

## MINUTES

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

May 13, 2008

Members Present: David Quale, Dianne Burch, Jane Boren, Mae Westfall Cook, Steve Skipton, Jonathon Ramey, Donna Peterson, Cathy Steadman Cox, Dr. Dwayne Rice, Dennis Shine, Rod Holst, Jim Patterson, Jane Strasdas, Pat Giles, Mary Johnson, Murray Petitt, Andrea Gillespie

### Community Reps

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

Guests Present: Zall Villanueva

Members Excused: Betty Jane Shirley, Kathy Mann, Marion Esty

### Community Reps

Excused: Melissa Bowers

### Staff members

Present: Kay Metzger, Sandy Karsten, Lenora Crowson, Patti Little

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

Chairperson, Steve Skipton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

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

Agenda accepted by consensus without additions.

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2008**

#### **(Attachment)**

Correction to the April 2008 Minutes: Dianne Burch noted that the spelling of her name was incorrect on page four. The spelling was changed from Diane to Dianne. She then made a motion to accept the April 2008 Minutes as corrected. Jane Strasdas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

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

Kay Metzger reported that the LCOG Board of Directors met on April 24, 2008 and approved the Area Plan on Aging & Disability Services in Lane County for 2008 - 2009. It is ready to be presented to the state office. Lane County budget issues were also discussed.

##### **b. Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)**

Kay Metzger and Mary Johnson reported that at their last meeting held Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> nominations for committee members were confirmed. Consultants from the U of O who are working with the City of Eugene gave a presentation on a strategic plan for diversity and equality. Visitors from Douglas County Area Agency on Aging came to observe how we recruit members and run DSAC. One of the board members from United Way presented a plan they've been working on to provide emergency care and quality caregivers for people with disabilities.

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

##### **a. Procurement and Monitoring Committee Recommendations**

###### **(1) Senior Law (Attachment)**

Pat Giles presented the PMC Recommendation: That the SSAC recommend that LCOG: (1) Accept the application submitted by the Lane County Law and Advocacy Center to operate the Senior Law Program in 2008-09, and (2) That it award the program up to \$59,677 of Older Americans Act III-B funds, payable at the rate of \$18.06 per unit of service, not to exceed a total of 3,305 units of service annually.

A motion was made by Pat Giles to accept the PMC recommendation for the Legal Services Application. Jane Strasdas seconded it. The motion carried.

###### **(2) LTC Ombudsman Screening Committee (Attachment)**

Pat Giles presented the PMC Recommendation: That the SSAC recommend that LCOG accept the application submitted by the Lane County Ombudsman Recruiting and Screening Committee to operate the Lane County Ombudsman Recruiting and Screening Committee for FY 2008-09; and that it award the program up to \$1,285 of Older Americans Act, III-B funds, pursuant to the application, payable on an as needed basis, not to exceed a total of \$1,285.

Pat Giles made a motion to accept the proposed application for the LTC Ombudsman Screening and Recruitment Program. Jane Strasdas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(3) ElderHelp (Attachment)

Pat Giles presented the PMC RECOMMENDATION: That SSAC recommend that LCOG accept the application submitted by Sue Maddron to coordinate the Elder Help Volunteer Program for FY 2007-08, and that Ms. Maddron be awarded half of the \$15,868 of Older Americans Act III-B funds for program operations from July 1 thru December 2008, pursuant to her application. Ms. Maddron is to be reimbursed at the rate of \$25.67 per hour, not to exceed half the 618 hours annually.

Patti Little confirmed that the Procurement and Monitoring Committee will have a plan in place to transition to a new Coordinator by November 2008, since Sue Maddron is retiring from the program in January 2009.

A motion was made by Murray Petitt to accept the proposed recommendation for the Elder Help Volunteer Program. The motion was seconded by Jane Strasdas. The motion carried.

(4) Caregiver Support Group and Training (Attachment)

Pat Giles presented: PMC RECOMMENDATION: That the SSAC accept the application submitted by Cascade Health Solutions to operate the Caregiver Support Group and Training Program from July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009, and that the program be awarded up to \$2,099 (\$1,502 of III-E & \$597 of III-B) for training and \$10,587 (\$7,614 of III-E & \$2,973 of III-B) for support groups of Older Americans Acts funds, pursuant to the application, payable as outlined in the Comparative Summary on page three of this report.

A motion was made by Mae Westfall Cook to accept the PMC recommendation of the Caregiver Support Group and Training Application. Jane Strasdas seconded it. Motion carried.

