



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Packet

September 21, 2017, 2:00 pm

Cascades West Center
1400 Queen Avenue, SE
2nd Floor, Large Conference Room
Albany, OR 97322

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**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA
September 21, 2017
2:00 p.m.**

Cascades West Center
1400 Queen Avenue SE
Albany, OR 97322

An Executive Session may be called as deemed necessary by the Chair, pursuant to ORS 192.660.

PLEASE NOTE: Please call Jennifer Kelley, at (541) 967-8720, no later than noon on Tuesday, September 19th to confirm your attendance.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair Sharon Konopa*)
(2:00 – 2:05 p.m.)

2. **Public Comment**
(2:05 – 2:10 p.m.)

Floor will be open to the public for comment.

3. **Consent Calendar** (*Chair*)
(2:10 – 2:20 p.m.)

- a. Approval of previous Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Page 3).
- b. Approval of Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) Membership (Page 12).
- c. Approval of Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) Membership (Page 15).

ACTION: Motion to approve Consent Calendar.

4. **Regional Broadband Summit** (*Executive Director Fred Abousleman*)
(2:20 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)

Members will receive a recap of the Regional Broadband Summit (Page 19).

ACTION: Information and discussion only.

5. **CelebrateLBL Regional Award Nominations** (*Executive Director Fred Abousleman*)
(2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

The Board will review Regional Award nominations for *CelebrateLBL* and select winners.
(Page 20).

ACTION: Motion to approve Board-selected winners for the *CelebrateLBL* Regional Awards.

6. **Program Update Question and Answers** (*All Program Directors*)
(3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.)

Staff will be available to answer any questions from the Board on the program updates.
(Page 43, Page 46).

ACTION: Information and discussion only.

7. **Topic of Regional Interest – Eclipse Debrief** (*All Members*)
(3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.)

Board members are invited to present topics that may be of interest to other jurisdictions.
This meeting's topic is August's solar eclipse.

ACTION: Information and discussion only.

8. **Other Business**
(3:50 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.)

9. **Adjournment**
(3:55 p.m.)

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**OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2017**

MEMBERS: Councilor Jeanni Cuthbertson, Monroe; Councilor Bob Elliott, Lebanon; Councilor Diane Gerson, Sweet Home; Mayor Sharon Konopa, Albany; Councilor Scott McPhee, Millersburg; Councilor Debbie Nuber, Scio; Commissioner Anne Schuster, Benton County; Mayor Biff Traber, Corvallis; Mayor Don Ware, Brownsville.

STAFF: Executive Director Fred Abousleman; Deputy Director Lydia George; Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Program Manager Randi Moore; SDS Program Manager Jennifer Moore; Finance Manager Janet Cline; Community and Economic Development (CED) Program Manager Brenda Mainord; Loan Officer Sandra Easdale; and Executive Assistant Jennifer Kelley.

VISITORS: Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) Vice-Chair Saleem Noorani; Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) Vice-Chair Mike Volpe; and Home Care Worker Cathy Savage.

VIDEO: Councilor Max Glenn, Yachats; Mayor Billie Jo Smith, Toledo; and Councilor Susan Wahlke, Lincoln City.

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments' (OCWCOG) Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Konopa at 2:03 pm on July 20, 2017 at the Cascades West Center in Albany.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Konopa welcomed everyone, and introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consent Calendar

Chair Konopa asked SSAC Vice-Chair Saleem Noorani and DSAC Vice-Chair Mike Volpe for updates on the SSAC and DSAC.

DSAC Vice-Chair Volpe stated that both Advisory Councils have had an active legislative session, and that members of the Councils met with legislators regarding *Oregon Project Independence (OPI)* funding. These meetings were a success. In addition, funding for Medicaid programs have been funded at the same level as previously.

SSAC Vice-Chair Noorani stated that in order to provide the public with specific faces and stories of *OPI* recipients, members of SSAC and DSAC created a document including six profiles of *OPI* recipients. One profile was of DSAC Vice-Chair Volpe. The profiles were one page each, and included a photo, in order to humanize the *OPI* program to the public. The packet was sent to State legislators, as well as AARP®. SSAC Vice-Chair Noorani stated that AARP was able to reach State legislators directly, which potentially had an impact on funding levels, as funding for *OPI* increased slightly, rather than being cut.

Councilor Debbie Nuber stated that she had first-hand experience with how important it is for people to be able to stay in their home, as she had been a caretaker for her mother in her home, so that she would not have to move.

SSAC Vice-Chair Noorani stated that for every dollar spent on *OPI*, three to four dollars is saved, as *OPI* recipients are prevented from using more expensive Medicaid services.

Executive Director Fred Abousleman clarified that *OPI* has received cuts somewhere between 25% and level funding, not an increase.

DSAC Vice-Chair Volpe stated that State funding for *OPI* included the *OPI Pilot* for younger people with disabilities.

Mayor Don Ware motioned to approve the Consent Calendar, Councilor Diane Gerson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Items presented and approved on the Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approval of previous Board of Directors Meeting Minutes,
- b. Approval of SSAC and DSAC Elected Leadership and Membership Renewals, and
- c. Financial Update for the period of July 2016 – May 2017.

4. OCWCOG Special Projects Fund

Executive Director Abousleman reminded the Board that they had previously approved a *Special Projects Fund (Fund)*, a Board-directed fund for special projects of regional significance. Executive Director Abousleman stated that at time of meeting, the *Fund* contained approximately \$15,000, but that it will grow over time.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that on the advice of the OCWCOG Executive Committee, guidelines for application had been modified slightly. He added that at the request of the Executive Committee, an attempt was made to clarify guidelines so that there would be less denial of projects during the review process. It was also stated that entities or individuals outside of the Board could apply, as long as they were applying through a Board member.

Commissioner Anne Schuster asked what timeframes were decided for applications and payouts. Executive Director Abousleman stated that per Executive Committee Minutes from the June 22nd meeting, applications would be reviewed biannually.

Councilor Nuber asked for an example of a project that would meet application requirements. Chair Konopa stated that the *Fund* could provide matching dollars for a project of regional significance, for example a solid sewage waste management study. Executive Director Abousleman added suggestions of tourism projects, or code compliance studies.

Mayor Biff Traber stated that “regional” could mean sub-regions, meaning multiple entities or jurisdictions with similar interests, and not necessarily all jurisdictions within Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that the *Fund* does not need to be opened for applications immediately, but that funds could continue to build.

Councilor Scott McPhee asked whether the funds would build at approximately \$15,000 per year. Executive Director Abousleman stated that per Board decision, member contributions

double in the next Fiscal Year (FY), so the *Fund* will increase by \$30,000 with the next dues cycle, and increase at that rate each FY thereafter.

Commissioner Schuster asked how funds could build more quickly. Executive Director Abousleman replied that the *Fund* could also be used as match dollars for projects, in order to provide greater value.

Commissioner Schuster suggested letting the *Fund* grow for another year. Executive Director Abousleman stated that because the fund is only \$15,000 does not mean it can't be used for a project, and stated that the banking study OCWCOG completed was done for less.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that the application would be web-based, and limit the project description to a set amount of characters.

Councilor Gerson stated that "region" could mean many things, and asked whether a trail between Lebanon and Sweet Home could meet criteria. She added that Sweet Home is 20 minutes away from another jurisdiction, which could make collaboration more challenging.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that the Board would need to define whether a project met criteria. He noted that although "regional" does not necessarily need to include everyone within all three Counties, this area does include 26 Cities, three Counties, and two Ports. Executive Director Abousleman noted that a trail study could have a broader impact than the physical building of a specific trail. He added that a study could have potential economic impacts, tourism impacts, etcetera, and could even be the initial phase of a project to later be expanded to other areas.

Commissioner Schuster stated that there had been previous discussion on a regional Broadband study, and added that this study may be relevant to many people within all three Counties.

Chair Konopa stated that Albany has an increasing number of senior care facilities, which are increasing demand on fire departments. Chair Konopa stated that if a consultant could work with these communities and local fire departments to do a study on this problem, it could potentially impact any other jurisdiction with senior care facilities.

Councilor Gerson asked whether fire departments are charging these facilities per visit. Chair Konopa stated that the Albany Fire Department is adding a medic unit to handle this increase, at a large cost. She added that rates have been raised, but that it is not enough to cover the increased demand from these facilities. If a study could present potential reimbursement types, this could impact other areas. Mayor Traber added that care facilities pass on these fees to residents, which ultimately means an increased cost to Medicare.

Executive Director Abousleman reminded the Board that the idea for this project was based on a conversation surrounding the eclipse, and that Regional coordination sometimes requires funding in order to provide the staff required.

Mayor Ware stated that Linn County Cities recently worked with the Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) to reach a common agreement, and the next step will be to work with LCSO on reporting, with the goal of improved services. Mayor Ware stated that this project could be an example of one that could have applied for *Fund* dollars.

Commissioner Schuster stated that other projects could be based on homelessness, Cascadia preparedness, emergency management, and the concept of "strategic doing."

Councilor McPhee stated that Millersburg is looking at disaster training within the City, with regard to certification by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He added that the goal is to have multiple people within Millersburg FEMA trained, but that there will be associated costs.

Commissioner Schuster asked for an update on grant money awarded for economic resilience from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). Executive Director Abousleman stated that he believed OCWCOG is currently waiting on the release of funds.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that when the Board is ready to move forward on the *Fund*, the application and criteria can be put on the OCWCOG website. He asked the Board when they would like the first round of applications to be, and if they would still like to review applications biannually.

