

## SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

**Present:** Suzette Boydston, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Bill Hall, Commissioner; Anne Brett, Kimberly Kimball, Mark McNabb, Bill Turner, Doris Lamb, Chris Barnes, Dewey Konopa, Janet Shinner and Fawn Metcalf.

**Guests:** Mike Volpe, Suzanne Brean, Edythe James, Mitzi Naucler, Margaret Wells, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Jenna Bates, Victoria Short and Cathy Savage.

**Members Absent:** Lee Strandberg

**Staff:** Lisa Bennett, Ann Johnson, Mary Kay Fitzmorris, Terri Sharpe, Randi Moore and Sarah Ballini-Ross.

- 1) Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda (Suzette Boydston, Chair):
  - Suzette Boydston called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. Introductions were made including guests.
- 2) Membership Renewals for Suzette Boydston, Mark McNabb, Bill Turner, Dewey Konopa, Janet Shinner, and Fawn Metcalf.
  - **ACTION:** Catherine Skiens moved to consider the SSAC membership renewal for Suzette Boydston, Mark McNabb, Bill Turner, Dewey Konopa, Janet Shinner and Fawn Metcalf and have their intent to renew be moved to the COG Board for their consideration. Anne Brett seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Election of Chair for 2015-2016:
  - **ACTION:** Bill Turner moved to elect Suzette Boydston as SSAC Chair for 2015 – 2016. Dewey Konopa seconded. Motion carried.
- 4) Election of Vice Chair for 2015-2016:
  - **ACTION:** Bill Turner moved to elect Catherine Skiens as SSAC Vice Chair for 2015 – 2016. Dewey Konopa seconded. Motion carried.
- 5) Membership Application from Margaret Wells (Membership and Nominating Committee, Bill Turner):
  - **ACTION:** Bill Turner moved to consider Margaret Wells as a SSAC member and have her application be moved to the COG Board for their consideration. Mark McNabb seconded. Motion carried.
- 6) Round Table:
  - Margaret Wells belongs to St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Newport and at the moment they are without a CEO. The former CEO moved to Mexico but outreach to the Spanish community is still taking place.
  - Margaret also shared that she attended the White House Conference on Aging in Lebanon, and one message she received was the hope that volunteerism will take over work that is being done with state, federal and general funds.

- Bill Turner shared that Waldport's meal center was having trouble recruiting drivers and feels there is a need for recruiting tools to get people to come out and volunteer. Lisa stated that according to the Senior Meals supervisor, Diane Harvey, there is a shortage across all three counties but the two areas that are in a serious crisis are the Waldport and Siletz areas. Diane will be reaching out to the Siletz tribal members. Other suggestions for outreach included radio ads, churches and other social service organizations, new 65 year olds, sorority and fraternity members, and high school seniors who may need credits doing volunteer work to graduate.
- Suzette would be interested in knowing what current drivers are feeling and what they think the problem is, such as mileage reimbursement being cut in half. Lisa thought one reason for people discontinuing as drivers is that they have aged out of the job and they are no longer qualified to provide this service.
- Bill Hall suggested introducing more people to the program. He feels adding little perks and incentives, such as aquarium passes for donations as recognition, would help.
- Mary Kay Fitzmorris announced that Newport is holding their first Community Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Her Options Counselor will be there as well one of Diane's meal site managers. By participating in this fair they may generate other volunteers.

7) Adjourn for Joint Meeting:

- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.
- The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2015.