

## SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

**Present:** Bob Daley, Chair; Dani Marlow, Suzanne Lazaro, Doris Lamb, Anne Brett, Lee Strandberg, Mark McNabb and Curtis Miller.

**Guests:** Mike Volpe, Cathy Savage, Lee Lazaro, Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Pete Rickey, Jann Glenn, Suanne Jackson, Mitzi Naucler, Jasper Smith, Sandy Potter, Pat Shirley, Jessie Grow-Hodges, Cecelia DeAnda, Robynn Pease, Victoria Short and Danielle Bean.

**Members Absent:** Catherine Skiens, Vice Chair; Bill Hall, Commissioner; Suzette Boydston, Janet Shinner, Bill Turner, Carolyn Mendez-Luck and Saleem Noorani.

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

#### **1. Welcome, Introductions, Additions to the Agenda (Bob Daley, Chair):**

Bob Daley called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Introductions were made including guests. Dave introduced Helen Beaman who is one of Senior and Disabilities new Mental Health Coordinators.

#### **2. 2016 Oregon Conference on Aging/ Governor's Commission on Senior Services Report:**

Suzanne Lazaro found the Conference very informative and touched the surface on a lot of issues. Unfortunately, many Politicians left before important things were reiterated. She feels we need to get the message to those who manage the money. She would have also liked to have seen the same structure as the White House Conference on Aging, where they broke out in groups and discussed different issues.

Doris Lamb also felt the Conference was very informative enjoyed meeting a variety of people from different agencies. She benefited from the panels.

Mike Volpe enjoyed the conference but he felt that with the Long Term Services and Support portion of the meeting there wasn't enough emphasis on In-home Services. He did speak to someone regarding this and they stated they will do better next time.

Fred Abousleman, Executive Director of Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), felt it was very important to have the conference in Benton County and wanted to express his thanks to Samaritan, the Governor's Commission and all their community partners. He agreed with Suzanne that there was disconnect in regards to

action items versus information. He felt Dave's presentation on the Gatekeepers Program and why it should be funded was critical. Executive Director Abousleman also thought there was disengagement with our community, our Councils, and with us in sponsoring more local issues. He would have liked to have seen more of our people on panels and giving presentations. He would encourage us to be more aggressive in future conferences.

Robynn Pease asked Executive Director Abousleman to provide some specific examples of what the Planning Committee could have done to engage local agencies or issues he would have liked presented. Executive Director Abousleman said any issues the SSAC or DSAC Councils bring up should have been at the forefront such as food security, in home care, adult protected services and lack of facilities, along with how the State, Governor, and Legislature would work together in addressing these issues.

Bob was impressed by so many people in a room addressing the same issues as they, as Council members, address. He also questioned how they could be more involved.

Dave said they didn't get into the planning process of the conference until late, when Dave contacted them letting them know that they were the local Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities and they have a perspective on what is going on in this area. The state was very welcoming and that is when Dave got into the planning process.

### **3. Ratification of Co-Chair for Issues and Advocacy Committee:**

Action: Motion to take to the SSAC for ratification, the approval of Suzanne Lazaro as Co-Chair of the Issues and Advocacy Committee through August 31, 2017, serving alongside the Co-Chair of the DSAC, made by Lee Strandberg, seconded by Dani Marlow. Motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Senior Meals Advisory Council Update (Lisa Bennett):**

Lisa gave a brief update on the Senior Meals Advisory Committee (SMAC) which is a subcommittee of SSAC. They meet six times a year, rotating throughout the 11 meal sites. Catherine Skiens, SMAC Chair, will give an update of the last SMAC meeting at the next SSAC meeting in December. Lisa invited everyone to the next SMAC meeting that is being held on Tuesday, December 13th from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Brownsville meal site which is located at the Brownsville Christian Church. There will be a special presentation from Westby and Associates, the contractor COG is working with to increase revenue for Senior Meals. The presentation will be on the work they have

been doing and how SMAC members and Council members can get involved. Lisa will send an email with the address, date and time.

Dave stressed that in order for the Meals on Wheels Program to become sustainable it will take help from the entire community. Westby will be presenting this to SMAC and eventually to the full Advisory Councils.

Lee Lazaro suggested inviting other community members to that discussion as well.

Westby and Associates are currently working on a list to send out letters to people in the community for donations. Anyone who wants to be added to the list should contact Dave.

Anybody interested in attending the SMAC meeting should reply to the email Lisa sends out with the meeting's date, time and location.

## **5. Information Sharing:**

Lee L asked if the main purpose of the Oregon Conference on Aging was to gather information to feed up to a National Conference. Dave said it was more at the state level. Robynn added, it was to inform, not only at the state level, but to give Legislators some data to lay foundation for understanding the importance of the issues.

Robynn shared she is new to conference planning and is looking forward to taking the feedback from today's meeting back to the planning committee's wrap-up meeting in December.

Mitzi gave an update for legal services. They have had a few cases of wrongful evictions from Assisted Living and Long Term Care. They have a case pending for the Court of Appeals for a developmentally disabled senior citizen. Mitzi wanted everyone to know that the dollars are well spent. They kept him where he wanted to be up until he died. She asked if anyone hears of anyone getting evicted to give Legal Services a call or tell them to give Legal Services a call. They are very interested in making sure all the processes are complete.

Jann Glenn shared Inter Christian Outreach (ICO), who serves the homeless population, will not be coming back but has partnered with the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army has a full time staff so services will be available to their people full time instead of part time. The funds appropriated to ICO will be used to add space to the Salvation Army building for showers. They will still be able to service their people like they have been in the past they just will not have staff there.

**6. Adjourn for Lunch/Joint Meeting:**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

The Meeting Minutes were recorded by Terri Sharpe.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2016.