Commissioner Schuster suggested January 2018 as a tentative timeframe for the first round of application reviews.

Mayor Traber motioned to accept *Fund* drafts as presented, with the intention of announcing the program and requesting proposals in January of 2018. Councilor Nuber seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schuster asked who would be eligible to apply. Executive Director Abousleman responded that any member of OCWCOG could apply.

Councilor Gerson suggested creating a matrix to track *Fund* success.

Mayor Traber suggested that applications be reviewed annually, as biannually seemed too frequent, and biennially too infrequent.

Executive Director Abousleman asked when awards would be given. Mayor Traber stated that these details could be added later, and suggested that the *Fund* could launch in January, with awards given in April or May.

Mayor Billie Jo Smith suggested having awards coincide with FY, and therefore awarding funds on July 1st.

Commissioner Schuster asked when member dues are due. Executive Director Abousleman stated that they are due July 1st.

Mayor Traber amended his motion to include launching the *Fund* in January of 2018, creating a tracking matrix for success, and funds to be released July 1st. Councilor Nuber seconded motion amendments, motion passed unanimously.

5. OCWCOG Annual Dinner

Executive Director Abousleman reminded the Board that OCWCOG will be hosting *CelebrateLBL*, a Regional celebration which will feature awards, a *State of the Region* update, and act as a fundraiser for *Meals on Wheels (MOW)*. *CelebrateLBL* will take place November 2nd at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. The event has a website, www.CelebrateLBL.org, which features information on the event, and a sponsorship guide.

Mayor Traber asked if there is a flyer for the event. Executive Director Abousleman stated that there is not currently, as some details are still being finalized with the venue.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that registration has not been opened, but is expected to open soon. Invitations will first go to our member jurisdictions, including Board members, City Council members, Boards of Commissioners, Mayors, and City/County Managers/Administrators. Next, invitations will be sent to key community partners, all other partners, and finally the public. He added that there would not be a long lag between phases of invitations, but noted that with over 400 elected officials in our Region, it is important that they have the opportunity to register first.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that the event will begin with a silent auction, followed by dinner, and finally cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and awards. He added that nominations for awards could be completed at the event website, with the Board to pick winners at the September 21st meeting.

Commissioner Schuster asked whether Board members could nominate, as they will be deciding winners. Executive Director Abousleman stated that a Board member could make a nomination, and recuse themselves from the vote on that award.

Executive Director Abousleman gave an overview of sponsorship tiers, and stated that if Board members know of a contact OCWCOG should approach, to please let staff know. He added that the cost of the event is approximately \$22,000, and that tickets will be sold for \$40 each, to help cover the cost.

Mayor Traber asked if there is a minimum value requested for silent auction donations. Executive Director Abousleman stated that there has been a minimum of around \$100, but donors could contribute what they are comfortable with, and having a range of values would be fine.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that OCWCOG staff will be in communities soliciting donations. Each OCWCOG senior leadership staff member is responsible for gaining \$10,000 in sponsorships. Executive Director Abousleman stated that he would be visiting coastal companies soon, and that the event will be held in Lincoln County next year.

Executive Director Abousleman informed the Board that Rotary Corvallis has partnered to turn one of their events into a fundraiser for *MOW*. The event is *Tapas and Treasures*, and all ticket sales will go to *MOW*. Executive Director Abousleman stated that 80 tickets had been sold at time of reporting, out of 150 available.

Commissioner Schuster stated that this event could be an example to other local service clubs, as a method of fundraising. Executive Director Abousleman told the Board that Commissioner Schuster will have artwork at the event as one of the prizes.

Commissioner Schuster asked whether the Citizen of the Region recipient needs to be a person that has impacted the entire Region. Executive Director Abousleman stated that this decision can be made by the Board.

Mayor Traber asked whether the Citizen of the Region needs to be a citizen, or if they could be a resident. Executive Director Abousleman stated that the Board can decide this criteria.

Commissioner Schuster stated that a glass float donation from Lincoln County would be a nice addition to the silent auction. Mayor Smith stated that she would work on this.

Commissioner Nuber stated that when the Scio City Council voted to approve their *MOW* donation, they voted to donate triple the requested amount, in hopes other jurisdictions would follow suit.

Commissioner Schuster asked SDS Program Manager Jennifer Moore to investigate what level of funding is actually needed for *MOW*, as the program is more than just a meal to recipients.

Commissioner Schuster stated that *CelebrateLBL's* silent auction could be a way for different jurisdictions to showcase what is happening locally. The Board had a conversation about different local items each jurisdiction could contribute.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that although it can be difficult for coastal residents to make the trip to the Valley, it would be great to have coastal attendees.

6. Program Update Question and Answers

SDS Program Manager Jennifer Moore stated that information had been received regarding a house appropriations bill had passed, with funding for senior nutrition programs at current levels. The bill passed 28-22. Executive Director Abousleman stated that level funding is actually a cut due to increasing need, and that there was hope for funding to match program growth.

Chair Konopa stated that there should be projections for if funding continues at this level.

SDS Program Manager Randi Moore stated that with the end of the legislative session, SDS is feeling pretty stable with regard to State funding. Medicaid funding is stable, including a small increase for caseload growth, although the increase will be postponed for one FY. SDS Program Manager Randi Moore stated that OCWCOG has been conservative with the Budget, so even with the postponement of funding increases, Medicaid programs are still relatively stable.

SDS Program Manager Randi Moore added that *OPI* and the *OPI* Pilot were both funded at current levels, and that several other projects have also maintained funding. SDS Program Manager Randi Moore stated that SDS is happy with funding outcomes, overall.

Executive Director Abousleman thanked DSAC Vice-Chair Volpe, and SSAC and DSAC for their work and contributions with regard to lobbying for funding.

Mayor Traber stated that he heard the bill funding Oregon Health Plan via a provider tax was being referred to voters.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that with regard to State allocations to various Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), if funding is impacted, all AAAs come together to balance allocations. Hopefully in the end, each AAA ends up with similar allocations to what they had previously, in order to sustain programs. If numbers are too far off, AAAs in various regions support each other.

DSAC Vice-Chair Volpe reiterated that although *OPI* was funded at current levels, it is actually a cut, especially with the aging population and increased need.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that with the absence of CED Director Phil Warnock, he could answer questions pertaining to the CED Program Update.

CED Program Manager Brenda Mainord informed the Board that the application has been submitted to receive funds for the \$600,000 brownfield grant OCWCOG received.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that Loan Officer Sandra Easdale has been catching up the *Cascades West Business Lending (CWBL)* program, after contracts were lost.

Executive Director Aoulosleman clarified that OCWCOG is in second position for lending, meaning that if a client has been denied by a bank, or the bank does not make the full loan, *CWBL* can fund if proper collateral is in place. *CWBL* previously lost nearly \$500,000 in contracts, but is slowly catching up. As banks begin releasing more dollars, this provides less opportunity for *CWBL*.

Commissioner Schuster asked about percentages for *CWBL* loans. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that rates vary, but loans are generally between 3-7%. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that members may be approached by other lenders for loan opportunities, but to please consider *CWBL* as an alternative.

7. Topic of Regional Interest – Solid Sewage Waste Management

Chair Konopa provided the Board a recap of previous Board meetings, as well as the Regional Mayors' Meeting, where solid sewage waste management had been discussed.

Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that OCWCOG has hired an intern, Ryan Ballinger, who will be reaching out to communities to gather information regarding solid sewage waste. Once information has been gathered, it will be presented to the Board for discussion. The second piece of Mr. Ballinger's project will be to explore options for how to process the waste. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) is interested in developing a hydrogen fuel facility, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Western Ecology Lab is potentially interested in a facility that would turn waste in to char, for the purposes of absorbing toxic chemicals. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that once information is gathered, Mr. Ballinger will be exploring means of mitigating costs for solid sewage waste processing, and potentially, options for profit.

Chair Konopa asked if Mr. Ballinger had been in contact with the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) technology lab. Chair Konopa stated that she had taken a tour previously. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that he and CED Director Warnock had attempted to reach out to the DOE, with no results. Chair Konopa stated that she could pass along appropriate contacts.

Councilor Bob Elliott stated that solid sewage waste management is a hot topic throughout the Region, and that Lebanon is having problems with this, as well.

Mayor Smith thanked OCWCOG for working on this project, and stated that Lincoln County mayors had spoken about this issue several times. Mayor Smith stated that if the waste can be used for another purpose, this would be best, and stated that the City of Toledo supports this study.

Commissioner Schuster asked whether Mr. Ballinger has been in communication with sanitation or civil engineers. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that the project is not that far along currently. Commissioner Schuster asked whether these conversations would happen in the future. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that once information is gathered, it will be presented to the Board, and the Board can decide if OCWCOG should continue moving forward in this way.

Councilor Susan Wahlke stated that Lincoln City has purchased a centrifuge, it is currently being installed, and that the goal is for it to be operational by August 1st of this year. The centrifuge will dewater biosolids to create cakes, therefore allowing more to be transported to the landfill, with less volume. Councilor Wahlke stated that the City is considering a \$25 million sewer bond for another centrifuge and dryer, with the intent of producing fertilizer.

Chair Konopa commented that this is a large investment for the City.

Commissioner Schuster asked about the size of the centrifuge. Councilor Wahlke stated that she had not seen it in person, but that she believes it is not more than 20 feet in diameter. Chair Konopa stated that the City of Albany used to have a centrifuge, but it was not enough for the needs of the community.

