

MINUTES

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

June 13, 2006

Members Present: Anna May Herbert, Chair; Mae Westfall Cook, Jane Strasdas, Dianne Burch, (by phone), Don Hampton, Marion Esty (by phone), Jane Boren, Jack Ewing, Joe Xavier, Andrea Gillispie (by phone), Murray Pettit (by phone)

Members Excused: Mary Johnson, Darlene Puls, Jim Patterson, Steve Skipton, David Quale

CR Member Present: Cathy Steadman Cox

Staff Members Present: Patti Little, Kay Metzger

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anna May Herbert called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Dianne Burch requested an item be added regarding the recent Community Forum on the Future of Long Term Care. This will be added under “Other Reports and Announcements”. At Kay Metzger’s request, two additional items were added to the agenda. “Area Plan Budget Update” was added as an Action Item and a discussion about the August meeting was added under “Reminder of Next Council Meeting”. By consensus, the agenda was approved with requested additions.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE May 2006 SSAC MEETING

Motion: Joe Xavier requested the minutes be amended to reflect one abstention vote on the motion to move forward on the proposal submitted by the Advocacy Committee regarding a review of tax expenditures in Oregon.

By consensus, the minutes were accepted with the requested change.

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. LCOG Board of Directors

Kay Metzger reported that the LCOG Board approved the S&DS 2006-07 Area Plan Update at its meeting on April 27, 2006.

b. Disability Services Advisory Council

Kay Metzger reported on the May 2006 DSAC meeting. The DSAC discussed the paper, "An Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Oregon" as presented by the Advocacy Committee and voted to move forward to the LCOG Board with proposed concept.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2006-07

Joe Xavier, Vice-Chair of the SSAC Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The nominations were as follows:

a. SSAC Chair

The Nominating Committee submitted Jane Boren's name as Chair of the SSAC. No nominations from the floor were submitted.

Motion: Moved by Joe Xavier, seconded by Mae Westfall Cook to appoint Jane Boren as Chair of the SSAC. Motion passed unanimously.

b. SSAC Vice-Chair

The Nominating Committee submitted Steve Skipton's name as Vice-Chair of the SSAC. No nominations from the floor were submitted.

Motion: Moved by Joe Xavier, seconded by Jane Boren to appoint Steve Skipton as Vice-Chair of the SSAC. Motion passed unanimously.

c. SSAC Second Vice-Chair

The Nominating Committee submitted Don Hampton's name as Second Vice-Chair of the SSAC. Mae Westfall Cook submitted Dianne Burch's name to be considered as Second Vice-Chair. Don Hampton withdrew his name from the nomination.

Motion: Moved by Joe Xavier, seconded by Mae Westfall Cook to appoint

Dianne Burch as Second Vice-Chair of the SSAC. Motion passed unanimously.

In conclusion, Mae Westfall Cook stated she appreciates Don Hampton's participation on the Council and hopes he will consider serving as an officer in the future.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Recommendations for the Appointment of New Members to the SSAC

On behalf of the SSAC Nominating Committee, Joe Xavier submitted the name of Patricia Giles as a new full Council member. Patricia has extensive experience in the human service field, as she worked for the Department of Human Services for 29 years.

Motion: Joe Xavier moved, Mae Westfall Cook seconded the motion to appoint Patricia Giles as a full SSAC member for a three year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Xavier stated recruitment activities for SSAC should be an ongoing process. The Council should always be encouraging potential members to attend any meeting to learn more about Senior & Disabled Services and the role of the SSAC.

Motion: Joe Xavier moved, Mae Westfall Cook seconded a motion to recommend to the LCOG Board approval of the slate of SSAC officers and two new SSAC members (Dennis Shine and Patricia Giles). Motion passed unanimously.

b. Procurement & Monitoring Recommendations

(1) Elder Help Program

The Council reviewed the recommendation from the Procurement and Monitoring Committee regarding the Elder Help Volunteer Program Contract. This is a contract using Older Americans Act funding for the purpose of recruiting and training volunteers for the Elder Help Program. The PMC recommends that the application of Sue Maddron to coordinate the Edler Help Volunteer Program for 2006-07 be accepted.

