

M I N U T E S
Senior Services Advisory Council
Hilyard Center, 25890 Hilyard St., Eugene

August 10, 2010

Members Present: Cathy Steadman Cox, Gwen Curran, Marion Esty, Rosemary Foster, Lisa Grissell, Diana Jacoby, Shirley Kingsbury, Karen Locke, Donna Peterson, David Quale, Dr. Dwayne Rice, Barbara Susman, Yvaughn Tompkins, Ken Viegas

Members Excused: Tim Baxter, Pat Giles, Andrea Gillispie, Rod Holst, Jim Patterson, Jonathan Ramey, Dennis Shine, Dick Sly

Community Reps: Janet O'Bryant

Community Reps Excused: Sue Maddron, Paula May

Guests: Moray Povey

Staff: Kay Metzger, Lenora Crowson

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order; Self-introductions

Donna Peterson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda

David Quale's ADRC Report was added to the Agenda under 5 b. Other Action Items. The updated agenda was accepted by consensus.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the June 2010 SSAC Meeting (Attachment)

Dr. Dwayne Rice moved that the June 2010 Minutes be accepted as presented with a second by Marion Esty. The motion carried.

4. LCOG Reports

a. LCOG Board of Directors

Kay Metzger reported that the Board of Directors met at the end of June and discussed the Budget shortfall and how it will affect OPI clients and S&DS. United Way gave a presentation on the 211 System. The LCOG Board is

considering ways they can participate in the funding for the expansion of the 211 System in Lane County.

b. Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

Kay Metzger reported that the DSAC met in July and David Quale gave a report from the state ADRC Committee and Kay gave an update on the Emergency Board's reversal of OPI and MOW funds. Kay also mentioned that there is a need for a SSAC member to become a liaison to the DSAC. This would require someone attending the DSAC meetings and reporting back to the SSAC. Anyone interested should talk to Kay.

5. Action Items

a. Standing Committee Assignments

Donna Peterson reviewed the 2010-11 Committee Rosters which were included in the Agenda Packets. Lisa Grissell's e-mail was listed in the SSAC Roster incorrectly. It should be: lisa.grissell@gmail.com. Janet O'Bryant's e-mail was incorrect as well and should be: jemo110@comcast.net.

b. Other Action Items

David Quale, state ADRC Committee Representative, gave a report on the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The Center had a soft roll out in Lane County last April with a more extensive advertising campaign to come this fall. Two Resource Specialists were hired for the April roll out and are working in the S&DS office. The ADRC Committee wants feed back from the community as they move forward with their planning. Their goal is to have a central data base so information can be accessed easily. The Committee is looking for ways to encourage private business sponsorship. There is a concern that the service availability in rural communities could be limited. Some other concerns SSAC members voiced were to make the links in the data base less complicated to maneuver, that the terms used by the DHS and AAA offices easier to understand, that the services offered by S&DS be better known, and a donations page could be included. There was extensive discussion which included a consensus for the need to keep a human connection, to have easy links, to list services offered in the local community especially in the rural communities, and to keep it simple and to the point.

6. Special Presentation

a. Overview of the Older Americans Act (OAA)

There was a consensus to postpone Kay Metzger's presentation on the OAA due to a time constraint. The presentation will be given at the October 12 meeting.

7. Information Items

a. Chair's Report

b. Committee Reports

(1) Advocacy

Donna Peterson reported that the Advocacy Committee is still working on the Springfield roundabout. So far traffic controls have not been installed. The committee is still waiting on a response from Springfield. The Committee will continue to advocate for safer crossing for pedestrians at roundabouts. Robert Fritson, DSAC member, is pursuing having driving instructions for roundabouts included in the DMV Driver's Manual.

(2) Long Term Care Committee (LTC)

David Quale reported that the LTC has taken a hiatus for the summer and will meet in September.

(3) Procurement and Monitoring Committee

No report given.

c. Staff report

Kay Metzger reported that staff sent notices to the OPI clients that the program was closing July 15. There were 89 clients who lost services. July 22 the Emergency Board met and reversed the decision to close OPI and MOW through February 2011. It only restored the clients who lost services. New clients will not be added.

8. Other Reports and Announcements

Barbara Susman announced that Fall Classes 2010 would be starting in September through the Successful Aging Institute at Lane Community College. Anyone interested in the class schedule could e-mail her.

9. Reminder of Next Council Meeting

October 12, 2010, 1:30 p.m.;
Hilyard Community Center

10. Adjourn

Donna Peterson adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.