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Area Agency on Aging

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 21, 2017
TO: Senior Services Advisory Council and Disability Services Advisory Council
FROM: Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Director Randi Moore and
Community Services Program (CSP) Manager Jennifer Moore
RE: **SDS and Community Services Program (CSP) Report**

SDS – Medicaid

Director Randi Moore

Oregon Secretary of State Audits Consumer-Employed Provider Program

Recently, the Oregon Secretary of State issued an audit report on the Consumer-Employed Provider Program, which has been a core service in Oregon's Long Term Services system since its inception in 1981. This program allows people to employ workers to assist them with their needs in their own home as opposed to being required to move to a facility when they need assistance with care.

The audit found that the program can be successful, but this is highly dependent on how capable the consumer, homecare worker, and case manager are in their roles. Eleven recommendations were made to address inherent program risks and improve program implementation. They include doing thorough assessment, providing better training, and completing frequent monitoring of consumer care.

Consumer choice is fundamental to Oregon's long-term services and supports system. One program or setting type is not inherently more risky than any other. Even people with dementia or advanced illness can, and often are, served well through Oregon's nationally recognized in-home program.

On a State and local level we continue to focus on the safety and well-being of those we serve while respecting our core values around self-direction and consumer driven decision-making.

Here is a link to the full report, as well as a response from the DHS Director, Fariborz Pakseresht:

<http://sos.oregon.gov/audits/documents/2017-23.pdf>



DHS Response SOS
APD In Home Audit.

Health Care Tax Repeal Headed for the Ballot

Opponents of a new tax on health care submitted signatures last week to put the issue of repealing the tax on the ballot for a special election on January 23, 2018.

The 1.5 percent tax on health plans, coordinated care organizations, and hospitals was passed by the legislature this summer and provides \$550 million of funding to Medicaid expansion across the State. It's estimated that if the tax was defeated on the ballot in January, the State would bring in \$210 million less in the current biennium.

Community Services Program (CSP)

CSP Manager Jennifer Moore

Meals on Wheels (MOW)

Final selection is underway to fill the Meal Site Manager position vacancy at the Albany meal site. The site has been staffed in the interim by a combination of the relief site manager and other site managers. This has been positive on several fronts: meal site managers have had an opportunity to work with a different group of volunteers and see how sister sites are managed, and it's identified several areas where program processes can be streamlined for efficiency.

MOW participates in a three-agency food service consortium; the consortium agreement requires semi-annual kitchen monitoring. Site visits will be conducted at each of the three primary kitchens (Eugene, Newport, Salem) during the month of October.

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

OCWCOG's Senior Corps Program Supervisor Alicia Lucke traveled to Washington D.C. September 22-27, initiating a new service term on the National Senior Corps Association's (NSCA) board where she represents the Pacific Cluster. The NSCA and its 500+ member organizations work toward the common goal of achieving adequate federal support and program flexibility for *Foster Grandparent*, *RSVP*, and *Senior Companion* programs nationwide. Federal agencies and programs, including OCWCOG's *Senior Corps*, continue to operate under a Continuing Resolution at FY 2017 levels through December 8, 2017.

Embracing the three programs within one association, NSCA is the recognized national leadership organization representing the combined interests of the Senior Corps programs. The NSCA works to ensure efforts of Senior Corps volunteers will continue meeting the needs and challenges of America's communities. Current OCWCOG Senior Corps Program grants focus on helping local seniors age in place (*RSVP*) and tutoring local youth with an emphasis on Grade 3 reading level achievements (*Foster Grandparent Program*). Future areas of National Service interest for OCWCOG *Senior Corps* volunteers include supporting opioid abuse prevention programs, job skills and disaster preparedness.