Commissioner Schuster asked Mayor Traber about whether the sewage waste needs of Corvallis are being met. Mayor Traber stated that he had not heard of problems with putting the waste on fields, but that he needs to find out more information. Mayor Traber stated that he is interested in the hydrogen fuel option, and stated that alternative vehicle fuels could be appropriate.

Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that he would keep the Board apprised of the project's progress.

Executive Director Aoulosleman proposed that for September's Board meeting, he would like to dedicate a day to discussing broadband. He added that broadband connectivity has an emergency preparedness component, and a connectivity component. Lane County (implemented by Lane Council of Governments (LCOG)) is currently working on regional connectivity. The City of Eugene recently won an award from Mozilla® and the EDA, to implement connection speeds upward of 100GB. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that he has been in communication with George Rice, Executive Director of the Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies (iCERT), in hopes that he would be willing to present as well.

Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that he does not want to take up time designated for the Board meeting. He suggested that the day prior to the Board meeting could be designated as a broadband day, with a recap during the Board meeting. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that industry partners, community partners, City/County Managers/Administrators, and the Board would all be invited.

Mayor Traber stated that it would be preferable to have a relatively open invitation, with the intent of discussing more specifics at the Board Meeting.

Commissioner Schuster stated that she would like to invite transportation experts, transit districts, and the economic development district.

Chair Konopa asked whether there will be many campsites around the Scio area during the eclipse. Councilor Nuber stated that three areas will have campsites, with various organizations planning for food options throughout the weekend. Chair Konopa asked what is being done for security. Councilor Nuber stated that extra security has been hired for the entire weekend.

Chair Konopa stated that farmers are opening up their fields for camping outside City limits, but there is concern about lack of security and sanitation facilities. Councilor Nuber stated that Scio has several fields outside of town, with owners renting sites and planning to have live music. Chair Konopa stated that in Linn County, you must get an event license if the event will host more than 500 people. Under that number, there are no compliance requirements.

Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that the federal government discussed the release of \$1 million to Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD) for eclipse efforts. Since then, the offer has been reduced to \$200,000, on the condition of a funding match. Even still, funds are not available for release, and at present, it is nearly too late to plan for use of the funds.

Councilor Nuber stated that Linn County plans to have several Sheriff Deputies on staff at all times, so that they can be checking on campsites.

Chair Konopa stated that the next time the Board would meet would be after the eclipse. Executive Director Abousleman stated that OCWCOG will close its buildings that day. Councilor Elliott stated that Republic Services is also closing that day.

8. Other Business

There was no other business

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Kelley.



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Area Agency on Aging

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Bob Daley, Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) Chair
RE: **SSAC Membership Application**

On Tuesday, September 12, 2017, SSAC met and subsequently approved the recommendation of membership for Ms. Marilyn Winter of Lincoln County. The SSAC requests the approval of membership by the OCWCOG Board of Directors for Ms. Winter.

The SSAC currently has vacancies, and is seeking representatives from Linn and Lincoln Counties.

OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
APPLICATION

Date: 6-04-17

Name: Marilyn Winter

Phone: 541-264-8508 E-mail: - Cell # 503-720-3124

Address: 538 N.E. 60th Ct. Newport, OR 97365

Current and previous activities, interests:

Sack lunch Program for Homeless - through Nazarene Church - Knit Prayer Shawls for Hospital and Church

Leadership responsibilities: _____

Work experience: Business Owner - Director Lincoln County Red Cross -

Other activities/experiences, which relate to senior persons:

Assist Seniors with Ride to Church + Grocery Shopping

Willing to devote an average of 6-8 hours per month on Advisory Council Activities?

YES NO

I have reviewed the job description and I am comfortable with my understanding of the duties.

Marilyn Winter
Signature

At least half of the 25 members of the Advisory Council must be age 60 or older. Please check the items that are applicable:

I am age 60 or over. I am an elected official.

I am an employee of an organization that serves seniors.

I live in a rural area. I have a self indicated disability.

I am a minority.

Any other information you wish to provide to the Membership/Nominating Committee:

PLEASE LIST TWO REFERENCES:

Name: Cheryl Kramer Phone: 541 867 6947

Address: 9709 SE Cedar St South beach, OR 97366

What is your association with this person: Friend

Name: Doris Lamb Phone: 541 961 7741

Address: 644 SW Coast Hwy St J Newport, OR 97365

What is your association with this person: Friend

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) Chair
RE: **DSAC Membership Application**

On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, DSAC approved by email vote the recommendation of membership for Mr. Clark Brean of Linn County. The DSAC requests the approval of membership by the OCWCOG Board of Directors for Mr. Brean.

The DSAC currently has vacancies, and is seeking representatives from Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.



Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG)
Disability Services Advisory Council
Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

DSAC Membership Application

Please provide the following information (Please print)

Name: Clark Brean
Address: 33821 Brewster Rd Lebanon, OR 97355
Daytime Ph# (541) 451-4945
Evening Ph # same
Email: c_s_brean@yahoo.com

Please list your work or volunteer experiences and approximate dates related to working with persons with disabilities; may include both educational as well as personal information.

30 yrs teacher @ HS (1977-2007)
Habitat for Humanity (2001-2005)
Days for Invisible Disabilities (2010-Present)

Describe how the above experiences have impacted or influenced your life as it is today:

Aware of how disabilities can affect quality of life of others

Why would you like to be a member of the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)?

Wife is, Maybe can do some good / help others if Advisory Council is listened to

Please read the following information and indicate your agreement with this commitment by signing your name below:

DSAC membership is a commitment for a two-year term. Attendance is required at DSAC meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and lasts until approximately 2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. I understand and am prepared to make this commitment upon acceptance to the Disability Services Advisory Council.



Signature

Please list two references:

1) Name: Suzanne Breen Phone: (541) 974-0327
E-mail: c_s_breen@yahoo.com

What is/was the nature of your association with this person? Wife

2) Name: Edythe James Phone: (541) 258-2944
E-mail: jamese@peak.org

What is/was the nature of your association with this person? Friend

Please return this application to:
Senior and Disability Services
Attention: Lisa Bennett
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DATE: September 21, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Executive Director Fred Abousleman
RE: **Regional Broadband Summit**

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), the Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD), and the Cascades West Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is hosting an invitation-only *Regional Broadband Summit* for our three-County Region. Below is the invitation.

Regional Broadband Summit

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
1400 Queen Avenue SE, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Albany, OR
Video Conferencing will be available from OCWCOG's Toledo location:
203 N Main Street, Toledo, OR
Register [HERE](#)

OCWCOG, the Cascades West Economic Development District, and the Cascades West Area Agency on Aging are hosting an invitation-only Regional Broadband Summit, as an introductory discussion on connectivity, safety, security, and access opportunities and obstacles for local governments within the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County Region. A panel of industry professionals will present on opportunities and innovations in the Region, State, and nationally.

Panelists will include:

- *Tony Black*, State Chief Technology Officer, State of Oregon
- *David Jones*, Senior Vice President for Mission Critical Partners, Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies (iCERT)
- *Milo Mecham*, Independent Broadband Consultant, Lane County Regional Fiber Consortium
- *George Rice*, Executive Director, iCERT

Following presentations from our panelists, we will have a discussion about local opportunities and obstacles. Representatives from local broadband providers will also be present, to listen and participate in the discussion. We hope that this Summit will begin the process of better understanding a positive direction forward in increased broadband connectivity, if appropriate, within our Region.

There is no cost to attend this event. However, seating is very limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to attend, please register by clicking [HERE](#). Lunch will be provided in both locations.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Fred Abousleman, Executive Director
RE: ***CelebrateLBL Awards Nominations Information***

At *CelebrateLBL* dinner in November, OCWCOG will be presenting six awards for the following categories. Board members are asked to pick one winner from the nominees listed below. Nominations are included in the following pages for all by the Chair’s Award. Category descriptions are below.

Award	Nominee
Chair’s Award	
Citizen of the Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Dunn • Wendy Kirbey • Larry Mullins • David Price
Community Partner or Business of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyrica Network, Inc. • Brooks Foundation • da Vinci Days
MOW Volunteer of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgiann Jones (posthumously)
Project of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albany’s Historic Carousel and Museum • Brownsville, Harrisburg, and Millersburg Improved Relationship with Linn County Sheriff’s Office • Lincoln County’s A Tour ‘To Die For’ • Port of Toledo
Volunteer of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Caughey • Jini Nelson

Citizen of the Region

This award will recognize an exceptional citizen of our tri-County Region who has proven to be a community leader, role model, trend setter, or visionary, or who possesses other demonstrable qualities that set them and their work apart. The award is not intended for political activism or engagement.

Community Partner or Business of the Year

The nominee will be a non-governmental organization (a non-profit, college, university, private or public company, or a subsidiary therein) that has demonstrated a commitment to bettering the lives of residents of our tri-County Region and/or has shown a commitment to growing the economy, and/or helping strengthen our communities; is a proven leader in their field; and demonstrates partnership, collaboration, and innovation.

Project of the Year

A nomination for *Project of the Year* can be of almost any type: planning, research, program, study, physical infrastructure (transportation, public safety, health, water, sewer, broadband, etc.), or implementation of a new system or process. The Project must be innovative, of community significance, and demonstrate how a community will be better because of it. The Project will be replicable, and demonstrate a commitment of community partners, other jurisdictions (if applicable), and collaboration.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer of the Year

In the spirit of this Annual Dinner being a fundraiser for the *Meals on Wheels* program, OCWCOG will recognize one exemplary *Meals on Wheels* Volunteer of the Year. This Volunteer Award will recognize an individual who has given of themselves above and beyond for our seniors and persons with disabilities in our communities. This Volunteer will also have a demonstrated community spirit, giving, and selflessness.

