

## MINUTES

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

June 12th, 2007

Members Present: Jane Boren, Chair; Dennis Shine, Jack Ewing, Steve Skipton, David Quale, Jonathan Ramey, Marion Esty, Rikki Rainey, Dianne Burch, Patricia Giles, Mae Westfall Cook, Jean Jordan, Mary Johnson, Jane Strasdass, Murray Petitt

Members Excused: Jim Patterson, Darlene Puls

Staff Members Present: Kay Metzger, Patti Little, Lorilee Davis

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Jane Boren; Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

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

Jean Jordan requested that policies related to fundraisers be added to "Other Reports and Announcements". Agenda accepted by consensus with addition.

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

Mary Johnson requested that her absence for the April meeting be added to Members Excused.

**Motion:** Pat Giles moved the minutes be accepted with corrections noted. Marion Esty seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously with corrections.

### 4. **LCOG REPORTS**

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

Kay Metzger related that the LCOG Board of Directors has not met since the last SSAC meeting. Therefore, there is nothing to report.

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

Kay Metzger reported that the DSAC met in May and heard a presentation by Ronda Busek regarding Lane Individual Practice Association (LIPA) and Trillium. The DSAC also discussed the initiation of the recruitment process for new members and committee reports.

## **5. ACTION ITEM**

### **a. Report of the Nominating Committee**

#### **(1) Recommendations for the Appointment of Members to the SSAC**

The Council reviewed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee which included,

- Re-appointment of Mae Westfall Cook, Mary Johnson, and Stephen Kraus for a second three-year term
- Appointment of Rod Holst, Betty Jane Shirley, Dr. Dwayne Rice, Kathy Mann, and Donna Peterson as SSAC members for three-year terms
- Appointment of Carmen Dake, Cathy Davenport, Susan Busler, Melissa Bowers, Megan O'Connor, Yvaughn Tompkins, and Mary Ellen Riley as Community Representatives for one year terms.

**Motion:** Murray Pettit moved to accept the recommendations of the SSAC Nominating Committee as presented. Jean Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **(2) Presentation of the Nominated Slate of Officers**

The Council reviewed the recommendations of the SSAC Nominating Committee, which included,

- Steve Skipton as Chair
- Jane Boren as First Vice- Chair
- Mary Johnson as Second Vice-Chair.

#### **(3) Nominations from the floor**

No further nominations were received from the floor.

#### **(4) Election**

##### ***Motion:***

Murray Pettit moved to vote on the recommendations of the SSAC Nominating Committee for the Slate of Officers. Marion Esty seconded the motion. SSAC members voted by written ballot. The recommended Slate of Officers was accepted unanimously.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Jane Boren stated that the Nominating Committee did a fantastic job and there were many good applicants to fill the upcoming vacant positions in the committees

### **b. Committee Reports**

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

Mary Johnson briefed the group on the Legislative Dialogue held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended with 6 legislators/representatives. It was a very good meeting and the hope was for the equity issue to be funded and the OPI allotment from the General Fund to go forward. Kay Metzger reported that SB360 which recommends the establishment of an Ombudsman for Health Care most likely will not make it out of the Joint Ways and Means Committee. At its next meeting, the Advocacy Committee will re-evaluate strategies for next year. The DHS budget will be addressed this coming Thursday.

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

David Quale reported that the next meeting is in July.

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

Patti Little reported that the last meeting of the PMC was cancelled. The next meeting will be Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at Marie Callender's. This will be the final meeting for the fiscal year.

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

Pat Giles reported that there was a wonderful response to the SSAC recruitment. Kay gave a brief overview of the recruitment process. The Nominating Committee met twice before conducting interviews and planned out recruitment strategies. There were quite a few amazing applicants. The Committee spent 2 days in interviews. All were recommended for membership in one form or another. Dennis Shine noted that almost all of the applicants are from Eugene. Patti Little responded that there was effort to recruit in all communities, including contacting Senior Connections Staff for referrals. However, there was limited or no response from some areas. This recruitment included one person from Junction City and one person from Cottage Grove. S&DS will continue to explore strategies for recruitment of candidates from rural areas.

### **c. Staff Report**

#### **(1) Fiscal year**

Kay Metzger reported that the fiscal year for S&DS is closing and we are closing out the 2005-2007 biennium. The upcoming biennium looks more promising than the past two biennia.

#### **(2) Other**

S&DS will be recruiting for two Supervisors in the near future, as Joan Taylor, the Supervisor for Senior Connections will be moving back to Montana in July and Alicia Beymer, the Quality Assurance Supervisor will be taking a position at Peacehealth. Mary Johnson asked about adding staff to reduce the caseloads. Kay responded that the Management Team at S&DS has been going through a strategic planning process to identify five short term and five long term goals. A strategic planning process is also in process related to the Older Americans Act programs. If the Legislature approves additional funds for our services, S&DS will move forward quickly to add new staff.

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

Jean Jordan expressed a concern regarding the continued degradation of funding for senior programs. Jean expressed interest in a county-wide campaign to fund raise for services to seniors, and wondered if S&DS could participate. Kay responded that she is interested in discussing this further and would be happy to meet with Jean.

Marion Esty brought the Council's attention to the need for qualified caregivers, as she is aware of situations in which people hire unqualified caregivers through an informal network. David Quale reported that he has received information regarding a registry to fill the gap for finding homecare workers. Kay responded that S&DS participates on a United Way Committee that is attempting to craft a community-wide solution to the need for the emergency placement of caregivers. Additionally, the State of Oregon is in the last stages of developing for Home Care Workers that would be open to the public. Dennis Shine requested an update on the funding received from the County, as he advocated with several Commissioners on our behalf. Kay reported that his advocacy efforts were successful, and the County has approved approximately \$75,000 for services to seniors at least for one more year. It is not secure funding beyond that time frame, however, due to the Secure Rural Schools funding situation.

**8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 14, 2007, 1:30 p.m.; Hilyard Community Center**

**9. ADJOURN**  
Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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