

## SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSAC)

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

**Present:** Bob Daley, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Suzanne Lazaro; Doris Lamb; Anne Brett; Saleem Noorani; Curtis Miller; Carolyn Mendez-Luck; and Janet Shinner.

**Guests:** Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald; Mike Volpe; Cathy Savage; Lee Lazaro; Pete Rickey; Jann Glenn; Suanne Jackson; Robynn Pease; Mitzi Naucner; Sandy Potter; Carolyn Fry; Kath Schonau; and Don Taylor.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Bill Hall, Lincoln County; Bill Turner; Lee Strandberg; Mark McNabb; Suzette Boydston; and Dani Marlow.

**Staff:** Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Program Manager Randi Moore; SDS Program Supervisor Ann Johnson; SDS Program Supervisor Carrie Corson; Community and Program Support Coordinator Lisa Bennett; 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 11:03 am. Introductions were made, including guests.

Chair Daley announced the departure of the SDS Director Dave Toler. SDS Program Managers Randi Moore and Mary Kay Fitzmorris along with Program Supervisor, Ann Johnson will fill in in Director Toler's absence.

#### 2. **Approval of Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the SSAC February 7, 2017 meeting minutes with the following amendments: change *Healthy Moods* to *Healthy Moves*, change hey to they, and add Robynn Pease as a guest attendee, made by Suzanne Lazaro, seconded by Carolyn Mendez-Luck. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. **Monitor and Review (Lisa Bennett, SDS Community and Program Coordinator):**

SDS Community and Program Coordinator Lisa Bennett gave an overview of the Monitor and Review Committee. The Committee is made up of SSAC members who meet once a year, in April, to monitor and review contracts with different community partner agencies that have received Older Americans Act funds from OCWCOG. This year the agencies/contracts being reviewed are Legal Aid, Grace Center, and *Powerful Tools for Caregivers*, which is implemented by Benton Hospice. SDS Community and Program Coordinator Bennett, along with at least two committee members, will go out and meet with the agencies to monitor the implementation of their programs with the funding. A report is then written along with any recommendations that will be shared with the full Council at the following SSAC meeting. Initially this was for SSAC members, but SDS Community and Program Coordinator Bennett may open it up to any interested DSAC members.

#### 4. **Membership and Nominating Committee Report and Application for Membership from Robynn Pease (Doris Lamb, Committee Chair):**

Doris Lamb, Membership and Nominating Committee Chair, speaking on behalf of the Committee, recommended Robynn Pease to the Council for SSAC membership.

**ACTION:** Motion to consider Robynn Pease as a SSAC member and have her application be moved to the OCWCOG Board for their consideration made by Curtis Miller, seconded by Saleem Noorani. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lamb reported Ms. Pease's approval for membership filled the last SSAC vacancy for Benton County. Currently there are four vacancies in Linn County and five in Lincoln County. They are not necessarily looking to fill the vacancies, but if someone knows of someone that would make a good member they should contact SDS Community and Program Coordinator Bennett. They are interested in people with interest in the senior community. Currently there are several service providers involved with

the SSAC, so they would like to focus on adding members from other areas of the community, such as clients and family members of clients.

Ms. Pease offered to reach out to individuals on the elder care listserv at Oregon State University.

#### **5. Information Sharing:**

Chair Daley offered kudos to OCWCOG for replacing the audio visual equipment.

Mr. Noorani shared on March 1st AARP had a lobby day in Salem. Executive Council members and other volunteers of AARP met individually with different Legislators talking about senior services, *Oregon Project Independence*, and Medicaid. Once he has the report back he will share it with SSAC.

Noorani also shared that he mentioned the five profiles that the Issues and Advocacy (I & A) Committee created to AARP. They are very interested and he would like to share the profiles with them. AARP has the ability to get the profiles seen by a larger audience.

Ms. Lazaro shared that the same people that put the profiles together from the I & A Committee created another profile that involved a 101-year-old woman from Sweet Home who is living mostly independently at home.

Ms. Mendez-Luck shared, the U.S. Public Health Service Region 10 is holding a grant writing workshop for community based organizations in Portland on March 13-15. The course is free. She'll send the information to the SSAC, DSAC, and the ADRC Operations Council (the Councils).

Mr. Lazaro also shared on April 25th there will be a Community Open House where the Benton County *Coordinated Community Services Transportation Plan* will be presented. The Open House will be held in the Benton County Sunset Building on Research Way in Corvallis from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm with refreshments provided. He encouraged everyone to come and give their input on the *Plan*.

#### **6. Adjourn for Lunch/Joint Meeting:**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2017.

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