

M I N U T E S  
**Senior Services Advisory Council**  
Hilyard Center, 2580 Hilyard St., Eugene

August 11, 2009

Members Present: Tim Baxter, Mae Westfall Cook, Cathy Steadman Cox, Lambert Escobosa, Pat Giles, Andrea Gillispie, Lisa Grissell, Rod Holst, Mary Johnson, Stephen Kraus, Dick Sly, Zall Villanueva

Members Excused: Barbara Butzer, Gwen Curran, Kathy Mann, Jim Patterson, Donna Peterson, David Quale, Dr Dwayne Rice, Dennis Shine, Betty Jane Shirley, Yvaughn Tompkins

Community Reps: Sandi Curtis, Marion Esty, Diana Jacoby, Karen Locke, Jonathan Ramey

Guests: Moray Povey, Adrianna Rogers

Staff Present: Kay, Metzger, Nancy Sargent-Johnson, Lenora Crowson, Patti Little

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

Mary Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Everyone present introduced themselves.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING AGENDA**

Mary Johnson asked to add an item under Other. The amended Agenda was accepted by consensus.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE June 2009 SSAC MEETING (Attachment)**

Rod Holst made the motion to accept the June 2009 minutes as presented, and Cathy Steadman Cox seconded it. The motion carried.

**4. LCOG REPORTS**

**a. LCOG Board of Directors**

Kay reported that the Board of Director's meeting in June was held at the City Hall in Veneta. Marion Esty was present as well. The Board accepted the recommendation of new members to the Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) and discussed the funding of services and contracted services to be provided

throughout the 2009-10 year; services such as the Older American's Act (OAA), Legal Aide, Caregiver Respite, and Red Cross MOW. Member agencies gave their reports.

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

Tim Baxter reported that the Disability Services Advisory Council met July 24, 2009. They are in the process of recruiting new members for the upcoming year. He asked for recommendations from the SSAC. There is a need to have more members who use wheelchairs.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Standing Committee Assignments (Attachments)**

Kay Metzger distributed an updated SSAC 2009-10 Roster. Several corrections were made to the updated Roster. The committee assignments made by Mary Johnson and Kay were accepted.

**b. Other Action Items**

Mary Johnson read an Airplane Accessibility Petition that was emailed to her. The petition addressed the needs of people in wheelchairs and air travel. It was asking that accommodations be made so disabled people who are unable to sit in passenger seats be able to use their wheelchairs instead of checking them as baggage. The Petition was passed around. It was suggested that this would be something the Advocacy Committee could handle, and perhaps they could even contact Peter DeFazio's office since he is on the National Transportation Committee in Washington D. C.

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Overview of S&DS Services**

Nancy Sargent-Johnson and Kay Metzger presented an overview of the proposed Project 2020 and the Real Choices Systems Change Grant Opportunity. Nancy Sargent-Johnson spoke about Project 2020. It is a proposal at the Federal level which was created in partnership between the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A). The project has three areas of focus which are:

- (1) Person-Centered Access to Information,
- (2) Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and
- (3) Enhanced Nursing Home Diversion Services.

***“Project 2020 Building on the Promise of Home and Community-Based Services Brief Overview and Funding Assumptions and Elements”*** flyers were distributed.

Next Kay gave a report on the ***Real Choices Systems Change Grant Opportunity***. In October 2008 the State of Oregon's Seniors and People with Disabilities

Division was the recipient of a \$1.6 million Real Choices Systems Change grant award. This grant is supported by the U.S. Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. The State of Oregon partnered with LCOG and S&DS along with PeaceHealth, Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA), and Lane Individual Practice Association (LIPA) on the grant application. The Oregon project will empower individuals and their caregivers to make informed choices and streamline access to long term care services and supports. The proposed interventions are to:

- (1) Develop enhancements to the person-centered discharge planning model utilized at two PeaceHealth hospitals,
- (2) Develop a state wide, interactive online database of resources to be utilized by Information and Assistance programs in Oregon's 17 Area Agencies on Aging, after initial piloting in Lane County,
- (3) Develop a local Aging and Disability Assistance Center pilot in Lane County to provide a full complement of personalized, one-to-one information, assistance and access to service, and
- (4) A State-wide Advisory Council will be engaged to steer this grant proposal with majority representation by consumers.

