

**MINUTES**  
**Senior Services Advisory Council**  
Hilyard Center, 25890 Hilyard St., Eugene

October 12, 2010

- Members Present:** Tim Baxter, Cathy Steadman Cox, Marion Esty, Lisa Grissell, Rod Holst, Shirley Kingsbury, Karen Locke, Donna Peterson, Ken Viegas
- Members Excused:** Yvaughn Tompkins, Barbara Susman, Dick Sly, Dennis Shine, Dwayne Rice, Jonathan Ramey, David Quale, Jim Patterson, Diana Jacoby, Andrea Gillispie, Rosemary Foster Gwen Curran
- Community Reps:** Sue Maddron
- Community Reps Excused:** Paula May, Janet O'Bryant
- Guests:** Morey Povey
- Staff:** Kay Metzger, Lenora Crowson, Angelia Phinney

**1. Call to Order; Self-introductions**

Donna Peterson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

**2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda**

The Agenda was accepted by consensus.

**3. Consideration of the minutes of the August 2010 SSAC Meeting (Attachment)**

The approval of the August 2010 minutes was tabled, since we didn't have a quorum.

**4. LCOG Reports**

**a. LCOG Board of Directors**

Kay Metzger reported that three Legislative Representatives showed up to the Legislative Forum, and the Board members are giving more support to the Department of Human Services. The Board heard presentations from three sub-committees after which there was good discussion. The LCOG Board voted to support the 211 phone system in Oregon.

## **b. DSAC**

Tim Baxter reported that new members (Bruce Abel, Dawn Aubrey, Diane Rogers, David Balthrop, Christine Riley, and Stephen Pickett) were appointed to the DSAC at the September 10, 2010 meeting. Their memberships will take effect October 1, 2010. Ed Necker was honored for his past six years as member and Chairperson of DSAC, and the committee approved the S&DS Legislative Priorities for 2010-11 to be presented to the LCOG Board for their approval.

## **5. Action Items**

### **a. S&DS Legislative Priorities for 2010-11 (Attachment)**

There was extensive discussion about the Legislative Priorities; however, no action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

### **b. Other Action Items**

## **6. Special Presentation: The Older Americans Act**

Kay Metzger gave an overview of the Older Americans Act, (OAA) ORS 410, and the Role of S&DS. The OAA was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson July 14, 1965 as part of the “Great Society” legislation. This act was considered one of the most important contributions of aging legislation enacted by Congress. The original legislation established authority for grants to States to do planning, social services, research and development projects, and training in the field of aging. It was designed to be reauthorized every five years. Appropriations are the Congressional steps taken to fund programs.

**Title III-B;** Support Services are designed to help people remain in their own home.

**Title III-C-1;** Senior Nutrition Program: Congregate Dining.

**Title III-C-2;** Senior Nutrition Program: Home-Delivered Meals.

**Title III-D** Health promotion, disease prevention and prescription medication services.

**Title III-E:** Family Caregiver Support Services.

**Title VII:** Elder abuse prevention services.

The OAA Comprehensive Services Amendments established the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to authorize grants to community agencies for multi-purpose senior centers, and the amendments also established the Community Service Employment program for low-income persons age 55 and above, and the congregate meals program. LCOG was identified as the AAA for Lane County. The Oregon State Legislature passed the Oregon Project Independence (OPI) program into law. Some responsibilities of the AAA are to establish an Advisory Council, facilitate the area-wide development and implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated Area Plan every four years, with annual updates, (The Planning and Budget Committee accomplishes this.), serve as advocates (The Advocacy Committee fulfills this), to maintain the integrity and public purpose of

services in all contractual and commercial relationships. (The Procurement and Monitoring Committee accomplishes this.), and to establish effective and efficient procedures for coordination and delivery of services. (The Long Term Care Committee consults with S&DS staff regarding the operations of the agency.) The State of Oregon recognized the value of locally delivered services by allowing AAA to administer the Medicaid and Food Stamp program for their area, if they choose to do so. Oregon's two models for AAA service delivery are:

**Type B:** Contract with the state to provide Medicaid, OPI and OAA programs.

**Type A:** Contracts with the state to provide OPI and OAA.

In 1987 OAA emphasis was given to serving those in greatest economic and social need. OAA established the National Family Caregiver Support program in 2000. SB 870 was enacted in 2005 to expand allowable OPI services and added people with disabilities as an eligible population. Authority was provided for states to develop Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in 2006. The SSAC, along with the DSAC and all Standing committees serve important functions in the implementation and operation of our local Area Agency on Aging, and the fulfillment of requirements under the Older Americans Act.

## **7. Information Items**

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

Donna Peterson announced that the Cascade Adult Center is disbanding the Activity Center Program. This will be a real loss to the community. The Active Minds, Active Lives Program will continue.

### **b. Committee Reports**

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

Tim Baxter reported that the Advocacy Committee is still advocating for safer pedestrian crossings at the Hayden Bridge roundabout in Springfield. A Rectangular Rapid Flashing Response Signal is supposed to be installed by the end of November. Robert Fritson is contacting the DMV to have the driver's manual updated to include rules governing roundabouts. Kay Metzger reported that the issues the committee looks at on the even numbered years are presented to the LCOG Board for their approval before they proceed with them. Tim added that after the election, they plan on having small group meetings with the legislators about the committee's priority issues. Anyone interested in participating in these meetings is welcome. There is no need to be an Advocacy Committee member.

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

Karen Locke reported that Marie Iverson, LCOG S&DS program supervisor, reported on the numbers and ways that the ADRC Resource Specialists have been able to assist people. The project has been successful. The state will soon roll out a new software tool that will provide a client contact module for staff, a

searchable resource database, and a public facing website that will allow the public to search for resources on their own or with some assistance. Kay Metzger spoke about the Hospital Discharge Planning Model. The Person-Centered Hospital Discharge Plan focuses on Medicaid-eligible patients with chronic conditions and/or physical disabilities. Key features include screening for high risk patients to adjust existing care plans to support safe discharges, referring eligible patients to Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA) for peer support services, conduct a post-discharge phone call for in-home assessments and possibly intervention. Discharge planning staff is encouraged to refer patients and families to ADRC Resource Specialists for “Options Counseling”, which provides information about options for care, and helps people to learn to make their own choices for care based on their needs, availability of resources, and their individual lifestyle. The Discharge Planning model is being piloted for six months on a medical/surgery floor at Sacred Heart Medical Center at University District and the Heart & Vascular units at Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend. Oregon Transitional Care Collaborative focuses on Medicare patients. With the proper follow up care, the number of patients who need to be readmitted will decline, and thus, reduce the cost of health care and will promote better health for the patient.

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

Sue Maddron reported that she and Angela Phinney monitored the Caregiver Support program at the Kaufman Center. The Procurement and Monitoring Committee is in the process of setting up monitoring appointments for November.

## **C Staff Reports**

Kay Metzger welcomed Angela Phinney as Contracts Supervisor at S&DS.

## **8. Other Reports and Announcements**

### **9. Reminder of Next Council Meeting**

**December 14, 2010, 1:30 p.m.;**

Hilyard Community Center

### **10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.