Volunteer of the Year

OCWCOG's Volunteer of the Year will recognize an individual who has given of themselves above and beyond. This individual will demonstrate community spirit, giving, and selflessness.

Citizen of the Region – Ms. Sandra Dunn, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

City of Yachats

Why are you nominating this person?

Sandra (Sandy) Dunn is recognized by very many in the Yachats community as a leader, role model and visionary, who served with distinction on the Yachats City Council from 2009-2017. She also acted as President of the Yachats Ladies Club from 2007-2016, chair of the Yachats Coordinated Marketing Committee, was an integral part of the Lincoln County Transportation Advisory Committee and currently serves as President of Friends of the Yachats Library.

What makes this person's work outstanding?

Sandy approaches every situation with a calm and deliberative manner. She listens with an open mind, does her own research, then presents a balanced and measured proposal for resolution. That is not to say that she does not have her own opinion - she does. Her first response is to get the facts, analyze the effects, then look for a consensus. In the rare event that this approach fails, she will stay true to her principles, and take a stand, even if it is different from others. Sandy is generous with her time and talents, and her straightforward communication is characteristically tempered with humor and kindness.

What makes this person an exemplary regional citizen or volunteer?

Sandy Dunn is well-known and respected throughout our community and Lincoln County, because of her tireless work with agencies, non-profits and the public in general. She volunteered to represent the City on the Lincoln County Transportation Advisory Committee, working towards connecting bus service all the way from Lincoln City to Florence. As a City Council member, she took on the daunting assignment of identifying the availability of sites for affordable housing and searching for funding and investors to address a crucial need. When a fund raiser for the Florence Events Center invited artist participation, Sandy helped raise funds to purchase the fiberglass sea lion statue named "Portia", painted by a Yachats artist, that now welcomes visitors to the city. Her first year as Ladies Club President, a devastating storm badly damaged the Club building, and Sandy led the charge to raise funds and re-store the meeting place. Whether she is heading up the Yachats Ladies Club pie baking events that draw people from miles around, or patiently explaining the nuances of a City ordinance, Sandy shares her knowledge and experience to connect people and causes.

Please provide a short bio on the career or life of this nominee.

Following a lengthy federal government career in Alaska, Sandy moved to Yachats and made it her own. She brought her unique skills and qualities, and a passion for uniting people behind projects that served the greater good. In 2007, she was elected as the 43rd President of the Yachats Ladies Club and was thrust into leading the Club building re-habilitation, after a huge winter storm nearly destroyed it. She gathered volunteers for carpentry, wiring, painting, plumbing - even cooking lunch for workers. Sandy had an unflinching perseverance in ensuring the service tradition of the 80-year-old club survived and carried on, and was honored as 2008 Volunteer of the Year by her fellow members. Her eight years as a Yachats City Council member included work in connecting Yachats with Florence by extending bus service; identifying the need and inventorying the sites for additional housing; participating on task forces for development of City properties and functions; and doggedly reminding everyone that the City needs a new welcoming sign at the south city limits. She continues to serve as President of Friends of the Yachats Library, a member of Polly Plumb Productions (a local nonprofit) and Yachats Ladies Club. She contributes a news column to the City's monthly newsletter, as well as proofreading each edition, as a favor. Yachats thrives on volunteerism, and Sandy has been always at the head of the parade.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

No

Citizen of the Region – Ms. Wendy Kirbey, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Historic Carousel & Museum

Why are you nominating this person?

Wendy's vision to bring a community carousel to Albany, Oregon, was a wonderful vision, but it was just a vision. That is, until she began to act upon that dream and rally citizens with a variety of talents and backgrounds to come together and create something spectacular for everyone to share. Wendy's patience, perseverance and just plain hard work, over the course of 15 years, resulted in the acquisition of a historic carousel mechanism and the construction of a beautiful building in which to house the artful attraction for young and old. In years to come, this building and the music, art, and fun it contains will be an Albany landmark. The Carousel opened to the public on August 15, 2017, and is already serving as a catalyst for new businesses and investment in Albany's historic downtown. It will continue to serve as an anchor for commerce, community and art at the confluence of two rivers, similar to the city of Albany itself. The carousel is destined to add life to the heart of Albany, providing opportunities for fun for Albany's residents and visitors.

Individuals stand out as citizens due to their efforts to contribute to their communities, and to their unique contributions to make those communities better places to live. Despite facing numerous obstacles and setbacks, Wendy persevered to succeed in this mission. The City and the region have benefited from her efforts, and will continue to benefit from the Albany Carousel for decades to come. Wendy richly deserves recognition as Citizen of the Region for 2017.

What makes this person's work outstanding?

Wendy was the driving force behind this monumental effort. She applied her energy, enthusiasm, and skill to pull together the myriad requisite components. With characteristic humility, she recognized that a project of this magnitude would require hundreds of volunteers, numerous contractors, and much public support. She sought collaborative and productive engagement with government agencies, non-profits, and business groups, recognizing that their input and support were essential to the project's success. She was able to appeal to decision makers, donors, and the many and diverse downtown stakeholders, to let them know how this project would enhance livability and promote economic growth. Ready and willing to accommodate changes to the plan when necessary, or advocate for retaining important elements of the plan, she was able to ensure that the plan remained viable. She communicated the plan, and inspired others to support it.

Her success was due in no small part to her ability to "let loose the reins", allowing others to bring their skills to the table; from world-renowned artisans, architects, attorneys, storytellers, politicians, merchandisers and marketers to the oldest and youngest of volunteers. The broad spectrum of talents that came to this project demonstrates Wendy's skills in communication, fostering cooperation, and sheer determination. The old carousel's original home was not Albany, but the effort to bring it to the region will itself become part of Albany's history.

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Please provide a short bio on the career or life of this nominee.

Wendy Kirbey is the Board President for the Albany Carousel. She is also a member of the Friends of the Library, volunteers with Albany's Budget Committee, is a past Altrusa member and a former President of Albany's Downtown Association. She was born in Eugene, Oregon, graduated from Triangle Lake High School, and attended both Clark College in Vancouver, Washington and Linn Benton College in Albany.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Citizen of the Region – Dr. Larry Mullins, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Samaritan Health Services

Why are you nominating this person?

I am nominating Larry Mullins because he has had such a tremendous impact on Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties during his 25-year tenure as President/CEO of Samaritan Health Services. During this time, he led the formation of the regional health system, aligning five previously free-standing community hospitals and physician groups, and employment has grown from several hundred at each hospital to more than 5,000 today. The system has also been recognized regionally and nationally for quality, as well as Oregon's Healthiest Employer for those with 1500 or more employees. It also serves as an exemplary major employer, providing family-wage jobs and investing generously in support of community health initiatives throughout the region.

Larry would make an excellent candidate for this inaugural award.

What makes this person's work outstanding?

The work is outstanding because it has consistently reflected best practices in the health care industry as well as progressive concepts such as the SamFit Fitness centers in multiple communities (open 24/7 and with personal health coaching and group class) and the SAM (Samaritan Athletic Medicine) facility on the OSU campus.

When Mullins was hired in 1992 as the CEO of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis, the organization that is now Samaritan Health Services did not exist. Five years later, as health care costs and challenges continued to grow, Mullins helped lead a five-year process that brought together the region's five free-standing community hospitals to form Samaritan Health Services. Today, system comprises hospitals, physicians and health plans.

During Mullins' tenure, Samaritan experienced tremendous growth and development including the establishment of a multi-disciplinary Health Sciences Campus in Lebanon that includes a medical school (operated by Pomona-based Western University of Health Sciences), Linn-Benton Community College's new Health Occupations building, a hotel and conference center, SamFit Fitness facility, medical office buildings and several other businesses. Samaritan also earned national accreditation to serve as a training site for physician residents, with nearly 200 doctors now completing the final phase of medical training at Samaritan-affiliated facilities.

In addition, a number of new clinical programs were established to allow residents to receive care closer to home, including cardio-vascular surgery, neurosurgery, inpatient mental health, comprehensive cancer care and integrative medicine. In partnership with Oregon State University, Samaritan built a sports medicine center on campus that provides physical rehabilitation services and specialized sports performance programs for the university and general community.

What makes this person an exemplary regional citizen or volunteer?

Larry connects with people. He is always open to new ideas to help others and to maintain and improve the system. And, his efforts go beyond his work. He is community minded and philanthropic. Contributions to the Mullins Charitable Funds benefit health-related endeavors at Samaritan and throughout the region. In addition, the Mullins Endowed Scholarship (established by the Samaritan board of directors in recognition of Mullins earning a doctorate degree in health care administration) supports students pursuing careers in health care.

Please provide a short bio on the career or life of this nominee.

Larry A. Mullins, DHA, serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Samaritan Health Services, an integrated system of hospitals, physicians, health plans and other health operations in Oregon.

A veteran of the US Marine Corps, Dr. Mullins served in South Vietnam with the 26th Marine Regiment and the 1st.

Dr. Mullins is an active community leader. He received the 1996 Robert C. Ingalls Business Person of the Year award from the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, the 1997 MacEachern CEO Award from the Public Relations Society of America, and the 2001 Newcomer Executive of the Year award from the American Academy of Medical Administrators. He was recognized by the American Hospital Association as one of its 2007 Grassroots Champions. The Oregon Health Forum honored Dr. Mullins with its Lifetime Leadership Award in 2008. In 2011, he was named Business Leader of the Year by the Lebanon, (Ore.) Chamber of Commerce.