The hospital discharge planning interventions will be targeted to potential Medicaid-eligible individuals of any age with physical disabilities, and the Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers will be targeted to seniors age 60 and older and adults with physical disabilities age 18-64 regardless of income.

### **Status report on the grant progress: (Handout)**

1. Person-Centered Discharge Planning
  - a. The State of Oregon hired Linda Dreyer in late 2008 to be Project Manager.
  - b. Established a Care Transitions Task Force (CTTF).
  - c. Care Transition models that are currently in use nationwide have been researched and reviewed.
  - d. Pilot sites for the model have been determined, which will be the University District and Oregon Heart and Vascular patients at Riverbend.
  - e. A tool to screen patients at high risk of re-hospitalization has been drafted, and plans are in place to test the tool in August.
  - f. The script for follow-up phone calls to patients is in the draft stages.
2. Establishment of a Local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
  - a. General input regarding important characteristics/services of an ADRC has been requested from the community and interested parties.
  - b. The Long Term Care Committee has been identified as important consultants in the design of the local ADRC.

- c. A steering committee within the S&DS organization was formed to begin planning the technical side of implementing and establishing an ADRC.
  - d. A draft Staffing Model is in the process of being designed.
3. Work of State-Level (SPD) Staff
- a. In the process of evaluating Information Systems and available resource databases.
  - b. In the beginning phases of a marketing plan.
  - c. Made application for additional grants to fund ADRCs in other parts of the State.

Committee members were invited to offer input regarding a clear and descriptive staff title for the local ADRC staff positions. The initial grant application identified the title, “Options Counselors” however this will be confusing in Lane County as another well-known mental health organization already uses this title. Members enthusiastically offered ideas for consideration.

**b. Other**

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Chair’s Report**

No report given

**b. Committee Reports**

**(1) Advocacy Committee**

Mary reported that during the last legislative session; the Advocacy Committee held Public Forums with elected officials in attendance, went to Salem to talk to our elected representatives, testified before various committees, sent emails, etc. Our Legislative Representatives worked hard on our behalf, and the results turned out better than expected. The Advocacy Committee agreed to send formal thank you letters to the Legislators, and Mary sent informal emails to them. She received a very nice reply from Rep. Phil Barnhart. Rep. Jean Cowan’s House Bill which provided for the establishment of prevention and intervention services and support for Oregon’s long term care system, including funding for the Oregon Project Independence Program (OPI); and Phil Barnhart’s companion bills proposing a change in the senior medical deductions for people with high incomes were not passed even though they had a lot of support. Hopefully these bills will move forward in the next session.

Another area of Advocacy involvement was with the double lane roundabout in Springfield at Pioneer Parkway and Hayden Bridge Rd. The Springfield Council agreed that there needs to be better traffic control at this roundabout but as of yet, nothing has been done to improve the situation.

Tim Baxter reported some success in getting a Health Ombudsman to handle OHP complaints. This position is poorly funded, however.

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

No report was given; the committee will be meeting the first Tuesday in September.

## **(3) Procurement and Monitoring Committee (P&MC)**

Patti Little said since the Procurement and Monitoring Committee doesn't meet during the summer, there is nothing to report. The P&MC will be meeting the third Tuesday of September.

### **c. Staff Reports**

Kay Metzger reported that the State of Oregon has allocated a two month bridge funding to S&DS for July and August. This allows the Legislature to complete its work and DHS to calculate the resulting biennial allocation levels. To avoid premature layoffs, the S&DS staffs represented by the Service Employees International Union are taking one furlough day per month beginning July through December 2009. The S&DS offices will be closed the third Friday of the month.

## **8. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mae Westfall Cook commended the staff of S&DS for the quality of information they give. The SSAC members concurred and gave the staff a round of applause.
- Andrea Gillispie announced a yard sale that Cascade Health Solutions is having to raise funds for their Adult Day Care Activity Program. It will be held September 12, 2009 at Tenth Ave. and Jefferson St. Eugene.

## **9. REMINDER OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 13, 2009, 1:30 p.m.;**  
**Hilyard Community Center**

## **10. ADJOURN**

Mary Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.