

## SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

**Present:** Suzette Boydston, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Lee Strandberg, Mark McNabb, Doris Lamb, Kimberly Kimball, Dewey Konopa, Bill Turner, Anne Brett, Janet Shinner and Margaret Wells.

**Guests:** Mitzi Naucler, Tim Malone, Curtis Miller, Dani Marlow, Lee Lazaro, Suzanne Lazaro, Bob Daley, Melissa Hart, Carolyn Mendez Luck, Tanya Thompson, Tim McQueary, Jann Glenn and Adrienne Crookes.

**Members Absent:** Bill Hall, Commissioner; Chris Barnes and Fawn Metcalf.

**Staff:** Lisa Bennett, Mary Kay Fitzmorris, Ann Johnson, Randi Moore, Marci Howard and Terri Sharpe.

- 1) Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda (Suzette Boydston, Chair):
  - Suzette Boydston called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Introductions were made including guests.
  
- 2) Approval of Minutes:
  - **ACTION:** Lee Strandberg moved to approve the SSAC October 6, 2015 minutes. Catherine Skiens seconded. Motion carried.
  
- 3) Membership Application from Curtis Miller (Dewey Konopa, Membership and Nominating Committee Chair):
  - **ACTION:** Lee Strandberg made a motion to consider Curtis Miller as a SSAC member and have his application be moved to the COG Board for their consideration. Dewey Konopa seconded. Motion carried.
  
- 4) Membership Application from Bob Daley (Dewey Konopa, Membership and Nominating Committee Chair):
- 5) **ACTION:** Lee Strandberg made a motion to consider Bob Daley as a SSAC member and have his application be moved to the COG Board for their consideration. Anne Brett seconded. Motion carried.
  
- 6) Information Sharing:
  - Suzette stated that they are still working on the operations of both the SSAC and DSAC meetings. With the two Councils having so much in common it was more efficient to

combine the two Council meetings where the bulk of the information is presented. The two Councils still maintain their separated entities by meeting before and after the Joint meeting, respectively, where they take care of business that pertains only to them.

- Bob Daley announced that Benton County Hospice is hosting a Powerful Tools for Caregivers class for family caregivers. The class starts on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 at the Grace Center and runs for six weeks. The focus is to support family caregivers in caring for themselves while giving care to their family member. To register, call Benton Hospice Service at 541-757-9616. There is room for 12 caregivers and the class is held four times a year, alternating between Benton and Linn Counties. Respite care will be provided during the class for a fee.
- Randi Moore reminded the group that Senior and Disability Services Family Care Support Program can help subsidize the cost of respite care during the training, so if anyone knows of anyone that would need this assistance they should contact the Family Care Support Program through COG. Randi also reminded everyone that Senior and Disability Services in Lincoln County also provides a Powerful Tools for Caregivers class as another option for people over in Lincoln County.
- Lee Lazaro shared that Benton County’s Special Transportation Advisory Committee, which is advisory to the Board of Commissioners, has two vacancies. The Committee meets once a month for nine months out of the year. Part of their responsibility is to review and make decisions on funding applications for special transportation providers throughout Benton County, making recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for funding. You must be a resident of Benton County to apply and anyone interested should contact Lee and he’ll send them an application.
- Suzette asked the new guests present to introduce themselves and tell everyone why they are at the meeting.
  - Tanya Thompson works for Linn County Mental Health and has been on the ADRC Operations Council for a year. She will be helping the Senior Coordinators in the next few months and working closely with Curtis Miller.
  - Carolyn Mendez Luck is also part of the ADRC Operations Council, which has been folded over to the Senior and Disabilities Advisory Councils to which she was invited. Carolyn is an Assistant Professor at OSU and she is interested in elder family caregiving in minority populations, particularly in Latino populations. She is also interested in long term care services in general in the state of Oregon. Carolyn was coauthor of a report on nursing facilities and institutionalized care in Oregon. Suzette invited Carolyn to give a presentation on her findings to the Councils at a near future meeting and provide copies of her report to those that would like one.
  - Adrienne Crookes works as a Community Health Advocate for the Siletz Indian Tribe and is filling in for Fawn Metcalf until the Siletz Tribe finds her replacement.

## 7) Adjourn for Lunch/Joint Meeting

- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.
- The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2015.