Professionally, Dr. Mullins has achieved the designation of Diplomate in Healthcare Administration from the American Academy of Medical Administrators (AAMA). He is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE), and has served as Regent and as Oregon Chapter President. He received the ACHE Regent Award for the State of Oregon in 2014. Dr. Mullins is a past chair of the Oregon Association of Hospitals & Healthcare Systems (OAHHS) and of the Health Systems Governance Council of the American Hospital Association (AHA). He currently serves on the Leadership Committee of the Governing Council of the AHA and is a member of AHA's Regional Policy Board 9. He also serves on the boards of the Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation and the Oregon Health Leadership Council.

Dr. Mullins received a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University, a Master's degree from Northern Arizona University, and a Doctor of Health Administration degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. The topic of his doctoral dissertation was organizational change and crisis leadership. He was awarded an honorary degree from Linn-Benton Community College in 2007 and a Doctor of Humane Letters from Western University of Health Sciences in 2008. In 2009, Dr. Mullins received the Dwight Patterson Alumnus of the Year award from the Northern Arizona University Alumni Association. He is an Adjunct Faculty member in the College of Health & Human Sciences at Oregon State University and serves on the Leadership Council of the College of Health and Human Services at Northern Arizona University. He is a Professorial Lecturer at George Washington University in the Department of Health Services Management and Leadership. He has published articles on integrated health networks, health care reform, and hospital/physician relations.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Citizen of the Region – Mr. David Price, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Oregon Coast Community College Small Business Development Center

Why are you nominating this person?

I am nominating Dave Price because of his ongoing commitment to his community and civic pride going back to 1996 when he was editor and publisher of the local newspaper, The News Guard, in Lincoln City. His unflagging optimism generates excitement in others. He deserves this award because of his range of activities and accomplishments, from entrepreneurship to media to marketing and finally, the directorship of the Small Business Development Center of Oregon Coast Community College, where he puts all he has learned into helping the business community.

What makes this person's work outstanding?

Dave's work is outstanding in many ways. Other than the range of accomplishments, he is always concerned with excellence in everything he takes on. He has completely kept up with the social media component of business and has transformed the way the SBDC trains businesses in marketing. His work led the Oregon Coast Community College to put him in charge of community (non-credit) education, working with their foundation, and other tasks. He puts out the catalog and is in charge of the web and marketing materials for the college – all on top of running the SBDC, and with a smile.

What makes this person an exemplary regional citizen or volunteer?

I can truly say that Dave is an exemplary regional citizen and volunteer. He serves on Boards for organizations that are important to the business climate such as Buy Local Lincoln County, the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary, as well as organizations for youth and animals. What is exemplary is that he is listed as either a founder, a charter member or a former president for almost all of them. He takes the extra step of leadership in every situation. He is an "idea person" who inspires others to join in and then continue the work. It is remarkable that he is doing all this while still in the stage of life of raising a family – who also have their own achievements and excellence.

Please provide a short bio on the career or life of this nominee.

The nominee is currently the Director of the Small Business Development Center of Oregon Coast Community College and is on the directors team of the college. He also teaches marketing, does budgeting, writes grants and more. Before that his career at the coast was in media, running two major newspapers for Lincoln County, i.e., The News Guard and Oregon Coast Today (which he started, ran, and sold). He has a Masters of Business Administration from Oregon State University. He has received a number of honors for his career and volunteer activities from the local area, such as "Man of the Year" and Small Business of the Year, Lincoln City. He has been an advocate for his college in Salem and is a valued advisor to State Representative Gomberg. As a highly skilled professional and dedicated community activist, his impact covers the length of Lincoln County and it is time for him to become the Citizen of the Region.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Community Partner or Business of the Year – Alyrica Networks Inc., Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Alyrica Networks Inc.

What type of project is this?

High Speed Fiber Optic Network

Where is this project located?

Halsey, OR

What makes this project unique?

Halsey is a tiny, rural community with no access to speedy internet. Currently our choices are slow DSL and Satellite. Alyrica is investing time and resources to run a high speed fiber optic network in the whole city.

What are or will be the outcomes?

A new way to support existing businesses, a great benefit in attracting new businesses -- this is a huge investment in bringing infrastructure to a small rural town made by a small semi local business. It will help Halsey grow and be viable into the future.

What makes it replicable?

Halsey is the first but not the last. If this model works, Alyrica may be looking for their next project. At the same time, this model could be used for partnerships between other utility companies and small cities. In a time when infrastructure is increasingly a challenge for cities to fund, and public grant money is decreasing, partnerships between public and private entities may forge a path to move forward for the benefit of all.

How will it make your community(s) better?

A modern amenity for citizens who live here, increasing the livability and potential growth of the city. It will open up economic opportunities, both for small home grown businesses and for larger office, retail, or industrial companies.

What is a (short) history of the project?

Alyrica approached Halsey in 2015. They made a franchise agreement with the City, and began running fiber in 2016. The project is expected to take 2-3 years. They are preparing to hook up households on the west side of Halsey.

Who is the sponsor and/or how was the project funded?

Alyrica funded the project.

How has the project made the community better?

People see growth coming to Halsey along with a new amenity.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Community Partner or Business of the Year – Brooks Foundation, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Brooks Foundation

What type of project is this?

The nominee, Brooks Foundation, is a small nonprofit foundation that gives financial aid to single parents who need emergency support. The creators of the family foundation, Sam and Margaret Brooks, live in Yachats, Oregon.

Where is this project located?

The recipients of support from this foundation could live anywhere. The family lives in both Portland and Yachats, and because of the personal touch that is required by them, their outreach goes to the central coast to raise awareness of this assistance. Yachats, Oregon

What makes this project unique?

This nonprofit has many aspects that make it unique. The process is very quick and easy because Margaret Brooks is the decision maker. Their services are accessed by referral from any non-profit or government agency identifying an emergency need. They respond to an email describing the emergency as quickly as possible, review it, follow up, and pay the landlord, phone company, or other vendors on behalf of the family.

What are or will be the outcomes?

The outcomes of this nonprofit are not splashy and news-breaking. They ease the burden one by one. By working through a referring agency, they try to empower individuals and get them better equipped. Their goal is for a parent to be a good provider for their children. They see themselves as connecting donors with the forgotten disadvantaged, and seek to reduce racism and discrimination by reducing stigma through public awareness and education.

What makes it replicable?

The foundation has created a very simple model that uses community agencies to connect them with the forgotten disadvantaged. The model described above could be replicated by anyone with the desire to use it in their philanthropy or suggest it to someone with the means to carry it out.

How will it make your community(s) better?

The Brooks Foundation is an example of how a person can make a direct impact on another person's life. One by one the Brooks' have helped single parents through emergencies and the accumulated effect can be very significant in the small towns of the Oregon Coast. They also seek to raise awareness among other agencies and nonprofits about the "forgotten disadvantaged."

What is a (short) history of the project?

Sam Brooks is a prominent businessman with a long career in the Portland area. He built on his success by starting the Oregon Association for Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) and ran that organization with its many activities to help minority and women-owned businesses. Sam and Margaret Brooks moved to Yachats more than ten years ago where they now spend most of their time as Sam gradually retires. Margaret Brooks personally handles every aspect of the foundation and there is literally zero overhead. All funds go to people in need.

Who is the sponsor and/or how was the project funded?

See above paragraph. It was begun with the personal wealth of the Brooks family and has grown from there as more people find out and wish to become involved by contributing to the foundation.

How has the project made the community better?

The Brooks family has created this foundation without a lot of fanfare. They are quietly making a big difference by filling a niche of responding to emergency situations that single parent households find

themselves in. They are nimble and can act quickly. They are a great example of “start where you are” and “do what you can”. This example shows how a small, barely visible project can actually be a huge success. It is very deserving of some recognition for the Brooks family and their foundation.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Community Partner or Business of the Year – da Vinci Days, Inc., Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

da Vinci Days, Inc.

What type of project is this?

Annual Festival

Where is this project located?

Corvallis, Oregon

What makes this project unique?

This is a community-driven event, highlighting the components that make Corvallis and Benton county unique: the intersection of a thriving arts and culture scene, emerging technology, higher education, high-level community engagement, and a focus on local and sustainable industries.

What are or will be the outcomes?

da Vinci Days is a source of community pride and engagement; focusing on inclusion and family-friendly entertainment. The festival will advance the connection that Leonardo da Vinci fostered – the intersection of the arts and scientific innovation. da Vinci Days inspires young people to complete their education with early age learning and involvement in the arts and sciences.

What makes it replicable?

A long history of support from citizens, government, and local businesses will allow da Vinci Days to continue producing a memorable and worthwhile event.

How will it make your community(s) better?

Providing free, family-friendly entertainment and educational resources, da Vinci Days is a unique event that connects with all demographics.

What is a (short) history of the project?

da Vinci Days began in 1988 and ran for 25 years. After taking a 3-year hiatus to focus on priorities and sustainability, the event came back in 2016 with a small but clear focus on STEAM-centered events, and was favorably received by the community. With great cooperation and support from Oregon State University, Hewlett Packard, the City of Corvallis, Benton County, Linn Benton Community College, and local vendors, the 2017 festival was an even bigger success.

Who is the sponsor and/or how was the project funded?

