**Joint SSAC-DSAC Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

**SSAC Members Present:** Suzette Boydston, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Kimberly Kimball, Janet Shinner, Doris Lamb, Chris Barnes, Bob Daley and Margaret Wells.

**DSAC Members Present:** Mike Volpe, Chair; Suzanne Brean, Vice Chair; Rusty Burton, Edythe James, Jann Glenn, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald and Tim Malone.

**ADRC Members Present:** Carolyn Mendez Luck

**Guests:** Mitzi Naucler, Carolyn Fry, Clark Brean, Janet Judd, Ruby Moon, Bonnie Peterson, Cyndee Druba, Don Taylor, Michelle Giammona, Troy Kimball and Jim Faulkner.

**Members Absent:**

Bill Hall, Commissioner; Mark McNabb, Anne Brett, Lee Strandberg, Dewey Konopa, Fawn Metcalf, Pete Rickey, Bill Turner, Lee Lazaro, Curtis Miller and Suzanne Lazaro.

**Staff:** Dave Toler, Lisa Bennett, Mary Kay Fitzmorris, Terri Sharpe.

1. Suzette Boydston called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

* Introductions were made including guests.

1. Approval of March Minutes:
2. Approval of SSAC April Minutes:

* Approval of SSAC April minutes were tabled to the May 3, 2016 SSAC meeting.

1. Approval of Joint SSAC-DSAC April Minutes:

* **ACTION**: **Suzette Boydston** **moved to accept the March 1, 2016 SSAC/DSAC Joint minutes as written. Suzanne Brean seconded. Motion carried.**

1. Approval of DSAC April Minutes:

* **ACTION: Rusty Burton moved to accept the March 1, 2016 DSAC minutes as written. Suzanne Brean seconded. Motion carried.**

1. Inter-Christian Outreach (ICO) (Jann Glenn, DSAC Member):

* Jann Glenn presented to the Councils an overview on Inter-Christian Outreach (ICO). ICO is a non-profit organization that provides assessment to those in need that want to better themselves. Jann compares the ICO to the ADRC in that they both provide assessment intake, serve people in need and refer them to the agencies that can serve them. Jann would like to see the ADRC and ICO join together where they can share their information. The ICO receives financial support from 13 churches in the Newport area that helps them pay the rent. They moved from their last location and are temporarily in the basement of the Salvation Army, but looking for a space where they can provide showers to clients. They are open Tuesday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The largest service they provide is assisting people in attaining an ID which is funded through Project Homeless Connect. They also provide sleeping bags, tents, tarps, clothes, food, toiletries, bus tickets, and other transportation, dependent upon need. They offer dental vans that serve their dental needs paid for through grants, churches, Chamber of Commerce and other agencies around Newport.
* Jim Faulkner, employee of ICO, emphasized the importance of finding a location that will enable them to offer showers to their clients who are often in transition. They serve anywhere from 6 – 20 people a day who mostly hear about them through word of mouth, through the Veterans’ Stand Down event in Newport and also through the churches. ICO distributes brochures to the churches and other organizations around town in Newport for outreach. The ICO has been around for about four years.

1. Lakeview Senior Living (Janet Shinner, Community Relations Director, and SSAC Member):

* Janet Shinner presented to the Councils an overview of what transpires in the assisted living facility community at Lakeview Senior Living. In the community they hold the same values that SSAC and DSAC hold which is to provide a good quality of life and give their residents options. As an employee, Janet sees herself as an advocate for seniors and she spends over 90% of her time on the phone working as a counselor with clients and family members. She has found that being a member of SSAC has provided her with resources that she uses to better serve her clients and their families as well as when she makes referrals.
* Lakeview Senior Living is one of a few coastal three tier communities with retirement cottages, assisted living, and memory care options; giving people the opportunity to transition from one phase to another while staying in their local community. With the retirement cottages they are welcome to have caretakers in the cottage with them if that is their choice.
* Lakeview Senior Living has the only memory care on this section of the coast, with the next closest in Seaside or Florence. To accommodate the number of memory care residents they converted one wing of the assisted living care to memory care apartments where, with approval from the State, they are able to let couples stay together if it’s best for their quality of life.
* Another important aspect of the community is the quality of interaction within families. Part of their activity programs is geared to bring the families in to have special moments and special memories. They have a new program, “Never too Late” which is a 72 inch flat screen TV that is similar to a touch screen computer screen where residents can interact by drawing pictures, interact with u-tube videos or get on the webcams at the zoo. Families have their own webpage to support interaction.
* Lakeview tried anytime dining, giving their residents the option to dine when they choose. This had a negative effect on the residents resulting in isolation, weight loss and lack of socialization. After six months they brought back their regular dining program but they do offer dining options if a resident is away for appointments.
* Lakeview has a high population of Medicaid residents so they work directly with the SDS office. Medicaid is accepted in assisted living and memory care but is not an option in the cottages. The cottages are for those that are still independent but do not want the upkeep of taking care of a home. They are month to month rentals and cost is dependent upon the level of care that is needed.