Motion: Moved by Mae Westfall Cook, seconded by Joe Xavier that the SSAC recommend that LCOG accept the application submitted by Sue Maddron to coordinate the Elder Help Volunteer Program for FY 2006-07, and that Ms. Maddron be awarded \$15,512 of Older Americans Act III-B funds for program operations in FY 2006-07, pursuant to her application. Ms. Maddron is to be reimbursed at the rate of \$24.86 per hour, not to exceed a total of 624 hours annually. Motion passed unanimously.

(2) In-Home Services Contract for OPI Services

The Committee reviewed the In-Home Services Contract Recommendation as submitted by the Procurement and Monitoring Committee. This is a contract proposal from Addus Health Care to do in-home care for Oregon Project Independence clients. The contract agreement is with the Tri-Agency Consortium (Northwest Senior & Disability Services, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, Lane Council of Governments).

Motion: Moved by Jane Strasdas, seconded by Don Hampton that the SSAC approve the contract for in-home services with Addus Healthcare for the period of October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, at the reimbursement rate of \$16.45 for home care services and \$18.50 for personal care services, and that the SSAC authorize the LCOG Executive Director to sign the contract agreement between Northwest Senior and Disability Services and LCOG.

c. Area Plan Budget Update

Jane Boren, Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported on the May 18, 2006 meeting of the Committee. Earlier in the year, the process of approving the 2006-07 Area Plan Budget had been completed, which included a public hearing and approval by all Councils and the LCOG Board. However, since that time the Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities Division had revised the 2006-07 allocation, resulting in a significant decrease. Thus, the Planning and Budget Committee was asked to give direction on where to make the reductions. S&DS staff presented three options for consideration. After a lengthy discussion and many questions, the Planning and Budget Committee unanimously agreed upon a proposal that reduced administrative costs, distributed program reductions evenly within programs funded by the same source, maximized funding

sources where available, and maintained the infra-structure of the Older Americans Act service delivery system. In brief, the recommended option includes:

- A 9% reduction in OAA Administrative costs;
- A 3.14% reduction to all services funded through Title IIIB;
- A 7% total reduction to congregate and home delivered meals programs (IIIC-1, IIc-2).

Motion: Moved by Mae Westfall Cook, seconded by Joe Xavier that,

1) The Senior Services Advisory Council approve the 2006-07 Area Plan Revised Budget as recommended by the Planning and Budget Committee, and

2) That the Senior Services Advisory Council recommend to the LCOG Executive Committee approval of the 2006-07 Area Plan Revised Budget as submitted by the Senior Services Advisory Council.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair's Report

SSAC Chair, Anna May Herbert, stated there was no information to report at this time, but that she had very much enjoyed her time on the Senior Services Advisory Council.

b. Committee Reports

Given the time, no additional Committee reports were submitted.

c. Staff Reports

(1) OAA Programs

Patti Little informed the Committee she will begin the needs assessment process this summer. There will be focus groups convened in September throughout the community to seek input from the public on the needs of seniors in Lane County. The Council Members will be invited to participate in a focus group to be arranged at a later date.

(2) MMA Update

Kay Metzger reported that S&DS will be hiring a temporary MMA Enrollment Assistant to focus on MMA enrollment and problem solving. The allocation associated with the position is, at this point, not guaranteed through next biennium. Therefore, the position is of one year duration.

8. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dianne Burch shared with the Committee information she received at the Community Forum for the Future of Long Term Care. At the forum, excellent demographic information was given that illustrated the significant growth in the older population that will occur in the next 20 years. Jack Ewing shared that generally the senior population has represented about 12-13% of the total population in Lane County. Those ratios will change drastically by 2025. At that time, the portion of senior population will be approximately 19%. This is an increase from 44,717 residents over 65 years of age to 82,719. The forum did an excellent job of highlighting the considerable shift in population, and to encourage people to begin planning for that shift.

9. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBERS

Council members took the opportunity to thank the outgoing members present at the meeting for their contributions and hard work. A certificate of appreciation was given to each outgoing member, and the Council gathered together for cake and juice at the end of the meeting.

10. REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING/ADJOURN

The next SSAC meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2006. However, Kay Metzger has a conflict and cannot be present. Therefore, the Council agreed to hold its August meeting on August 15th, 1:30 P.M. at the Hilyard Center.

The meeting adjourned for cake and juice at 3:00 PM.