The festival is funded entirely through sponsorship and in-kind donations. Major sponsors include OSU, HP, City of Corvallis, and Benton County.

How has the project made your regional community better?

The festival serves as a local source of pride, a draw for tourism, and a venue for collaboration between citizens, government, local artists and musicians, regional food and beverage purveyors, local industry and higher education.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

***Meals on Wheels* Volunteer of the Year – Ms. Georgiann Jones, Nominee**

What organization is this nominee from?

Meals on Wheels

Why are you nominating this person?

Georgiann went above and beyond caring about the *Meals on Wheels* consumers that she delivered to.

What makes this person's work outstanding?

Georgiann did birthday cards for the dining room and *Meals on Wheels* delivery consumers. Every holiday she did paper and candy crafts for everyone including the other volunteers. The homebound consumers loved her because she truly cared about each one of them and took the time to talk to them and help fill out food reservation sheets and listen to their stories. She was also a shoulder to cry on when their relatives passed away.

What makes this person an exemplary regional citizen or volunteer?

Georgiann started bringing her grandson William when he was just a baby. He was our youngest volunteer. He worked with her until he started first grade and knew how to do the job well and the consumers loved to see him. Her other grandchildren also followed in his footsteps. Neal, her husband would ride with her and when she worked for me her son Billy would do dishes when no one else was available. Georgiann was an American Legion Auxiliary treasurer here in Brownsville, a class volunteer at Central Linn Elementary. A backup Site Manager for *Meals on Wheels*, S. Linn. She was an avid scrapbook person and loved to swim for exercise.

Please provide a short bio on the career or life of this nominee.

She grew up in California and moved to Oregon. Her career was doing payroll but her favorite thing to be was a doting grandma.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

No

Project of- the Year – Albany’s Historic Carousel & Museum, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Historic Carousel & Museum

What type of project is this?

Combines historic preservation with arts and culture to contribute to downtown revitalization.

Where is this project located?

Downtown Albany

What makes this project unique?

The Carousel project brought together world-renowned artisans, architects, attorneys, storytellers, politicians, merchandisers and marketers. It united the oldest and youngest of volunteers from the community. Since the mid 19th century, this region has seen the growth of commerce in agriculture, timber, specialty metals and more. Throughout that time, contributions have been made to the livability of the region with the establishment of public libraries and schools, award-winning entertainment, nationally-recognized museums and wonderful restaurants. The Albany Carousel project has similarly contributed to enriching the lives of those who live in the region by bringing color, energy, music, and light, and will continue to do so for decades to come. The completion of this project, 15 years in the making, provides a fitting opportunity to recognize its innovation, significance, and extraordinary value to the community.

What are or will be the outcomes?

The Carousel will become an Albany landmark. It has already become a catalyst for new businesses and investment downtown. It opened on August 15, 2017, sheltered by the new building built to protect and showcase its beautiful handiwork, and is already an anchor for commerce, community and art. The Carousel adds new life to the heart of Albany, providing fun opportunities for the region’s residents, and enhancing experiences of visitors to the mid-Willamette Valley region.

The Albany Carousel project has brought color, energy, music, and light, and will continue to do so for decades to come.

What makes it replicable?

It inspires other audacious acts of preservation and development of the arts by demonstrating the power of community.

How will it make your community(s) better?

See outcomes above.

What is a (short) history of the project?

In 2002, a grass roots effort began, with its aim to build a carousel in historic downtown Albany, Oregon. As interest in the project grew, so did its volunteer and donation base. It became apparent that the process itself would be just as important as a finished carousel, bringing community members from all walks of life together for a common vision: To enchant young and old alike with the finest carousel in the world, to promote the artistry of carousel building by sharing skills and talents, and to build community by opening the venue to events and activities.

Patience, perseverance and just plain hard work, over the course of 15 years, resulted in the acquisition of a historic carousel mechanism, its complete restoration and the construction of a beautiful building in which to house the artful attraction for young and old. The carousel itself was located dismantled and in complete disrepair in 2003, when descendants of its maker donated it to the Albany project.

Who is the sponsor and/or how was the project funded?

The project was the vision of Ms. Wendy Kirbey (nominated separately for Citizen of the Region), but Wendy would be the first to acknowledge the fact that hundreds of supporters and volunteers were needed to make the project a success. Funds came from a variety of sources including many individual donors.

How has the project made your regional community better?

see outcomes above

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Project of the Year – Brownsville, Harrisburg, Millersburg Improved Relationship with Linn County Sheriff's Office, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Cities of Harrisburg, Brownsville, and Millerburg, and Linn County Sheriff's Office

Why are you nominating this person?

These three men, Brownsville City Administrator Scott McDowell, Harrisburg City Administrator Brian Latta, and Millerburg Mayor Jim Lepin joined forces to vastly improve the relationship with the Linn County Sheriff's Office for services for contract cities in the county. The result has been a common contract form, much better communication, and improved services and reporting from the Sheriff's Office.

What makes this person's work outstanding?

See above.

What makes this person an exemplary regional citizen or volunteer?

All for, including Sheriff Riley, have proven farsighted in working jointly to improve law enforcement in our small towns.

Please provide a short bio on the career or life of this nominee.

I can try to collect this later if they receive the award.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Project of- the Year – Lincoln County’s A Tour ‘To Die For’, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Ed Dreistadt is from the Lincoln City VCB, Anne Hall from the North Lincoln Historical Museum

What type of project is this?

"A Tour to Die For" is a tourism and new event in Lincoln City.

Where is this project located?

The North Lincoln County Historical Museum, the Taft Pioneer Center and the Lincoln City Cultural Center.

What makes this project unique?

Taft Cemetery, resting place for many of Lincoln City's pioneers, is on a hilltop overlooking the Pacific Ocean. One of the tombstones there proclaims "A view to die for." The North Lincoln County Historical Museum has an ongoing oral history program that for years has documented the stories of Lincoln City's pioneers, many of whom are in their own words. Theater West in Lincoln City has been putting on live productions for the past 42 years and has a large cast of veteran actors. These three entities combined forces literally to bring Lincoln City's past to life. The stories collected by the Museum were given to actors at Theater West who them into characters who were stationed in Pioneer Cemetery during two weekends leading up to Halloween. The result was "A Tour to Die For." Guest went on lantern-lit, night time walking tours of the cemetery. There they met six pioneers, three men and three women, at their gravesites. These historical figures recounted their life and times. The tour began at the Lincoln City Cultural Center with cookies and hot chocolate. Guests then boarded a van (donated by transportation partner Chinook Winds Casino Resort) for their trip to Pioneer Cemetery. Along the way they heard Native American stories, including the legend of Devils Lake.

What are or will be the outcomes?

A "Tour to Die For" created a major new tourism attraction in Lincoln City, increasing room night sales during the Halloween season.

What makes it replicable?

All cities have a history. By using local organizations with ties to that history, a City or region can bring together organizations in a fun way that promotes the community.

How will it make your community(s) better?

This project successfully combines the extensive resources of the three non-profit partners in order to preserve the history of North Lincoln County, assist in the restoration and maintenance of Pioneer Cemetery and enhance Theater West's ability to create and present live theater.

What is a (short) history of the project?

The Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) acted as an incubator for A Tour to Die For, providing seed money and marketing support. The VCB developed the logo, professional graphics, the mini-site, a public relations campaign and advertising creative. The North Lincoln County Historical Museum was responsible for the historical research, draft narratives for the cemetery residents, coordination of partner resources, collection and disbursement of ticket revenue and was the alternative venue in case of inclement weather. The Pioneer Cemetery Association provided permanent cemetery resident identification, the primary venue for the event and the coordination of venue operations. Theater West provided script writing, historic interpretation, actor training workshop, actors, costumes, props, interpretive tour guides and volunteer support. Ticket sales were made on-line and each night was sold out.

Who is the sponsor and/or how was the project funded?

The Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau and it was funded by a grant from the Lincoln City VCB and ticket sales.

How has the project made your regional community better?

Two years ago the implemented a new event program wherein the City through the VCB will help organizations identify and create events. The intent is for the VCB to help outside agencies create new events. The first year the VCB staff is very involved in the operation and their role diminishes in subsequent years as the outside organization take over the management of the event. A Tour to Die for is an example of one of the events created using this method. A Tour to Die for brought several groups together, created a very successful event and these groups have now taken on future planning and operation of the event.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Project of- the Year – Port of Toledo, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

Port of Toledo

What type of project is this?

The project is an expansion of a shipyard at the Port of Toledo. This boatyard was purchased by the Port, and underwent a complete overhaul over the past several years, a multi-million dollar investment. The expansion project includes: purchase of a new mobile vessel lift, construction of new piers for the lift, a new washdown pad, site reconstruction to accommodate the weight of vessels and lift, relocation of utilities in order to remove power poles, construction of a covered work shed, and construction of a new office and restrooms.

Where is this project located?

Toledo, Oregon. The boatyard is about 11 nautical miles up Yaquina Bay from the ocean.

What makes this project unique?

This project is unique for the state of Oregon. Where else but in Oregon do you have a boatyard that has been designed and carried out to the highest environmental standards? The companies that serve the fishing fleet are innovators, such as Yaquina Boatworks, which has revolutionized the cabins of fishing vessels for the newest high tech equipment. The boatyard provides workspace for outside marine vendors. It provides the platform for growth of those small businesses. It works with them and does not compete with them. The new environmental building will be state of the art, will fully contain all operations (such as painting), and will allow routine maintenance to be done in inclement weather, which coincides with breaks in the fishing seasons, thereby eliminating weather-related delays. Having a female in charge of the boatyard may also make it unique.

