

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Present: Suzette Boydston, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Janet Shinner, Bob Daley, Dani Marlow and Suzanne Lazaro.

Guests: Mike Volpe, Cathy Savage, Lee Lazaro, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Tanya Thompson, Carolyn Mendez-Luck, Suanne Jackson, Mitzi Naucler, Jasper Smith, Saleem Noorani and Ruby Moon.

Members Absent: Bill Hall, Commissioner; Chris Barnes, Doris Lamb, Anne Brett, Bill Turner, Lee Strandberg, Margaret Wells, Mark McNabb, Kimberly Kimball, Curtis Miller, and Fawn Metcalf.

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

1. Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda, Approval of the May 3, 2016 Minutes (Suzette Boydston, Chair):

Suzette Boydston called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Introductions were made including guests.

Due to lack of a quorum the approval of the May 3, 2016 Minutes will be sent out for vote by email.

SSAC does not meet in the month of July due to lack of attendance and SSAC opted for cancelling the August meeting as well.

2. Chair's Report (Suzette Boydston, Chair)

As SSAC Chair for the last two years, Suzette realized the older she gets the more passionate she is in advocating for seniors and those with disabilities. Through her parents she saw the importance of respect and what seniors deserve as they age. She has enjoyed her time as SSAC Chair. She believes in leadership and the renewal of leadership and hopes the nominated candidate for SSAC Chair, Bob Daley, will take the position for at least two years and Catherine Skiens will remain Vice Chair, bringing the history along with her. Being a SSAC member takes time but it is for a great cause and will become more essential for SSAC members to advocate for seniors as their population increases. Suzette is grateful and gave thanks to everyone present.

3. Renewal of Memberships for Anne Brett, Doris Lamb, Suzanne Lazaro, Catherine Skiens, Lee Strandberg (Suzette Boydston, Chair):

Due to lack of a quorum the renewal of SSAC memberships for Anne Brett, Doris Lamb, Suzanne Lazaro, Catherine Skiens and Lee Strandberg will be sent out for vote by email.

4. Declaration of a Vacancy for Fawn Metcalf's position. (Doris Lamb, Membership and Nominating Committee Member):

The Membership and Nominating Committee is declaring a vacancy for Fawn Metcalf's position. Part of Ms. Metcalf's job duties, as an employee of the Siletz Tribe, included being a member of SSAC. Fawn is no longer working for the Tribe and Lisa Bennett has not heard from her since August, 2015.

Due to lack of a quorum the declaration of a vacancy for Fawn Metcalf's position will be sent out for vote by email.

5. Elections of Officers for 2016-2017 Term (Doris Lamb, Membership and Nominating Committee Member):

The Membership and Nominating Committee is nominating Bob Daley as SSAC Chair and Catherine Skiens for Vice Chair for the 2016-2017 term.

Due to lack of a quorum the elections of officers for the 2016-2017 term will be sent out for vote by email.

6. Information Sharing:

Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald shared Powerful Tools for Caregivers is partnering with the Senior Companion Program. There will be about four or five Senior Companions that will be joining them in the Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class which starts Thursday, June 9th.

Suzette shared the Governor's Commission on Senior Services is partnering with OSU in hosting a conference at the LaSells Stewart Center on October 12th. The purpose of the conference is to educate seniors and people with disabilities, their families, advocates, providers and legislators on issues that will arise in the 2017 Legislative Session. The four focus areas (out of the President's White House Area on Aging) include Long Term Care Services and Supports, Healthy Aging, Retirement Security, and Elder Justice. Admission is by registration but complementary.

Saleem Noorani shared AARP has a town hall style meeting for respite care at the Albany Public Library at 4:00 pm today. AARP is seeking public input from the community to help improve access to and effective use of caregiver respite in Oregon. There will be another meeting in Lincoln City as well.

Lisa Bennett shared SSAC is recruiting. There are 27 positions for SSAC and come July 1, 2016 there will be 14 positions open. They are looking for consumers and advocates for seniors and if anyone would like to invite someone to a meeting they should do so, and please let Lisa know so that staff can plan accordingly.

Mike Volpe shared APD (Aging People with Disabilities) will be holding a number of town hall meetings around the state and will forward the email with the dates and locations to Lisa who then will email out to everyone.

Suzette shared they are looking for a place to meet for the September Advisory Council meetings that can accommodate both Toledo and Albany. The Veteran's Home was suggested as well as going to a meal site. Lisa will look into the Lebanon Senior Center and possibly the Corvallis Senior Center, both of which host SDS Meal Sites.

Lee suggested asking Tera Stegner from the Grace Center to join as a member.

7. Adjourn for Lunch/Joint Meeting:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2016.