

MINUTES
Senior Services Advisory Council
Hilyard Center, 2580 Hilyard St, Eugene

June 9, 2009

Members Present: David Quale, Steve Skipton, Pat Giles, Cathy Steadman Cox
Andrea Gillispie, Dr Dwayne Rice, Mary Johnson, Rod Holst
Tim Baxter

Present by Phone: Dennis Shine, Melissa Bowers, Mae Westfall Cook

Members Excused: Zall Villanueva, Barbara Butzer, Jim Patterson, Donna
Peterson, Betty Jane Shirley, Jonathan Ramey, Yvaughn
Tompkins

Community Reps: Robert Fritson

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Excused: Carmen Dake

Staff Present: Kay Metzger, Lenora Crowson, Patti Little

1. CALL TO ORDER: SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Steve Skipton called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING AGENDA

No additions recommended. Agenda accepted as mailed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2009 SSAC
MEETING (Attachment)

Approving the May Minutes was postponed until the August meeting, since we
didn't have a quorum.

4. LCOG REPORTS

a. LCOG Board of Directors

No report given.

b. Disability Services Advisory Council

Tim Baxter reported that Kay Metzger gave an overview of the new Aging and
Disability Resource Center and requested input from the DSAC members with
good discussion following. The Council discussed the shortage of short-term
housing in Eugene for homeless people with disabilities. LILA is pursuing
money for this project. Lane County has indicated interest in contributing
limited funds to help with this issue. More to come.

5. ACTION ITEMS

Since we were three short of having a quorum, Melissa Bowers, Dennis Shine, and Mae Westfall Cook were contacted by telephone. With their participation, the Council proceeded with the Action Items.

a. Report of the Nominating Committee

(1) Recommendations for the Appointment of Members to the SSAC (Attachment)

Pat Giles reported that the Nominating Committee recommends that Gwen Curran, Lambert Escobosa, Lisa Grissell, and Richard (Dick) Sly be appointed to full membership on the Council for a three year term.

Motion: Cathy Steadman Cox moved that we accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation and approve Gwen Curran, Lambert Escobosa, Lisa Grissell, and Richard (Dick) Sly for appointment to full membership on the Council for a three year term. Mary Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Cathy Steadman Cox moved that Marion Esty and Jon Ramey be appointed to one year terms as Community Representative Members of the Council. Andrea Gillispie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pat Giles reported that the Nominating Committee recommends Sandi Curtis, Diana Jacoby, and Karen Locke to be appointed to a one year term as new Community Representatives of the Council.

Motion: Pat Giles moved that we accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Sandi Curtis, Diana Jacoby, and Karen Locke to a one year term as Community Representatives of the Council. Cathy Steadman Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Pat Giles moved that the following current Advisory Council members be re-appointed to the Council for three year terms (ending June 30, 2012):

- Cathy Steadman Cox (<60; Eugene);
- Pat Giles (60+; Eugene);
- David Quale (<60; Eugene);
- Dennis Shine (60+; Springfield).

Cathy Steadman Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) Presentation of the Nominated Slate of Officers

Pat Giles reported that the Council's Nominating Committee wishes to place in nomination the slate of officers for Program Year 2009-10 as listed. The

individuals nominated by this slate have agreed to serve if elected. The recommended slate is as follows:

- Chairperson: Mary Johnson
- First Vice Chairperson: Dennis Shine
- Second Vice Chairperson: Donna Peterson

(3) Nominations from the floor

None

(4) Election

Motion: Cathy Steadman Cox moved that we accept this nominated slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Pat Giles. Motion Passed.

b. Request for Committee Preference (Attachment)

Kay Metzger asked that the Committee Preference Participation 2009-10 Surveys be returned to her. She and Mary Johnson, newly elected Chairperson, will review them and make appointments.

c. Other Action Items

None

6. Information Items

a. Chair's Report

Steve Skipton reported that the Co-Chair's Budget overall was better than expected. He e-mailed Floyd Prozanski's office in support of HB 2069. It appears at this time that OPI will be included in the Department of Human Services Budget. The Co-Chair's Budget includes a proposal to limit in-home care hours for clients. This would reduce help with food preparation, managing medication, etc for the clients and making it more difficult for them to stay in their own homes. In the long run, the cost to the state would be greater since there would be the need of placement into a care facility. This proposal is a 40% cut in in-home hours, translating into a loss of 6000 HCW jobs. Additionally, the Co-Chairs budget proposes cuts to the funding S&DS receives to do eligibility and case management. The budget also proposes cuts to benefits, such as vision and dental coverage. Dental will be reduced for OHP Plus clients. S&DS Management staff are working collaboratively with the SEIU Union towards strategies to mitigate lay-offs. Some of the proposals mentioned are having furlough days and foregoing the cola.

b. Committee Reports

(1) Advocacy Committee

Mary Johnson reported that they met with the Springfield City planners last night, June 8, 2009. The Springfield planners agreed to place pedestrian

warning signs and flashing yellow lights at the roundabout on Pioneer Parkway and Hayden Bridge Rd. Springfield is planning to annex that area into the City, so they will have full control, and they plan to enforce the traffic laws.

Another area of concern is the funding for OPI. Information was distributed to Council members regarding OPI, and members were encouraged to contact their Legislator.

(2) Long Term Care Committee

No report given.

(3) Procurement and Monitoring Committee

No report given.

7. Other Reports and Announcements

Mary Johnson announced that she was resigning as a senior representative from LIPA's Durable Medical Equipment Committee. Its meeting time ends at 1:30 p.m. the same day that the SSAC meetings are held. It would make it difficult for her to be at the SSAC meetings in a timely manner especially since she is the chairperson. She feels there is still value in someone representing seniors and people with disabilities to take her place on that committee, and she encouraged everyone to consider it. The next meeting will be August 11. Andrea Gillespie announced that the Senior Profession Information Network (SPIN) meets tomorrow morning, June 10, at 8:15 with the speaker starting at 9:00 a.m. SPIN also donated \$750 to the Senior Meals Program.

8. Reminder of Next Council Meeting

August 11, 1:30 p.m.;

Hilyard Community Center

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Steve gave a short farewell speech, and Kay served cake in honor of everyone's faithful service throughout the year.