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To: Senior Services Advisory Council

From: Kay Metzger

Subject: 2006 Needs Assessment

In accordance with federal and state policy, S&DS is required to help create and maintain a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery system to meet the needs of older and disabled people in Lane County. To document its work toward this goal, S&DS must develop an Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services. The Area Plan is a multi-year document, with annual updates. It serves two purposes: (1) it is a planning document -- it identifies the needs of seniors and adults with disabilities, and describes the agency's plans for addressing these needs; and (2) it is a compliance document which provides the basis for the State of Oregon to contract with LCOG for the delivery of a range of services to older people and people with disabilities.

Program Year 2007-08 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) will be the first year of a new Area Plan cycle. To prepare for this cycle, during the summer and fall of 2006 Patti Little, S&DS Contracts Manager, completed an assessment of the needs of seniors and people with disabilities who reside in Lane County.

During its meetings in January and February 2007, the Planning & Budget Committee reviewed a draft of the 2006 Needs Assessment. Members offered input for additions and/or corrections. The final version is attached for your review. This document will also be distributed throughout the county to libraries, cities, senior centers and other community locations.