What are or will be the outcomes?

The outcomes of this project are already visible. The brand new boat lift is able to set large vessels in a dry dock where work can be done all over the boat. It is comparable to facilities in Seattle and major shipping ports. More boats are able to use the facility simultaneously as its capacity grows. This project provides key infrastructure to the region's commercial and scientific industries. By equipping the region with a lift capable of hauling out vessels up to 660 tons, Oregon will remain competitive in the large vessel repair marketplace. Public benefits include economic growth, job retention and creation, wave energy research, and environmental upgrades.

What makes it replicable?

A replicable aspect of the project is the level of cooperation across boundaries. The Port of Newport has always been in complete accord with Port of Toledo as they both strive to provide a complete suite of services for the commercial fishing industry. Community support was demonstrated throughout the build-out phase through letters of support and testimony. The way the port used their own personnel first, then tried to use local contractors when contracting out the work is replicable. The careful and methodical steps they took in doing a business plan, followed by a facilities plan, and doing it in phases, are worthy of replication.

How will it make your community(s) better?

The expanded boatyard creates quality jobs in an economically distressed community. The boatyard is especially making an effort to reach out to the scientific community and to work on research vessels. They now have a working relationship with OSU Ship Operations and NOAA. The project will retain the Yaquina fleet's maintenance budget in the local economy in addition to attracting vessels from the South Pacific to the Bering Sea. They are already planning on how to house foreign crews while they get the work done. They are also upgrading the environment at the same time as they expand from the state it was in before.

What is a (short) history of the project?

The Boatyard Expansion Plan was developed through the Port of Toledo's 2013 Strategic Business Plan, which identified the need to expand the Port of Toledo's newly acquired boatyard. The Strategic Business Plan was developed through a public planning process to ensure project readiness and included stakeholder meetings, interview sessions, site visits and tours, progress meetings, open houses, as well as review and analysis of available Port data and market analysis.

In late 2014, the Port received grant funding and began the first phase, the lift purchase and pier construction. In 2015 the new piers were constructed and utility lines relocated. In 2016 the power poles were removed, the upland work areas rebuilt, a new washdown pad was built, and a brand new 660 ton mobile lift was placed into service.

The next phase, already underway, is construction of a large Environmental Work Building described earlier. The metal building will be constructed to accommodate the largest vessels hauled out in the boatyard. It is unusual, and very forward-looking, to have this large a vessel in a building. The building's preliminary design is for a 75' by 150' metal building with a 90' height to accommodate the lift and vessel. The building will include systems to control the interior environmental conditions, including a heated floor and filtered ventilation system, providing efficient painting and sandblasting of vessels, as well as a recovery system in order to recover and recycle spent sandblast media. The building will fully contain hazardous maintenance operations.

Who is the sponsor and/or how was the project funded?

The Port of Toledo is the owner of the boatyard. Its staff and board made it happen after they agreed to purchase the property after it lay derelict for many years. The funding for this ambitious project took several forms; first, it took sweat equity. The staff at the port is multiskilled and their labor was used for some of the building, site preparation and the like. Secondly, loans and grants were obtained after a detailed business plan was developed for this project. The Port received funding through ConnectOregon V and Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority. The grants that were necessary were gained with letters of support and testimony from all across Lincoln County and beyond. Small grants of support were forthcoming from within Lincoln County. Current income from other port operations was also used to defray the costs.

How has the project made your regional community better?

Just last week Governor Brown made a special trip to visit the Port of Toledo Boatyard. This reflects on statewide significance. It is busy and has customers waiting in line to use the facility. Repairs and upgrades on a fishing boat are huge investments that have a spillover effect on the entire coastal economy. The facility attracts a highly skilled workforce and creates a demand for training in marine specialties as well as basic carpentry, metalwork, etc. Employment opportunities are going to continue to grow. Finally, it draws attention to Toledo and Lincoln County in a favorable light. Articles have been written about this success. TV shows such as the "Deadliest Catch" feature our fishing fleet, which brings attention to the fishing industry.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes

Volunteer of the Year – Mike Caughey, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

City of Harrisburg

Why are you nominating this person?

Mike has served on the City Council since 2012. As a small city all council and committee members are volunteers. Mike goes above and beyond normal council duties to be involved with all city events and volunteers countless hours in addition to his elected official duties. He shows great pride in our city and strives to show this to everyone he meets.

What makes this person's work outstanding?

Mike takes the time to listen and research all aspects of a project or task. He brings energy and enthusiasm to the table and goes above and beyond to make sure everyone is included, understands, and has an opportunity to share their thoughts.

What makes this person an exemplary regional citizen or volunteer?

He works tirelessly to make our city the best place it can be. Whether it's promoting a community garden, helping an individual connect to resources, or in his official duty at as a City councilor. If something needs to happen Mike will make sure it does. He befriends everyone he meets, provides an ear to listen to city employees and citizens a like to help them with questions or concerns they may have.

Please provide a short bio on the career or life of this nominee.

Mike and Kay Caughey moved to Harrisburg in 2011. Mike was appointed to a vacant position on the City Council in November 2012 but also won the election that November to serve on the city council starting in January 2013. Mike is our council president, he has also served on the personnel committee and government committee for the City of Harrisburg.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

No

Volunteer of the Year – Jini Nelson, Nominee

What organization is this nominee from?

City of Brownsville, Linn County Museum, etc.

Why are you nominating this person?

For her many years of volunteer services to the city and the county.

What makes this person's work outstanding?

She has been involved for many years (35?) in various ways and always with total dedication.

What makes this person an exemplary regional citizen or volunteer?

For over 30 years Jini has been working for the good of the community through the Moyer House, the Pioneer Park, Brownsville Rec Center, Linn County Historical Museum, and much more.

Please provide a short bio on the career or life of this nominee.

For visitors to Brownsville two of the most popular historic sites are the Linn County Historical Museum and the Moyer House. Over the years one person stands out from among the many who have made these two locations very special. Both are a part of the Linn County Parks Department. Jini Nelson has done the following for the Museum and Moyer House:

1. Served for 15 years on the Museum's Resources Commission. One of their accomplishments was the barn survey for Linn County, identifying over 100 historic barns around the county.
2. Serves as the Coordinator of the Carriage Me Back event held the first Saturday and Sunday in June to raise funds for the Moyer House. She has provided the leadership role since the first one held in 1988. She assures there are local actors, that they write their scripts for each room of the Moyer House, that appropriate costumes are available to the actors, and she also has been an actor each year. Asking anyone about the event and Jini will be recognized as the most important person who makes sure it happens.
3. Is currently the manager of the Museum's book store, a role she filled for many years in the past and has taken the duties up again.
4. She is responsible for organizing and cataloging original photos and documents and has been doing so since approximately 1985.
5. She was one of nine local citizens who moved the museum items for the earlier location on Spaulding Avenue to the current location. She not only helped move items, she helped build the exhibits. She says she was a worker bee for Oscar Holt, who built many of the displays.
6. She makes and distributes the signs placed on historic homes and building in Brownsville, identifying the year of construction and the original family involved.
7. She has worked on painting the exterior of the Moyer House three times. She says they had 60 volunteers during one of the years. She is currently leading the interior restoration by refurbishing of each room of the Moyer House with the original wall paper, ceiling designs and other historic details. She not only leads the work parties, but she does the grunt work alongside of others. Only one rooms remains to complete this effort.

Other volunteer work includes:

1. Pioneer Park improvements since 1981, when she assisted her now deceased husband, Bill "Ace" Nelson. They helped set up the playground equipment, did repair work, and otherwise worked with other volunteers and the city crews in keeping the Park viable.
2. She set up the original Information Booth at Pioneer Picnic, the oldest ongoing celebration in Oregon. She organized the booth in 1981 and continues serve as one of the volunteers there each year on the third weekend of June.
3. She and "Ace" ran the Easter Egg Hunt each year in Pioneer Park, and until recently was on hand to help out at the event.
4. She served on the Brownsville Planning Commission for 16 years beginning in the 1980s, stating, "It is a challenge to try to enable people to do what they want to do with their property."

5. She has been a member and, again perhaps, the driving force behind the Brownsville Historic Review Board of the City since the 1980s.
6. Joni was a founding member of the Makindu Childrens Program that continues to serve and supported poor families and orphans in Makindu, Kenya.
7. She and "Ace" were Grand Marshals of the Pioneer Picnic Parade several years ago.
8. She is a long time member of the Brownsville Women's Study Club.
9. She volunteers at the library occasionally when needed.
10. With friend Cheryl Haworth, Joni taught art classes at Central Linn Elementary School in the late 1980s, helping students learn the basic concepts in art work.
11. She helped teach the students at the Spirit of the Valley Methodist Church in Halsey in last summer's Vacation Bible School.
12. Founding member of the Brownsville Art Association and her painting of Brownsville are available there.
13. She also volunteered to paint several building around town including the Pioneer Association Picture Gallery, the Brownsville Fitness Center, and other buildings. She also does public signage painting, including one on the new Brownsville Fire District vehicle.

For almost 40 years Joni has been at the center of community service, serving not only Brownsville and Central Linn, but also the whole of Linn County. She deserves recognition for her lifetime achievements.

Will the nominee be attending the *CelebrateLBL* Dinner on November 2nd?

