

DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

DSAC Members Present: Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Chair; Mike Volpe, Vice Chair; Lee Lazaro; Jann Glenn; and Pete Rickey.

Guests: Cathy Savage; Doris Lamb; Carolyn Fry; Suanne Jackson; Mitzi Naucler; Kath Schonau; and Don Taylor.

Members Absent: Suzanne Brean; Edythe James; and Rusty Burton.

Staff: Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Program Manager Randi Moore; SDS Supervisor Ann Johnson; Community and Program Support Coordinator Lisa Bennett; SDS Program Manager Mary Kay Fitzmorris; and SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe.

1. **Welcome, Introductions (Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Chair):**

Chair Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. Introductions were made, including guests.

2. **Approval of the Minutes:**

ACTION: Approval of the DSAC December 6, 2016 meeting minutes made by Lee Lazaro, seconded by Vice Chair Mike Volpe. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Approval of the DSAC February 7, 2017 meeting minutes made by Pete Rickey, seconded by Vice Chair Volpe. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Accessible Transportation Resources for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Lee Lazaro, DSAC Member):**

Lee Lazaro gave an update to the Council on a grant he was researching through the National Aging and Transportation Center. The grant would be for transportation for seniors and people with disabilities. After conducting further research, he found that the funder was limited to eight states and unfortunately Oregon was not one of them. He will keep his eyes open for similar grant opportunities as they become open.

SDS Program Manager Randi Moore said she would be interested in hearing more about the grant for nutrition services tied to transportation. She and Community and Economic Development Director Phil Warnock were seeking ways to use Cascades West Ride Line brokerage to get meals to those that live outside the area of service.

State Unit on Aging Liaison Suanne Jackson mentioned that there are other local people out there that provide funding, such as the Oregon Community Foundation and the Meyer Memorial Trust.

4. **Information Sharing:**

Chair Molnar-Fitzgerald shared North End Senior Solutions (NESS) just got a \$5,000 grant for transportation from Spirit Mountain that supports their volunteer drivers. Spirit Mountain also gave them \$1,000 to apply to nursing service equipment.

Mr. Rickey shared Beaverton Affordable Housing is having a Forum on the five-year action plan and the steps they will be taking to fill a deficit in their budget. The Forum takes place on September 14th and will be the pilot for all housing agencies including Linn and Benton Counties. It is being held at the Beaverton City Library, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Rickey will bring back any information to share with SSAC and DSAC. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is looking at a 20% cut across the board.

Mr. Lazaro shared he anticipates the same cuts in transportation.

Vice Chair Volpe shared that the block on Medicaid will have a negative effect on seniors.

Mr. Lazaro shared Access Benton County gave the Keith E. Billings Award to the late Bruce Marbin for his service to Benton County. A photo and plaque were put up in the Benton Library with about 25 people in attendance for the ceremony.

5. Adjournment:

The DSAC Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

The next meeting will be on April 4, 2017.

Location: Lakeview Senior Living; 2690 NE Yacht Avenue; Lincoln City