

## SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

**Present:** Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Lee Strandberg, Mark McNabb, Bill Turner, Doris Lamb, Chris Barnes, Dewey Konopa, Janet Shinner, Fawn Metcalf and Margaret Wells.

**Guests:** Mike Volpe, Suzanne Brean, Edythe James, Mitzi Naucler, Peter Rickey, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Victoria Short, Dani Marlow, Curtis Miller and Lindsey Oeder.

**Members Absent:** Suzette Boydston, Chair; Bill Hall, Commissioner; Anne Brett and Kimberly Kimball.

**Staff:** Lisa Bennett, Terri Sharpe, Marci Howard and Carrie Corson.

- 1) Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda (Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair):
  - Catherine Skiens called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. Introductions were made including guests.
- 2) Approval of Minutes:
  - **ACTION: Lee Strandberg moved to accept the June 2, 2015 SSAC minutes as written. Dewey Konopa seconded. Motion carried.**
- 3) Review and Discussion of Oregon White House Conference on Aging/  
Recommendations:
  - Included in the Agenda packet were formal recommendations for the White House Conference on Aging. Lisa Bennett opened up the floor for discussion on people's thoughts on the recommendations, or the Conference in general. Lisa felt there was a lot of good information but it was hard to whittle down to a couple of ideas.
  - Catherine attended the Conference and thought there was good information presented but felt there was disconnect between the White House Conference event and our State priorities. The most notable one, she found to be elder abuse. Oregon did not fund the bills dealing with elder abuse yet it was one of the formal recommendations to WHCOA. Catherine feels that in the future we should get more buy in and interest from our own Legislature. She recalls seeing federal representatives at the Conference but no one from the State.
  - Lisa inquired if the Council would like to connect with the Legislators in regards to the WHCOA recommendations by drafting a letter from the Chairs and addressing our thoughts on them.

- Mitzi felt we should connect with the Attorney General who is more focused on elder abuse by letting her know what the recommendations are and how the Council supports them.
- Lee mentioned that some of the recommendations deal with changing the educational system and how healthcare providers are educated. Lee feels the recommendations need to go to the Deans of Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy. He would like the recommendations sent to the medical school in Lebanon and the Pharmacy and Public Health at LBCC for their review and possibly having the goals and needs be addressed in their curriculum. He also recommended sending it to Kelly Keizer, CEO of IHN-CCO.
- Margaret Wells suggested also reaching out to nursing schools. Nurses deal with elderly justice and have the ethical responsibility of reporting abuse.
- **ACTION: Lee Strandberg moved to send the formal recommendations from the White House Conference on Aging along with a cover letter from the Senior Services Advisory Council Chair to our Legislators bringing to their attention these recommendations. Dewey Konopa seconded. Motion carried.**
- **ACTION: Lee Strandberg moved to send a cover letter from the Senior Services Advisory Council Chair to the Attorney General addressing some issues from the formal recommendations from the WHCOA and asking for her feedback along with an invitation to come speak at a SSAC meeting. Mark McNabb seconded. Motion carried.**
- **ACTION: Mark McNabb moved to send the formal recommendations from the White House Conference on Aging along with a cover letter from the Senior Services Advisory Council Chair to Kelley Kaiser, CEO of IHN-CCO, bringing to her attention these recommendations. Lee Strandberg seconded. Motion carried.**
- **ACTION: Lee Strandberg moved to send the formal recommendations from the White House Conference on Aging along with a cover letter from the Senior Services Advisory Council Chair to the nursing organizations (Lisa will work with Margaret Wells on this detail), bringing to their attention these recommendations. Mark McNabb seconded. Motion carried.**
- **ACTION: Lee Strandberg moved to send the formal recommendations from the White House Conference on Aging along with a cover letter from the Senior Services Advisory Council Chair to the Deans of the Colleges of Pharmacy and Medicine in our local areas, bringing to their attention these recommendations for possible consideration in their curriculum. Mark McNabb seconded. Motion carried.**

#### 4) White House conference on Aging Synopsis:

- This item was tabled.

5) Round Table:

- Mitzi shared that it looks like their grant will go through which will give them funding for an extra attorney. They will go from two attorneys to three and a half which is huge for them. There are items in the grant that is aimed at the senior and disabled population which will be beneficial. The grant money will be available in October at the earliest.
- Lee shared that in the pharmaceutical world cost pressures are rising and pharmaceutical companies are merging, raising the cost of the generic brands. This is causing some clientele hardship in just meeting co-pays.
- Mark inquired if anyone would be interested in carpooling to the next SSAC meeting which is being held in Lebanon at the Veteran's Home. Mark offered to drive. Catherine suggested having Lisa emailing everyone to see who would be interested and where to meet.
- Chris shared that with the hot weather Rideline transportation has increased dramatically for after hour rides.
- Pete shared that he met with contractors regarding building more low income housing facilities in Lebanon. They will be breaking ground this fall.
- Lisa shared that Curtis Miller started a new position with Senior Mental Health Initiative and will be giving a presentation to the Council in a couple of months. Curtis is also interested in becoming a SSAC member.

6) Adjourn for Joint Meeting:

- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.
- The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2015, at the Veteran's Home in Lebanon.