

## Joint SSAC-DSAC Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

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

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

**ADRC Members Present:** Sandy Potter and Jasper Smith.

**Guests:** Mitzi Naucler, Carolyn Fry, Ruby Moon, Don Taylor, Michelle Giammona, Jenna Bates, Hasso Hering, Saleem Noorani, Cathy Savage, Rachell Jefferson and Victoria Short.

**Members Absent:**

Bill Hall, Commissioner; Kimberly Kimball, Anne Brett, Lee Strandberg, Fawn Metcalf, Margaret Wells, Lee Lazaro, Edythe James and Jann Glenn.

**Staff:** Fred Abousleman, Dave Toler, Lisa Bennett, Ann Johnson, Mary Kay Fitzmorris and Terri Sharpe.

- 1) Suzette Boydston called the meeting to order at 12:01 am.
  - Introductions were made including guests.
- 2) Approval of Joint SSAC-DSAC April Minutes:
  - **ACTION: Motion to approve the April 5, 2016 SSAC/DSAC Joint minutes as written made by Rusty Burton, seconded by Suzanne Brean. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 3) Ad hoc Area Plan Committee Report (Bob Daley, Ad hoc Area Plan Committee Member):
  - Bob Daley updated the Councils on the Ad hoc Area Plan Committee meeting. Previously, a nine question survey went out to 300 community partners with a 36% return. The Committee reviewed the response to each question with mental health needs being a main concern. Another concern and topic of discussion was educating the community on what Senior and Disability Services does, specifically the ADRC.
  - Lisa reminded everyone the Ad hoc Area Plan Committee is open to everyone and the meetings will take place every other month or as needed until the Plan is formulated.

- Dave had asked the Committee (and opened it up to the Councils) to send to Lisa a prioritized list of organizations for staff to go out and give presentations to. He would like to start the presentations within the next few months. Suzette said it would be helpful to look at what organizations invest in publications such as the senior newspaper. Suzette asked Dave to send her an article on Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) and she will forward it to the folks who publish the Samaritan newsletter. Jasper Smith asked Dave how he wants the program to be identified. Dave said he would like it presented as an Aging and Disability Resource Connection presentation with Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments as the tag that goes with it.

4) Monitor and Review Report (Chris Barnes, Monitor and Review Committee Member):

- Chris Barnes gave the Councils an update on two of the three monitor and review meetings the Committee conducted with organizations receiving grant dollars from the COG.
  - Benton Hospice uses their grant money to support two classes; “A Matter of Balance” and “Powerful Tools for Caregivers”. Chris feels this was an excellent use of the grant money. Suzanne Brean said the books given at the training classes were very in-depth and well put together. Both programs are evidence based programs. Lisa said the staff at Benton Hospice did not feel the class, “A Matter of Balance” was a good fit for their organization due to their name, thinking the term hospice was keeping people away. Lisa said that they may be looking at a different organization to take on the class.
  - The second meeting was with Grace Center for Adult Day Services, an adult daycare service providing respite care for caregivers. With the grant money they are able to help more caregivers with respite care for those that cannot afford it. Grace Center is in the process of buying their building and once ownership is established they will expand their shower program and build another dining room. Chris felt the Grace Center was a valuable program
  - Janet Shinner updated the Councils on the Monitor and Review meeting with Legal Aid Services of Oregon in Lincoln County. Legal Aid is income capped yet there are many low income residents exceeding the capped amount, yet cannot afford the services. The grant money is used to help these people receive the legal resources they need. Bill Turner said their success rate is high and both Bill and Janet feel this is a valuable resource.
- Mike asked how organizations are chosen for grants. Dave stated they have requests for proposals for contracts.
- Rusty suggested contacting Easter Seals. They have many programs that serve disabled as well as disabled seniors and perhaps they could take on the class “A Matter of Balance”. Dave will ask Randi Moore to check into this.

- **ACTION: Motion to reapprove grants to Benton Hospice, Grace Center for Adult Day Services and Legal Aid Services of Oregon made by Suzanne Lazaro, seconded by Rusty Burton. Motion passed unanimously.**

5) Meals on Wheels Branding (Dave Toler, Director):

- Dave is looking at branding the Meals on Wheels program to make it better known to the community and is moving towards adopting the Meals on Wheels America logo. He had hoped to use their own tagline but the Meals on Wheels America's tagline goes with the logo. However, they can change the word "America" which Dave foresees changing to Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. Suzanne L. asked if they could have an independent second tagline in different colors than the logo. Dave said they could consider this.
- With the new marketing they hope to enhance community support. The Meals on Wheels program has a \$250,000 deficit and Dave's goal is to balance the budget by June 30, 2018. Two ways of doing that is either to further curtail the number of meals going out (not an option they wish to do) or develop more resources for the program. In developing more resources, Dave is looking at expanding individual donations, developing business sponsorships, and enhancing local government support. This was successful in the Rogue Valley and Dave feels positive on this approach. He will be presenting a draft of his Resource Development Plan to the COG's Executive Director Fred Abousleman today. Dave would like everyone to do their part in getting the word out and making connections to businesses.
- Discussion revolved around different ways of educating the community. Mike emphasized the importance of the Legislators knowing about this shortage to which Dave assured him they know. Mark McNabb stressed the public needs to know there is a problem. Dave said they are looking at doing a video for Public Access TV and U-Tube. Suzette would like a letter to the editor to be written by the SMAC Chair with Dave and Fred's name on it. Mitzi Naucler emphasized asking for donations and telling people how to donate. Bob stressed the importance of area donor stewardship and follow up with the donor. Dave feels people want to invest in a good program and that is the approach they will take.

6) Outreach and Abuse Prevention (Dave Toler, Director)

- Dave informed the Councils the COG receives around \$6,000 yearly for justice prevention work and he would like their input on any ideas they may have in elder

abuse prevention. In the Rogue Valley they made placemats for the meal sites and all meal recipients with a subtle message of what abuse is. They also placed an ad on public buses and Dial-a-Ride busses with the idea of generating a culture of community ethics.

- Discussion revolved around different aspects of outreach with the suggestion of putting stickers on meal boxes with phone numbers to call if one needs help or magnets. Dave pointed out financial abuse by family members is the fastest growing exploitation and we as a community need to get involved. Funds for the campaign would come from Elder Justice Funds through the Older Americans Act.
- Due to time limitation, Lisa will put this back on next month's agenda.

#### 7) Announcements:

Lisa announced there will be an Issues & Advocacy meeting with an informed discussion on Mental Health on May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 pm. – 4:00 pm. led by Tim Malone.

Saleem Noorani shared AARP is putting on workshops on financial scams in Portland and he would like to see them done here.

Suzanne L shared Cooperative Needs, a work program in Albany, is closing its doors on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Many of the workers' contracts are being picked up by other companies but there is a transportation issue. Most of the workers live in Linn County and would have trouble finding transportation to new work sites.

Suzanne B shared the Oaks in Lebanon is holding a family fun dog show this Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mike announced the Walk MS: Corvallis is being held this weekend, May 7<sup>th</sup> in downtown Corvallis. This is a big fundraiser for MS and Mike will be there.

Carolyn Fry shared FACT (Families and Communities Together) will be holding their regional conference this weekend at the Shilo Inn in Newport.

#### 8) Adjournment:

- The Joint Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.
- The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.