



## MEETING NOTICE

**MEETING:** Disability Services Advisory Council

**DATE:** Friday, May 19, 2017

**TIME:** 10:30AM –11:45AM

**LOCATION:** Lane Council of Governments  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Buford Meeting Room  
859 Willamette Street  
Eugene, OR 97401

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### AGENDA

10:30 a.m.	1. Call to Order	Lana Junger
10:31 a.m.	2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda	Lana Junger
10:33 a.m.	3. Consideration of last DSAC minutes	Lana Junger
10:35 a.m.	4. Medicaid Items a. HCW Voucher Changes b. ADL Changes Update c. Other	Brooke Emery
11:15 a.m.	5. Announcements, Updates, Discussions a. DSAC specific Day at the Capitol debrief b. Items from the floor	Kate Scott
11:20 a.m.	6. LCOG, Councils and Committee Reports a. Senior Services Advisory Council b. Long Term Care Committee Update c. Procurement & Monitoring	Marianne/Andy Jody, Cmt Member Cmt Member

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- 11:35 a.m. 7. Action Items  
a. Action items from the floor All
- 11:40 a.m. 8. Call for Next Meeting Agenda Items &  
Reminder of Next Meeting Lana Junger
- July 21st, 2017, 10:30AM – 11:45AM**  
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- 11:45 a.m. 9. Adjourn Lana Junger

**MINUTES  
DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Friday, March 17, 2017  
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.  
Buford Room — Park Place Building  
859 Willamette Street – Eugene, Oregon**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lana Junger, Chair; Joe Basey, Andy Fernandez, Marianne Malott, Ed Necker, Tina Powell, Peggy Thomas, Sheila Thomas, Dennis Weirich, Lucy Zammarelli

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** John Ahlen

**GUESTS:** Josh Hartley, Developmental Disabilities Services; SDS Interns Melissa, Chelsea, Janis

**STAFF:** Jody Cline, Rachel Jacobsen, Lori Rude

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Junger called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Those present introduced themselves.

**2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda**

Peggy Thomas added an information item about a community forum as 7-b. Ms. Cline added an ADRC report as 6-d.

Ms. Cline introduced Lori Rude who had been assigned to help staff the advisory councils after Amanda Souder resigned. Ms. Rude would be at all three meetings that day to familiarize herself with the councils.

**3. Consideration of January 20 DSAC meeting minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Necker moved, seconded by Peggy Thomas, to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Guest Presentation: Developmental Disabilities Services**

Josh Hartley used a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of the work of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS), one of S&DS's community partners.

Criteria for eligibility for services were intellectual ability based on IQ determined by the age of 18 or developmental disability determined by medical diagnosis and adaptive skills impairment determined to be in place by age 22 (for example, autism, Downs syndrome, traumatic brain injury).

Someone suspected of having one of those disabilities could apply and once the

application was turned in a 90-day timeline was triggered. Due to volume of applicants that time often was extended another 90 days. Last year 500 had applied and 405 were determined to be eligible. One Eligibility Specialist ([courtney.boyce@co.lane.or.us](mailto:courtney.boyce@co.lane.or.us)) was dedicated to the intake process. If the records received met the Oregon Administrative Rule standard the applicant was referred for an updated evaluation.

Answering Mr. Necker's question, Mr. Hartley said an appointment could be set up for the applicant to have an IQ test administered. Often people were not diagnosed prior to the ages specified and those cases were referred for updated psych evaluations. Applicants younger than 18 as well as adults could be referred to services.

Offered services included case management only, comprehensive in-home supports, supported living, foster care, group homes, and vocational services. Mr. Hartley described each of the services and qualifications for them in more detail.

Ms. Malott raised a question about residents living in an independent living facility that prohibited having non-residents present over night but the resident was dependent on help from a caregiver. Mr. Hartley explained that lots of people in supported living did not have behavioral issues as well as ADLs and medical needs that qualified them for 24-hour care. For a person qualified for 24-hour care, someone must be available for the agency to call if necessary but did not mean a caregiver was on site 24 hours a day.

Answering questions Mr. Hartley said Medicaid was the funding source and details about the DD budget would not be available until October. Meanwhile staff was looking at revamping some services and at reducing some hours and services. The per person cost for services varied widely depending on the person's needs.

There were three levels of foster homes: one for fairly independent people, one that was medically based for those with medical support needs, and another for people with behavioral issues. Some homes served only people with those disabilities and did not integrate different populations and some were family homes so there were children coming and going as well. The rate for typical room and board was set at \$550 across the state. Whether foster homes were required to hire staff depended on the number of residents and their level of support needs. While the goal was for permanent foster home placements and some people had been in the same home for 20 years, those clients with behavioral issues sometimes had shorter-term placements. The agency tried to put supports in place for those people who had to move so the same thing did not happen in the next home. Foster home capacity was very limited in Florence and other small communities and there was an ongoing need to recruit for more providers. There were no limitations on how many times someone with behavioral problems may have to move but sometimes a different level of support for that person may be needed.

Peggy Thomas told a story about people forced to go on a field trip and Mr. Hartley said he preferred discussing things like that outside a public meeting.

