

## MINUTES

Senior & Disabled Services  
**Senior Services Advisory Council**  
Hilyard Center, 2580 Hilyard St., Eugene, OR

April 8, 2008

Members Present: Jane Boren, Dianne Burch, Marion Esty, Pat Giles, Andrea Gillispie, Rod Holst, Mary Johnson, Jean Jordan, Jim Patterson, David Quale, Dr. Dwayne Rice, Dennis Shine, Jane Strasdas

Community Reps  
Present: Susan Busler, Yvaughn Tompkins, Megan O'Connor

Members Excused: Mae Westfall Cook, Cathy Steadman Cox, Kathy Mann, Jonathan Ramey, Betty Jane Shirley, Steve Skipton

Guests: Zall Villanueva, Terry Parker

Community Reps  
Excused: Melissa Bowers

Staff Members  
Present: Patti Little, Kay Metzger, Lenora Crowson

## A G E N D A

### **1. CALL TO ORDER; SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by the acting chair, Jane Boren. All those in attendance introduced themselves.

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

The Motion was made by Jane Strasdas and seconded by Pat Giles to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF THE FEBRUARY 2008 MINUTES (Attachment)**

Mary Johnson made a motion to accept the February 2008 Minutes without any changes, and Pat Giles Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

##### **a. LCOG Board of Directors**

Kay Metzger reported that the LCOG Board of Directors met February 28, 2008. The topics discussed were the work that was completed at the February Legislative session, the hope that funding for OPI will be discussed at the upcoming June Emergency Session, and the Coordinated Population Projection for this area.

##### **b. Disability Services Advisory Council**

Mary Johnson reported that Terry Parker gave an informative report about the progress of the LTD Transportation Brokerage for Lane County.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **a. Lane Coordinated Transportation Plan (See Handout, Accessible Services)**

Terry Parker, Accessible Services Manager at LTD, presented an overview of the transportation plan to enhance transportation access for older adults, people with disabilities, and those with low incomes. The plan identified unmet needs and strategies to address them, and serves as an education tool for human service agencies and transportation providers to identify coordination opportunities. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Requirements is the driving force behind providing this transportation. Some of the “complementary para-transit” services offered include: RideSource (curb-to-curb service), RideSource Shopper (weekly grocery service), and Transit Host & Training (one-on-one support using fixed-rout service). Great progress has been made toward finalizing the RideSource Call Center. It is on track to include Eugene and Springfield by May 19, 2008. Effective July 1, 2008, the Honored Rider (free) pass changes from age 70 to age 65.

##### **b. 2008-09 Area Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Attachment)**

Kay Metzger reported that the Planning and Budget Committee met about four times beginning in November 2007 to plan how to distribute the discretionary funds received. Eighty percent of the budget is mandated Medicaid services ie Case Management, Eligibility, Food Stamps, and Long-Term Care services. Twenty percent of the funds are from OAA and other special grants. The Area Plan on Aging & Disability Services reviews the the Older Americans Act allocations (See list on Page 13). The basic principles for decision making that the Planning and Budget Committee used in making their decisions are listed on page 9. Page 10 outlines the proposed budget for 2008-09. This budget reflects a five percent increase over last year’s budget. The Plan met with positive feedback at the public hearing February 28, 2008. Discussion followed with Kay answering questions. Dianne Burch made the motion to accept the **2008-09 Area Plan For**

**Seniors and People With Disabilities**, and Mary Johnson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **a. Chair's Report**

Jane Boren brought up the need for a microphone to be used at meetings, so that everyone can be heard by the person speaking.

### **b. Committee Reports**

#### **(1) Advocacy Committee**

Mary Johnson reported that the Advocacy Committee was making long term care one of its priorities. Helping people maintain their independence for as long as possible is important and more cost effective. Mary is going to attend the DHS Forum being held at LCC, so that she can communicate the importance of keeping people in their own homes as long as possible. Dianne Burch announced that the Candidates Forum was coming up. Mary brought to our attention the confusion the Medicare Advantage Plans were causing some people. She has communicated with Senators Wyden and Smith about this problem. Discussion followed. The Advocacy Committee will be meeting on April 18 instead of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **(2) Long Term Care Committee**

David Quale gave a report on the PETS Review.

#### **(3) Procurement and Monitoring Committee**

Patti Little reported that all of the contracts are due and will be voted on at the special meeting in May. She stressed the importance of having a quorum at this meeting.

#### **(4) Nominating Committee**

Kay Metzger reported that a chairperson was chosen and a course of action was laid out at their last meeting. They are recruiting for three new SSAC members and for more community representatives. Informational posters (which can be posted in the community), and applications were passed out at the meeting. More information will be given at the May meeting.

### **c. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports given.

## **7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **a. Need for May Meeting**

Kay Metzger announced that the special meeting will be held May 13, 2008, and having a quorum is crucial so the contracts can be reviewed and voted on by the SSAC members.

### **b. Other**

Diane Burch announced that the Western Lane Community Foundation awarded Senior Connections and Senior and Disabled Services in Florence a \$4,350 grant to provide transportation for the elderly.

## **8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 13, 2008, 1:30 p.m.**

**Hilyard Community Center**

**Eugene, OR**

## **9. ADJOURN**

Jane Boren adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

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