Yes



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Area Agency on Aging

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Program Manager Randi Moore and
Community Services Program (CSP) Manager Jennifer Moore
RE: **SDS and Community Services Program (CSP) Report**

Within the SDS department, Program Managers Randi Moore and Jennifer Moore will begin distinguishing between SDS – Medicaid and CSP updates.

SDS – Medicaid

Program Manager Randi Moore

Final Statewide Budget Allocation Numbers

Although final contracts have yet to be distributed, budgetary news from Aging and People with Disabilities in Salem has been positive. OCWCOG expects to see an increase over our previous biennial allocation of \$1.8 million. The majority of increases support Medicaid program growth, with *Oregon Project Independence (OPI)* and Older Americans Act (OAA) programs having small gains. With these funds, we will do strategic hiring of necessary staff to assist with growing caseloads and more complex work.

Panel Presentation with Inter-Community Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO) and County Health Administrators

On August 30th, SDS Program Manager Randi Moore participated on a panel at a national conference of Medicaid providers hosted by IHN-CCO. In addition to SDS Program Manager Moore, the panel consisted of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County Health Administrators, and Samaritan Health Plan's Chief Operations Officer.

Panelists discussed the Collective Impact Model used successfully by IHN-CCO and its partners, in working to achieve the best health outcomes for IHN-CCO members and the greater three-County community. One focus of the conversation was how collectively assessing our systems has led to increased success in providing service through our non-emergent medical transportation program, *Ride Line*. This collaborative approach has led to the funding and implementation of several pilot projects, such as the creation of an Intake and Screening position, increased trainings, and call recording, allowing us to better serve our consumers and manage valuable resources.

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Statewide Mental Health Funding

The State is currently in the process of reviewing funds provided during the 2015-2017 biennium to support ADRC mental health programs. Of concern are some inefficiencies for certain programs, based on the low number of consumers assisted, compared with the cost of the programs. Additionally, fidelity to evidence-based models was brought into question, as was the collection of data from individual offices.

OCWCOG used these specific ADRC funds to support the *Program to Encourage Active and Rewarding Lives (PEARLS)*, a depression-reduction program designed around goal-setting and social activation. In a recent meeting with other Area Agency on Aging (AAA) leadership, it was reported that OCWCOG's PEARLS program was the gold standard for the State, serving more consumers for less money, and achieving greater decreases in depression indicators for those who participated. However, the lack of success statewide is leading to discussions about the future of this funding, placing it on hold until stakeholders and State leadership develop a plan.

Below is a graph of State data regarding ADRC mental health funding.

Number Served						
ADRC	Program	# Screened	# Enrolled	Completing Program	% Complete	Cost per client
CCNO	PEARLS	30	22	6	27.27%	\$4425
COCOA	HP	77	63	26	41.27%	\$4051
Douglas	HI	181	19	11	57.89%	\$4165
LANE	PEARLS	76	67	42	62.69%	\$3678
Multnomah	PEARLS	753	302	137	45.36%	\$3077
NWSDS	NWPPH	259	158	61	38.61%	\$2762
OCWCOG	PEARLS	347	198	110	55.56%	\$863
RVCOG	PEARLS	99	75	33	44.00%	\$4094
SCBEC	SFBT	78	51	18	35.29%	\$1188
	Total	1956	997	470	47.14%	\$28,303

Community Services Program (CSP)

CSP Manager Jennifer Moore

Meals on Wheels (MOW)

The Rotary Club of Corvallis's *Tapas and Treasures* event was a success, with just over 100 attendees. Final revenue and expenses are being calculated.

Current MOW trending indicates that of our total number of clients, 67% received home-delivered meals, and 33% frequent our meal site dining rooms. Comparatively, of the total number of meals consumed, 84% are home-delivered, versus 16% in dining rooms. Differences between the two figures can be attributed to dining room clients visiting less frequently, compared with home-delivered clients, who generally average five meals per week, with some also receiving frozen meals for the weekends.

CSP Manager Jennifer Moore attended the *Meals on Wheels Association* Conference in August. Dominant themes included the changing health care landscape, and understanding the social determinants of health, in order to forge stronger partnerships with local health care providers. Several case studies included AAAs identifying fee-for-service opportunities in relation to malnutrition/nutrition, as a means to become imbedded in hospital nutrition and discharge planning.

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

As of July 1st, *RSVP* has implemented a new system to track the number of clients served by the *Meals on Wheels* program, *AARP® Driver Safety Program*, *Start Making a Reader Today* program, and *VISIT* programs. Client counts and qualitative surveys are currently being collected for a quarterly federal report.

Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

In 2015, *Senior Corps* began a longitudinal study of both its *FGP* and *Senior Companion Program (SCP)* volunteers, and the caregivers of its *SCP* clients, examining the health and psycho-social effects of serving as a *Foster Grandparent* or *Senior Companion*. The sample measured 987 senior national service volunteers at initial entry into *FGP/SCP*, and at one and two year follow-up points. Recent findings from the first follow-up demonstrate positive effects on volunteers' self-rated health, loneliness, social connectedness, and symptoms of depression and anxiety within one year after starting service. Final survey data and analysis is expected in October 2018.

More information can be found in the *Corporation for National and Community Service 2017 State of the Evidence Annual Report*, available online at:

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/impact-our-nation/evidence-exchange/2017SOE>

Veteran's Services Office (VSO)

The Oregon Legislature has increased State funding provided to the *VSO* through the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) by 47% for the next Fiscal Year. The work plan for best utilization of additional funding includes the following:

- Increased work hours for Assistant Veterans Service Officers;
- New outreach locations and community groups identified for *VSO* program presentations;
- Refreshed advertising, website information and links, brochures, and other collateral;
- Veteran Identification Cards;
- Updating office technologies; and
- Continued training for one Veterans Services Officer and two Assistant Veterans Service Officers, to become or remain accredited with ODVA.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Phil Warnock, Community and Economic Development (CED) Director
RE: **CED Program Update**

Cascades West Business Lending

The *Cascades West Business Lending (CWBL)* program has three loans in process for local businesses. *CWBL* received approval from the Loan Review Committee for funding on a project in Lebanon, to facilitate the purchase of land and building for an established auto parts store. The loan is through *CWBL*'s Rural Development Fund (RDF), with Citizen's Bank as the local banking partner. Total project cost is \$663,000, with the RDF share being \$249,000. The loan will support the creation and retention of 14 employees.

CWBL submitted another loan to the Loan Review Committee for consideration and approval on a project in Lebanon for an established heating, ventilation, and air conditioning company to purchase the property and building they currently occupy. The loan type is a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), and will be partnered with Oregon State Credit Union. The total project cost \$340,000; the RLF share will be \$136,000. The loan will support the creation and retention of 11.75 employees.

Loan documents have also been executed for 4 Spirits Distillery, in order to support their relocation and expansion in South Corvallis. Oregon State Credit Union was the banking partner, with at least eight new jobs created as a result of funding for relocation and expansion.

Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD)

OCWCOG hosted a viewing of the International Economic Development Council's (IEDC) *Virtual Learning Opportunities* webinar, titled *Managing the Essential Link: Affordable Housing and Economic Development*. Workforce and affordable housing are common Regional issues for companies of all sizes looking to meet employment needs.

CWEDD staff are working with State economists and the Workforce Investment Boards (WIB) to present District-level data in a coordinated fashion for comparison purposes. Currently, data is aligned with the WIBs, which splits *CWEDD* data into three different sets. A single set would help provide a clearer picture when comparing economic factors against other Economic Development Districts.

The Oregon State Legislature recently passed a transportation bill, including \$25 million for the construction of a trans-modal shipping facility in the Mid-Willamette Valley. No specific site has been identified, but ongoing feasibility projects have pointed to potential sites in both Lebanon and Millersburg. Staff will be engaging in ongoing discussions and will provide updates as information becomes available.

Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACTION)

CWACTION held a full Commission meeting Wednesday, August 2nd in Toledo, as part of their effort to hold at least one meeting per year in Lincoln County. The goal of this yearly meeting is to highlight transportation elements specific to the Coast. August’s meeting included:

- A tour, prior to the meeting, of the Port of Toledo, which recently began using newly-constructed, higher-capacity boat haul-out equipment, which enables them to work on larger boats;
- An update on Lincoln County Transit, including an intercity connection demonstration project linking Yachats and Florence, which is scheduled to begin this fall;
- A presentation by Lincoln County Emergency Management staff on preparations for the influx of visitors during the upcoming eclipse, which will be taking place during the height of the tourist and fire danger season;
- And a discussion led by Oregon Department of Transportation staff on how nature-based infrastructure can protect US Highway 101 from storms and bluff erosion, an ongoing issue for coastal highway management.

Cascades West Ride Line

OCWCOG staff recently met with InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO) representatives to discuss contracting, performance, and costs related to non-emergent medical transportation. The current contract between OCWCOG and IHN-CCO has been innovative in its adoption of alternate payment methodologies, and has gone well. Discussions have occurred regarding the possibility of moving to a quality-based contract, which would include metrics and incentives, meeting requirements for State and Federal funding expectations.

Ride Line continues to provide high levels of transportation assistance. In the period of April through June, nearly 4,000 Ride Line clients took a total of 57,042 trips. The majority of these trips were sedan trips or mileage reimbursements. Most transportation services are for physical, mental, and dental health, with the single highest concentration of transportation services around alcohol and drug treatment, and mental health. A breakdown of trips by County is below:

RideLine Trips by County		
	Trips	Clients
Linn County	38,043	2,488
Benton County	8,487	627
Lincoln County	10,037	854
All other Counties	475	29
Regionally	57,042	3,998

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