

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Present: Suzette Boydston, Chair; Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Bill Hall, Commissioner; Anne Brett, Chris Barnes, Doris Lamb, Bill Turner, Janet Shinner, Margaret Wells, Curtis Miller, Bob Daley and Suzanne Lazaro.

Guests: Mike Volpe, Cathy Savage, Janet Judd, Rusty Burton, Teri Jefferson, Tim Malone, Mitzi Nacler, Adrienne Crookes, Edythe James, Suzanne Brean, Mary Scott, Suanne Jackson, Janet Judd and Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald.

Members Absent: Lee Strandberg, Dewey Konopa, Mark McNabb, Kimberly Kimball and Fawn Metcalf.

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

- 1) Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda (Suzette Boydston, Chair):
 - Suzette Boydston called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Introductions were made including guests.

- 2) Approval of Minutes:
 - **ACTION:** Catherine Skiens moved to approve the SSAC February 2, 2016 minutes. Suzanne Lazaro seconded. Motion carried.

- 3) Governor's Commission on Senior Services Report (Catherine Skiens, Suzette Boydston):
 - Catherine Skiens updated the Council on the panel discussion at the last Governor's Commission meeting. The discussion revolved around the different entities that engage intergenerationally between seniors and children. This started with a reading program and has grown from there. The successes show that intergeneration is changing the lives of seniors with them becoming more outgoing and giving them a sense of purpose. It also helps the young by having someone in their life who cares about them.
 - Also discussed was the increased number of elder abuse calls and how they have to pick and choose what cases they are taking on. The last budget session did not provide the needed funding for two statewide investigators with the Attorney General's office that would have helped defuse this issue. Catherine would like to have this issue on the agenda for the Council to talk about. Anne Brett concurred with Catherine. She was cautious on whether to endorse the email petition regarding elder abuse legislation. Dave Toler stated that one of the barriers has been the lack of a formation of a multidisciplinary team with the DA's office. They are moving forward with Linn County in

forming that team and will move forward with Benton and Lincoln Counties as well. Dave feels this will help remove some of the barriers between the DA and the APS staff on a local level.

- Mike McCormick gave an update on the Lewin Group study and updated them on the formula issue that Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments had with the state.

4) Information Sharing:

- Mike Volpe and Catherine Skiens attended the IHN CCO Community Forum that took place last night in Corvallis. There was a talk on the use of marijuana and opiates at the same time that puts physicians in an awkward position. Most of the conversation was upbeat on the progress they made. There was talk on the different committees and how the Benton County local committee is looking for members. A local member spoke on the need for more psychiatrists.

Larry Mullins, President and CEO, Samaritan Health Services, was asked about the possible expansion of Samaritan beyond Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. Mr. Mullins was non-committal about expanding into regions beyond the tri-county areas. He did not speak about services to IHN consumers but spoke about the financial success for IHN.

Discussion revolved around Trillium, in Lane County, selling out to Centene who came back to Lane COG with an offer of 10% less for their contracts. There is fear across the state that when CCO's come back for the contracts will they come back with the same amount. Dave would like to find out what contracts they are referring to. Suzette stated that this topic needs to be moved to an agenda item.

- Margaret Wells stated that she sold her house in Toledo and will be moving. She gave the Council her verbal resignation which will be after the next meeting. She has learned so much from the Council and would like to get a referral from SSAC so she could join the COG in the area she will be living in. She will turn in a written resignation at the next meeting.

5) Adjourn for Lunch/Joint Meeting:

- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
- The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2016 (Lincoln County).