

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Present: Suzette Boydston, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Lee Strandberg, Mark McNabb, Doris Lamb, Kimberly Kimball, Dewey Konopa and Margaret Wells.

Guests: Mike Volpe, Mitzi Naucler, Jan Glenn, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Victoria Short, Dani Marlow, Lee Lazaro, Suzanne Lazaro, Bob Daley and Cathy Savage.

Members Absent: Bill Hall, Commissioner; Bill Turner, Chris Barnes, Anne Brett, Fawn Metcalf, Janet Shinner.

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

- 1) Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda (Suzette Boydston, Chair):
 - Suzette Boydston called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. Introductions were made including guests.
- 2) Ratification of Dewey Konopa as Chair of the Membership and Nominating Committee (Suzette Boydston):

ACTION: Lee Strandberg moved to appoint Dewey Konopa as Chair of the Membership and Nominating Committee. Catherine Skiens seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Governor's Commission on Senior Services Report (Catherine Skiens):
 - Catherine Skiens gave an update on the Governor's Commission Report. The Governor's Commission meets every other month with the next meeting taking place October 8th. The last meeting took place after the White House Conference on Aging so lots of discussion revolved around what was discussed at the Conference. The Program Manager from DHS asked the Commission for their assistance on the area plans on aging. Catherine brought it back to the COG staff but they are awaiting direction from the State. The primary focus of the meeting was on housing where they talked about the need for affordable housing and the services to go with housing. They concluded that the way people live greatly contributes to their health so the whole picture should be looked at rather than just when they show up in the emergency room. Catherine will report again after this Thursday's meeting.
 - Lee Strandberg suggested the Councils invite Kim Whitley, Samaritan's Chief Operating Officer for the CCO, to come and speak to the group. Kim is passionate

about all housing issues. Catherine stated that they did try to get the Housing Innovator together with Kelley Kaiser, Intercommunity Health Network's Chief Executive Officer, but she was too busy. Catherine feels that if they make it known that they are aware of and interested in housing issues than eventually it will come to the forefront and the issues will start to be addressed. Lee S. suggested that maybe the Councils could seek out other resources. Suzanne Lazaro suggested letting the Legislators know of the urgency in regards to housing issues.

4) Information Sharing:

- Catherine shared that she sits on the Housing Authority Board and they were just approved last week, from the Lebanon City Planning Division, to build a senior development in Lebanon.
- Suzette thinks they should change the ADL's (Assistance with Daily Living) to include housing, transportation and food security.
- Mitzi Naucler received another grant that will cover slightly over a half-time attorney that will preside over housing issues.
- Lee S. is seeing an unprecedented increase in the cost of generic drugs. This is due to a hedge fund individual buying out a generic drug company and raising the wholesale price of generic drugs to non-generic prices. Lee S. sees this as an unregulated monopoly.
- Lee L. shared that he is working with a group led by Linn County and Benton County Health Departments to put on a Transportation and Health Community Design workshop for this area. There will be an evening talk on December 8th by Mark Fetter, specialist with walkable cities and how transportation pertains to one's health. This will be open to the public. A half day facilitated workshop will be held the following day, December 9th on the same topic for interested staff and practitioners. Theresa Conley, from COG, will be working with them.
- Jann Glenn shared that the date for the Project Homeless event in Lincoln County has been changed to Thursday, Jan 28th.

5) Adjourn for Joint Meeting

- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.
- The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2015.