had been scaled down, it was difficult to predict the utilization rate. Now that the program has been operating at full scope for six months, a re-distribution is needed, to reflect a 47% / 53% split.

Action: By consensus, the committee approved the re-distribution of the OPI bi-ennial allocation as recommended.

b. REVISED OLDER AMERICANS ACT ALLOCATIONS

The Committee reviewed the spreadsheets included in their packets. Additional information was distributed regarding the impact of the budget reduction scenarios on the Meals Programs and the Senior Connections Programs. Scenarios included across the board cuts and targeted cuts. Staff reviewed each option carefully with the Committee, along with the impact of each option on programs funded through the Older Americans Act.

4. REVIEW OF OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

After receiving the information described above, the Committee questioned staff regarding which option they recommended. Staff unanimously agreed that their recommendation was to implement the option that combined both across the board and targeted cuts (Attachment #3, Column I). This option does not significantly alter the service delivery infrastructure. While funding for each partner in the service network is reduced, there are no links that are eliminated in this scenario. For future planning sessions, the Committee expressed an interest in gathering more information from staff and the community about the needs, preferences for service delivery and service options. Patti Little will be completing a Needs Assessment in the next six months, and the information will be available for planning purposes in November. Additionally, Kevin O'Reilley stated that he would like the information to include the numbers of clients served by each program. Kay will incorporate this information into next years planning process.

Action: Murray Pettit moved to accept the reduction option described in Attachment #3, Column I. L.M. Reese seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The May 18th meeting of the Planning & Budget Committee was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.