

## SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSAC)

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

**Present:** Bob Daley, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Commissioner Bill Hall, Lincoln County; Suzanne Lazaro; Doris Lamb; Saleem Noorani; Curtis Miller; Carolyn Mendez-Luck; Lee Strandberg; Mark McNabb; Dani Marlow; Robynn Pease; and Janet Shinner.

**Guests:** Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald; Mike Volpe; Cathy Savage; Pete Rickey; Mitzi Naucler; Sandy Potter; Jasper Smith; Pat Shirley; Marilyn Winter; Carolyn Fry; Marie Laper; Anita Thompson; and Kath Schonau.

**Members Absent:** Anne Brett; Bill Turner; and Suzette Boydston.

**Staff:** Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Program Manager Randi Moore; SDS Program Supervisor Ann Johnson; SDS Community and Program Support Coordinator Lisa Bennett; SDS Health Systems Transformation Liaison Sarah Ballini-Ross; and SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe.

**1. Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda (Bob Daley, SSAC Chair):**

Chair Bob Daley called the meeting to order at 11:04 am. Introductions were made, including guests.

**2. Membership Renewals (Lisa Bennett, Community and Program Coordinator, SDS):**

SDS Community and Program Coordinator Lisa Bennett reminded everyone that SSAC memberships are for a two-year term. Members that are up for renewal are Suzette Boydston, Mark McNabb, Bill Turner, Curtis Miller, Saleem Noorani, Janet Shinner, Dani Marlow, Bob Daley and Carolyn Mendez-Luck. To renew one's membership a statement with one's wish to renew needs to be submitted. Approval for membership renewals will be approved by the SSAC at the June 6, 2017 meeting then sent to the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) Full Board for their approval at their July 20, 2017 meeting.

**3. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair (Doris Lamb, Membership and Nominating Committee Member):**

Elections for the SSAC positions of Chair and Vice Chair will take place next month at the June 6, 2017 meeting. Membership and Nominating Committee member Doris Lamb announced the nominations of Bob Daley for Chair and Saleem Noorani for Vice Chair. Any other members who wish to run should let Doris Lamb or SDS Community and Program Coordinator Bennett know.

**4. Monitor and Review Committee Report and Recommendations (Mark McNabb, Monitor and Review Committee Member):**

The Monitor and Review Committee's purpose is to review contracts OCWCOG has with different partner agencies that have been given Older Americans Act dollars to fund programs for seniors and people with disabilities. The three programs the Committee reviewed were Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Benton Hospice – Powerful Tools for Caregivers Classes, and Grace Center for Adult Day Services.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon: Mark McNabb and Bill Turner from the Monitor and Review Committee, and SDS Community and Program Coordinator Bennett met with Mitzi Naucler, Legal Aid's Director and Rich Montgomery, Staff Attorney. The Committee found the program was doing more than they should be doing and with increases in staffing and caseloads. The Committee recommended OCWCOG review the current hourly rate paid to Legal Aid Services and determine if an increase is justified.

Grace Center for Adult Day Services: Mr. McNabb and Carolyn Mendez-Luck from the Monitor and Review Committee and SDS Community and Program Coordinator Bennett met with Tera Stegner, Grace Center's Director of Community Relations and Rene Knight, Grace Center's Director of Operations. The Committee feels Grace Center is doing phenomenal work. It uses the funding from OCWCOG to provide more respite care for caregivers with approximately 15 % of their clientele benefitting from this funding source. They are looking at increasing more help toward Veterans.

Benton Hospice-Powerful Tools for Caregivers Classes: Janet Shinner and Ms. Mendez-Luck from the Monitor and Review Committee and SDS Community and Program Coordinator Bennett met with Mr. Daley, Benton Hospice Transitions and Caregiver Support Coordinator. The Committee found Benton Hospice doing an excellent job with the program and using their resources wisely. *Powerful Tools for Caregivers Classes* is growing and the Committee would like to continue to promote the program. Barriers to the program were discussed in regard to accessibility to caregivers and how technology could possibly help remedy this. DSAC Chair and *Powerful Tools* Certified Master Trainer Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald stated the point of the class is to teach caregivers how to take care of themselves and the importance of leaving the home, so using Skype from the home to view the classes is not recommended.

ACTION: Motion to renew and extend the contracts, if funding is available, with Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Grace Center for Adult Day Services, and Benton Hospice-*Powerful Tools for Caregivers Classes* made by Mr. McNabb, seconded by Ms. Shinner. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Request for Approval of Contract Extension with Bateman Senior Meals (Catherine Skiens, Senior Meals Advisory Committee (SMAC) Chair:**

Vice Chair Catherine Skiens reported OCWCOG is in the fourth year of a five-year contract with Bateman Senior Meals. Bateman Senior Meals is asking for a price increase in meals, which is up to SSAC to approve before being sent to OCWCOG Full Board for their approval, then on to NorthWest Senior and Disability Services (see handout for details). Vice Chair Skiens emphasized Bateman provides the best meals at a very reasonable rate. The hot meals are priced at 7% higher and the frozen at 1.5% higher.

ACTION: Motion to approve Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 and FY2019 Senior Meals Food Service Contract increases with Bateman Senior Meals made by Ms. Lazaro, seconded by Dani Marlow. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Information Sharing:**

DSAC Chair Molnar-Fitzgerald announced that there will be a *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* teacher training on the Coast at the end of September.

Lee Strandberg, President of the Corvallis Rotary Club announced his Rotary Club will be taking on a project with the Rotary Clubs of all three Counties, Linn, Benton and Lincoln to eliminate the Senior Meals deficit of \$250,000. Their premiere charity event, *Tapas and Treasures*, will be held at Garland Nursery this summer. Tickets to attend cost \$60 with random drawings for prizes. This event will also be promoted at the Rotary District Convention being held at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany for their support. Mr. Strandberg sees this as a way to engage community leadership in all three Counties in recognizing the Senior Meals deficit as a problem and help in identifying solutions. Doris Lamb shared that she is a member of Rotary in Lincoln County, and would like to work with SDS and Lee Strandberg in this effort.

Lee Strandberg said Kyle Hatch, an ex-Marine, was hired by Samaritan to do Veteran's outreach for Samaritan Health Services. Mr. Strandberg will contact Mr. Hatch, along with Samaritan Health Services CEO Larry Mullins, to find ways to work with Grace Center with Samaritan resources.

**7. Adjourn for Lunch/Joint Meeting:**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2017.