

MINUTES

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

August 15, 2006

Members Present: Jane Boren, Chair; Jane Strasdas, Pat Giles, Rikki Rainey, Darlene Puls, Don Hampton, Mae Westfall Cook, Andrea Gillispie, Dianne Burch, Steve Skipton, Dennis Shine, Marion Esty, Mary Johnson.

CR Member Present: Cathy Steadman Cox

Members Excused: Jim Patterson, Jack Ewing, Jean Jordan, David Quale

Staff Members Present: Kay Metzger

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jane Boren called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. All members present introduced themselves. New members Pat Giles and Dennis Shine were welcomed to the Council.

2. **CONSIDERATION OF MEETING AGENDA**

By consensus, agenda was approved as mailed.

3. **CONSDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2006**

A spelling correction on page three, last sentence was noted (Edler to Elder). *Motion:* Dianne Burch moved to accept the minutes with the spelling correction. Don Hampton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **LCOG REPORTS**

a. **LCOG Board of Directors**

Kay reported on the meeting of the LCOG Board in June. At that meeting, the LCOG Board heard an overview of the services and programs delivered through Senior & Disabled Services. Additionally, they reviewed a recommendation from the SSAC and DSAC on an advocacy position that proposed a review of tax expenditures in Oregon. The LCOG Board chose not to move forward on the recommendation. While they expressed support

for the programs and services delivered through Senior & Disabled Services, they advised the Advocacy Committee to focus on issues that had a direct correlation to the provision of said services rather than broad-based issues such as tax reform.

The LCOG Board also met in July for a planning session to identify the topics and issues of top priority for the upcoming year.

b. Disability Services Advisory Council

Darlene Puls reported that, at its July meeting, the DSAC reviewed and approved the Legislative Priorities submitted by the Advocacy Committee. The Council also heard a report from the Nominating Committee on progress towards new membership appointments. The DSAC is on an October through September term year, and thus are currently in the process of recruiting and interviewing for new members.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Recommendation of the Advocacy Committee

The Council reviewed the four Legislative Priorities for 2007 as presented by the Advocacy Committee. They are:

- Create a consumer-oriented culture with the Department of Human Services, Department of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP)
- Expand funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) Programs
- Protect the core values of Oregon’s Model of Long Term Care
- Keep the promise – fund equity for Area Agencies on Aging

The Council engaged in an exhaustive question and answer period on the details of each issue. Suggestions were offered regarding wording and phrasing changes for the third-listed priority (Protect the core values of Oregon’s Model of Long Term Care). Mary Johnson opined that the phrase, “medical model versus social model” sounded rather bureaucratic and should be avoided. Recommendations were noted.

Motion: Mae Westfall Cook moved to accept the S&DS Legislative Priorities for 2007 with suggested modifications. Jane Strasdas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Organization of the Advisory Council for 2006-07

(1) Appointments to SSAC Standing Committees

The Council received a handout describing the process for appointments to SSAC Standing Committees. Council members were surveyed during the first week in August on their preferences for committee appointments for

Program Year 2006-07. The results of the survey were displayed in the handout, along with the appointments for the upcoming year.

Motion: Mary Johnson moved to confirm the standing committee appointments presented to the Council. Mae Westfall Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

(2) Appointment of Liaison Member(s) to the DSAC

Jane Boren, as Chair of the SSAC, will serve as the Liaison to the DSAC. However, a back-up DSAC Liaison needed to be identified to cover for Jane in the event she is unable to attend the meeting. Mary Johnson volunteered for the position.

Motion: Jane Strasdas moved to appoint Mary Johnson as the back-up DSAC Liaison. Marion Esty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, the 2006-07 Roster of SSAC Members was distributed.

c. Other Action Items

No additional action items were discussed.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Chair's Report

No report at this time.

b. Committee Reports

(1) Advocacy Committee

No report at this time.

(2) Procurement and Monitoring Committee

No report at this time.

c. Staff Reports

(1) MMA Update

Kay reported that S&DS will be gearing up for the MMA open enrollment period this fall. Three temporary staff will be hired, and Alicia Kehoe will again coordinate the special project.

(2) Quality Assurance Position

Kay reported that S&DS has received additional funding for a Quality Assurance Program Supervisor. Alicia Kehoe has been hired for this position and will begin in October. Her first project will be to coordinate the MMA open enrollment period, and then move on to quality assurance review and training of S&DS staff.

(3) Other Staff Reports

No additional reports at this time.

7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

8. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held the third Tuesday of October rather than the second Tuesday. The time, date and location of the meeting is:

October 17th, 1:30 p.m.

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9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.