1. Break for Lunch and Networking:
2. Community Health, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (Bonnie Peterson, Assistant General Manager; Ruby Moon, Community Health Director; Cyndee Druba, Community Health Advocate):

* Bonnie Peterson gave an overview of the history of the Confederation of the Siletz Tribe to the Councils.
* The elders of the tribe are very active and honored. The Elder’s Council meets each month, takes trips, visits other tribes and does fundraising. A Title VI program provides education every year on caretaking. Elders are also reimbursed for their Medicare Part B costs. They have an Elder’s Work Experience Program that pays elders $11.00 per hour where they can work 500 hours per year. This keeps them active, gives them money and they can provide service to others. They have a meals service that is held at the community center.
* Profits from the casino go into services and also fund the Elder’s Council. Every Tribal member receives a shareholder’s benefit once each year for $1,000 - $1,200 that is distributed in the summer. There is a monthly stipend for elders that ranges from $100 - $300 depending on age.
* Suzette would like to see an elder on the Senior Services Advisory Council acting as a liaison between the Tribe and SSAC. Bonnie stated that there are needs that the Tribe struggles with and they could use the advice of the Councils to help them.
* Ruby Moon, Siletz Tribe Community Health Director, stated she is looking at developing a system to make the tribe more cohesive with the departments within the Health Department. She is looking for opportunities to partner and strengthen the services they already offer and bring on new services, as appropriate, enabling them to grow and be stronger.
* Cyndee Druba, Siletz Tribe Heath Advocate, said they are working at bettering the program and serving more people and in different ways. They are looking at collaborating with other Tribal agencies. Cyndee believes that the Tribe and Councils can work well together in bridging the gap between the people they serve and the people the Councils serve.
* Dave asked whether Tribal members go through the same channels as everyone else when applying for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Medicare and Medicaid services. Bonnie said they have a staff member, paid by the State of Oregon, specializing in OHP. Dave would like to make sure that the Tribal members have the same connections offered through Senior and Disability Services. Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, SHIBA counselor, suggested having a Tribal member come on as a SHIBA volunteer to help assist seniors when their disability turns into Medicare from Medicaid. The training is free.

1. Senior and Disability Services’ Area Plan Development (Dave Toler, Director, Senior and Disability Services):

* Dave gave the Councils an update on the work with the Area Plan, specifically the needs assessment part of the plan informing the agency of critical issues and gaps in our community and whether people feel like their needs are being met. The task force, made up of Council members, sent out a survey to over 200 organizations: social services, nonprofits, local and state governments and a few private business across the three county area. Their goal of 50 returns was surpassed with more expected back in. The results of the survey will be addressed at the next Area Plan meeting held on Monday, April 18th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. They are also planning a focus group with the Siletz Tribe within the next month, to look at where they can work more closely together to help improve services for tribe. Randi is looking at getting a focus group together for the older and disabled in the LGBT community in the three county area.

1. Director’s Report:

* Dave followed up with a request from Mike Volpe on the amount of funding received from the Older Americans Act and what percentage of the funding goes to the programs funded. Senior and Disability Services receives $1.2 million per year from the Older Americans Act with 45% of the funds going to the Meals Program, 25% to the ADRC (Title III B), 20% to the Family Caregiver Program, a small percentage toward Health Promotions (Title IIID), and another small percentage going toward Elder Justice.
* Dave gave a brief synopsis of the Director’s Report to the Councils. Senior and Disability Services met with AARP Oregon regarding discussion on Livable Communities in the three county area. Livable Communities are designed and retrofitted to be the most user friendly for people age zero and beyond. This meeting is to incite a national initiative to join with the National AARP and the National Association of Areas on Aging and Disability to do a national project that would include our three county area and two other areas in the nation. They would apply for grant dollars to get the communities that are interested in the Livable Communities design to help facilitate and get it going. Discussion revolved around housing the homeless as part of the Livable Community. Dave stated that it comes down to local politics, local land use and neighborhood issues. Clark Brean inquired about the elderly that live in rural parts of the communities, the transportation issues and the size of the area that would need addressing. Dave stated that they hope the Livable Community Initiative will capture a lot of the small towns as well as the larger cities so when one does enter the town one will more easily be able to get around and get in and out of buildings.
* Dave explained that Private Admissions Assessments (PAA) is when private pay people, who are entering nursing facilities, have all the information they need and the assessments they need in order to make choices on all the options that are available to them. This is something that SDS has not been doing. However, SDS has a contract with the state and they have hired a person to start doing the work.
* The Meals on Wheels Program has a serious budget deficit and Dave’s task is turning it around within the next two years. Dave will be coming to the Councils and the Meals Advisory Committee to talk about proposals in terms of branding the Meals Program so people more easily identify with the program.

1. Announcements:

* Lisa reminded members that in June they will elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for both Councils. Doris Lamb is on the SSAC Nominating Committee and anyone interested or who knows of someone interested please talk with Doris. The DSAC does not have a committee but they can talk with Mike or Suzanne. Lisa also reminded everyone that the DSAC Chair and Vice Chair is termed out at two years so they will need a new Chair and Vice Chair.
* Mitzi Naucler asked if they could add to the agenda committee reports.

1. Adjournment for SSAC:

* The Joint SSAC-DSAC Meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

1. DSAC:

* Dave led the DSAC members in two team building exercises.

1. Adjournment for DSAC:

* The DSAC Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.
* The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
* The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3, 2016.