(5) Money Management Program (Attachment)

Pat Giles presented the PMC RECOMMENDATION: That the SSAC recommend that LCOG (1) Accept the application submitted by the Clay Austin to coordinate the Money Management Program in FY 2008-09; and (2) That the program be awarded up to \$5,670 of Older Americans

Act III-B funds, pursuant his application. Mr. Austin is to be reimbursed at the rate of \$472.50 per month, not to exceed a total of \$5,670 annually.

Dianne Burch made the motion to accept the PMC recommendation for the Money Management Program Application. Mae Westfall Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried

(6) Food Service (Attachment)

Pat Giles presented the PMC RECOMMENDATION that the SSAC recommend to LCOG: (1) That LCOG contract with NorthWest Senior & Disability Services, as the lead agency in the Food Service Consortium, and; (2) That NorthWest Senior & Disability Services continue the contract with Bateman for the provision of food service for FY 09 at the rates no higher than the rates noted below.

<b>Hot Meals</b>	<b>Frozen Meals</b>
\$3.56	\$3.29

Murray Pettitt moved to accept the PMC Recommendation for the Food Service for Senior Meals Application. Jane Boren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(7) Metro Meals on Wheels (Attachment)

Pat Giles presented the PMC RECOMMENDATION that the SSAC recommend to LCOG approval of the FY 2009 contract for Metro Meals on Wheels with American Red Cross, for meals at total unit rate of \$6.97 per meal. This recommendation is made with the understanding that if funding levels or contracted food service rates change, the budget and service levels will be renegotiated. Specific reimbursement rates are noted in the table below.

Correction made to the table: NSIP Units corrected to read 57,648 instead of 5,748.

<b>Source</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Unit Rate</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
OAA	51,900	\$1.5388	\$76,059
NSIP (includes OAA & OPI meals only)	57,648	\$0.59	\$34,012
OPI (includes OPI client donations)	5,748	\$6.86	\$36,056
HSC Funds	0	\$0.0	\$0

Sandy noted an error on page five. The cost of hot meals will increase \$.18 to \$3.84 instead of the \$.28 to \$3.84 printed.

Murray Petitt moved to accept the SSAC recommendation for the Metro Meals on Wheels Application. Mary Johnson seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

- b. Other Action Items  
None

## 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Chair's Report  
None

- b. Committee Reports

- (1) Advocacy Committee

Mary Johnson reported that representatives from Douglas County AAA came to observe how the Advocacy Committee conducts meetings. Consultants from the U of O who are working with the City of Eugene gave a presentation on a strategic plan for diversity and equality. Mary reported on the success from their lobbying efforts in Salem. They have established priorities and are waiting until the June Session to see what action will be taken. Dennis Shine reported that the LCOG Board passed their budget. The committee talked about communicating with the County Commissioners about the importance of the money the County contributes for Senior Connections and Meals on Wheels (approximately \$75,000).

- (2) Long Term Care Committee

David Quale reported that they are looking at quality assurance at S&DS. At their meeting last Tuesday, May 6, 2008, it was reported that new staff were added. They were happy to hear that the SPD committee responsible for limiting payments for care is scheduled to discontinue. Medicaid medical transportation is now being coordinated by the LTD Brokerage with the exception of ambulance rides.

- (3) Procurement and Monitoring Committee

No further report at this time.

- (4) Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented their Recommendation for the Slate of Officers for 2008-09 (Handout).

Their recommendation is as follows:

Chairperson: Steve Skipton  
First Vice Chairperson: Mary Johnson  
Second Vice Chairperson: David Quale

Pat Giles mentioned that nominations can also be made from the floor at the June 10, 2008 election.

c. Staff Reports

Kay Metzger reported that a new position, the Diversion and Transition Coordinator, will be created with the purpose of helping people transition out of the nursing home to living in their own home. DHS is allocating new funds for this purpose in each office, as helping people to live in more independently and in a lower cost environment will reap substantial savings for the state.

**7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patti Little reported that the Administration On Aging is conducting a survey of selected OAA programs. May is Older Americans Month. They have selected "Older Americans Active in the Arts" to honor this year. There will be an open house held Thursday, May 29, from 4-6 pm at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 West C Street, Springfield, Oregon. Everyone is invited to attend. This year's sponsor is Peace Health's Gerontological Institute. (See Handout) On Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Campbell Center walk sponsored by the senior centers in the area.

**8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

June 10, 2008, 1:30 p.m.  
Hilyard Community Center  
Eugene, OR

**9. ADJOURN**

Steve Skipton adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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