

Joint SSAC-DSAC Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

SSAC Members Present: Suzette Boydston, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Bill Hall, Commissioner; Mark McNabb, Doris Lamb, Dewey Konopa, Curtis Miller, Bob Daley, Janet Shinner, Chris Barnes and Suzanne Lazaro.

DSAC Members Present: Mike Volpe, Chair; Suzanne Brean, Vice Chair; Lee Lazaro, Rusty Burton, Edythe James, Pete Rickey, Tim Malone and Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald.

Guests: Victoria Short, Tim McQueary, Dani Marlow, Carolyn Mendez-Luck, Tanya Thompson, Barbara Turrill, Jasper Smith, Janet Judd, Teri Jefferson and Cathy Savage.

Members Absent: Anne Brett, Bill Turner, Kimberly Kimball, Lee Strandberg, Margaret Wells, Jann Glenn and Fawn Metcalf.

Staff: Fred Abousleman, Dave Toler, Ann Johnson, Sue Smith, Marci Howard, Randi Moore and Terri Sharpe.

1. Mike Volpe called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
 - Introductions were made including guests.
2. Approval of the Joint SSAC-DSAC January 5, 2016 Minutes:
 - **ACTION:** Rusty Burton moved to approve the January 5, 2016 SSAC/DSAC Joint minutes as written. Lee Lazaro seconded. Motion carried.
3. Introduction to Dave Toler, Newly Hired Senior and Disability Services Director:

Mike Volpe introduced Senior and Disability Services new Director, Dave Toler. Dave comes from the Rogue Valley Council of Governments in Southern Oregon. Working closely with both Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) and Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) were important to Dave and he would like to continue working and being directly engaged with the Councils here at the COG. Dave would like to utilize the skills of the Councils and hope they will be involved in working with him in maintaining the vision of the programs and in development of projects such as the Area Plan. Dave encouraged anyone who has any questions to either phone or email him.

4. Changes to Home and Community- Based Services (Marci Howard, Senior and Disability Services Program Manager):
 - Marci Howard gave a general overview on the changes that are happening with home and community based services that started on January 1, 2016. The changes are fairly simple for the provider owned, controlled, or operated residential care facilities. The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority put together fact sheets giving consumers and providers information on what the changes are. Marci summarized the changes as follows: the residences must be physically accessible, there must be a residency agreement (like tenant landlord agreement), rooms must offer privacy, there must be a door that locks, residents have a choice of roommates, residents have freedom to decorate and furnish as agreed in the residency agreement, residents will have control of their own schedules which will include visitors, and residents will have freedom to access food at any time. There are options to limitation to these rules; for instance health and safety issues. Marci stated it is even more critical, with these changes, to be able to screen the facility before moving in so the consumer can find the best fit.
 - Current facilities need to come into compliance by September of 2018 and facilities that become licensed after January 1, 2016 must be in full compliance upon opening. There is not a lot of experience locally on how this will be carried out but Marci would like this to be a standing agenda item where she can update the Councils.

5. Review of Senior and Disability Services Legislative Forum:
 - Mike acknowledged the success of the Legislative Round Table that was held at the COG on Thursday, January 28th. There was great representation by Legislators as well as community partners. Mike congratulated COG's Executive Director Fred Abousleman for putting this event together.
 - Fred thanked Mike for the acknowledgement but wanted to also give recognition to the staff present that made the event possible; Randi Moore, who put a lot of work into the event and Ann Johnson and Terri Sharpe. He also asked everyone to acknowledge the Legislators when they see them. Senator Sara Gelser, Representative Andy Olson and Representative Sherrie Sprenger attended, which Fred attributed to the close working relationship between them and the Councils.
 - Lee Lazaro shared that there were two themes that he heard from all three Legislators. One was the K-plan reform and cost containment which will unlikely be discussed in February's short session due to the complexity of the issue. The second issue was concern with what's going on with licensing in community based care, adult foster care, child foster care and abuses. Dave expanded on this stating that while all the concerns have been with the child part of it, digging into the child side will lead to progress on the senior and disability side.

6. Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Update (Dave Toler, Senior and Disability Services Director):

- Dave presented a possible new approach to the ADRC to the Councils. The ADRC was not intended to be another program but rather a door for a consumer to go through to find the resources they need. The intention was to have one door, whether it's a phone number, email address or a website, but once a person goes through that door everything from there works as an internal referral within the system. The new approach would be in our presentation and marketing to the community in making it simple for the consumer to find the ADRC. The ADRC is the umbrella for everything. Bob Daley recommended one brochure with the one number.

7. Area Plan Discussion (Dave Toler, Senior and Disability Services Director):

- The Area Plan is a four year plan for the programs that Senior and Disability Services provide. The Area Plan is coming up for renewal in 2017 and Dave would like to get SSAC and DSAC engaged in how they are envisioning how the next four years, 2017 – 2020, will go. Dave extended an invite to the Councils in helping with a community survey to better understand who they're serving and what their needs are.
- Fred stated that he would like the Area Plan to align with the Community Development Plan, the two Metropolitan Transportation Plans, the United Way Alice Reports, and the Regional Health Collaborative Plan.
- Rusty Burton feels the Plan needs to concentrate on transportation.
- Suzette would like all Council members to help with the survey questions.
- Carolyn inquired about the timeline and who they were looking at surveying. Dave stated that in the past he has done two different surveys; a general population survey a community agency survey. Dave would like to have the survey completed and out this month and start compiling data by early April.
- A Doodle Poll, with dates and times, will be sent out to all Council members for all who would like to be involved on the subcommittee.
- Lee L suggested Jim Owens, who's leading the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, to come and present to the Councils either in March or April on their data findings which Lee feels will correlate with what the Councils are looking at for the Area Plan.

8. Announcements:

9. Adjournment:

- The SSAC/DSAC Joint Meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.
- The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.