Group homes housed more than one individual and were 24-hour facilities licensed by the State of Oregon. Their typical staffing pattern involved shifts over 24-hour periods and

usually a house manager oversaw the day-to-day operations. The individual residents were responsible for the cost of their room and board which was determined by a Supports Intensity Scale. Local group home agencies included the Oregon Supported Living Program (OSLP), Alvord-Taylor, Dungarvin, Brightside, and Independent Environments (IEI).

Mr. Weirich brought up a case involving someone with cerebral palsy who lived at Valley West. Mr. Hartley said DD Services did not work with that facility and the person likely received services through S&DS under physical disability. Someone who appeared to have a developmental disability did not necessarily qualify for DD Services or may not have applied. Mr. Hartley's agency did not utilize many residential care facility programs and preferred using the programs it licensed that allowed it a greater degree of oversight.

Mr. Hartley spoke about collaboration between S&DS and DDS on eligibility, referrals, and intakes. Protective services were a collaborative effort through the multi-disciplinary team that included S&DS Adult Protective Services, Lane County Mental Health, DDS, law enforcement, and the District Attorney's Office. DDS and the ADRC were core partners for sharing resources and identifying training opportunities.

## **5. Announcements, Updates, Discussions**

### **a. Legislative Priorities**

### **b. 04AD OPI legislative handouts**

Ms. Cline had taken the priorities approved by the council at its last meeting to the LCOG Executive Director who determined the Restorative Justice item would not be supported by the LCOG board because many of its members represented government agencies that could be the subjects of findings against them under that legislation. The remaining priorities were approved.

Donald Trump had released his budget to Congress for October 2017 through September 2018 but Ms. Cline noted that Congress as a whole was responsible for constructing and passing the Federal budget so what had been released could differ greatly from the final budget. Before that was decided however, Congress had to finalize funding for the remainder of this Federal fiscal year ending September 30 so it would be some time before anyone knew what would happen with federally funded programs. Meanwhile, concerned citizens could contact their Senators and Congressional Representatives to express their views.

Ms. Cline explained that 37 percent of the local Meals on Wheels (MOW) budget came from Medicaid through OAA and passed through the Department of Health and Human Services, but for Cafe 60 OAA funds paid 85 percent. Fundraising provided for the rest of the budget. Responding to Mr. Basey's question, Ms. Cline said she was speaking for Lane County's MOW budget but she believed all of Oregon was similar and that block grant funds, which were the funds Mr. Trump proposed cutting, were not the source of funding for Oregon's Meals on Wheels programs.

Documents from DHS, 04AD, and S&DS describing Oregon Project Independence were handed out.

**c. Resource Info After Loss of Medicaid/OPI**

Rachel Jacobsen spoke about Options Counseling playing a significant role for those who no longer qualified for in-home services through Medicaid or OAA. She noted that Senior & Disabilities Services Information and Referral (I & R) was for consumers who called in and knew what they wanted, while Information and Assistance (I & A) provided by the ADRC was for those who called in but were unclear about what they needed. After finding out more about them they may be referred. Options Counseling was service that fell between I & A and case management which was ongoing. Options Counseling assisted a consumer with decision-making about long-term care and could last as long as 90 days and involve multiple encounters with Senior Connections. Meetings could be over the phone or in person in the office. The counselor assessed the person's strengths, needs, current resources, and helped identify tasks the person or their family could work on to move toward whatever goal the consumer identified. Additional research and follow-up visits may be required but eventually the counselor disengaged.

Ms. Jacobsen reported while not a silver bullet the program got good results and 66 percent of recipients said the service or information they received had helped them maximize their resources or services. However 33 percent strongly disagreed and said they could not find help they could afford. She described the program as a great bridge service for people who had lost Medicaid eligibility. As Senior Connections staff members the counselors here served all of Lane County so clients in rural areas were receiving the assistance.

Ms. Cline noted that the Service Priority Levels (SPLs) changes that had been slated to go into effect April 1 had been delayed with no firm date announced partly due to the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid letting the state know that a more organized care plan was needed for people who would lose services as a result of the changes.

**d. Equity Update**

Kate Scott had prepared some information that Ms. Cline shared. The Lane County Equity Coalition had hosted an event titled "Ally is a Verb." The session had provided some information about microaggressions that Ms. Cline said may be a good topic for the next agenda.

Ms. Cline reported that S&DS now was SAGECare credentialed which indicated it had completed LGBT training given by SAGE. The agency now had an Equity and Inclusion Committee that had formed a sexual and gender diversity subcommittee. A current project involved looking at forms to ensure they used inclusive language. The committee also was hosting conversation hours for staff, one of which had been on race in America that was well attended and produced good discussion.

**6. LCOG, Councils and Committee Reports**  
**a. Senior Services Advisory Council**

Mr. Fernandez had missed the January meeting. Ms. Cline reported the council had added the Family Caregiver Program to the legislative priorities and it had been approved by LCOG.

**b. Long-Term Care Committee Update**

Ms. Cline said the committee met in February and had begun discussing the agency dashboard being created by S&DS. Due to budget issues, progress on the dashboard may be delayed but updates would continue to be provided to the councils.

**c. Procurement & Monitoring**

The committee had completed monitoring for both FOOD for Lane County that delivered Meals on Wheels in Eugene and for Bateman that did the food production. Both had been found compliant with contract requirements and their efficiency and quality had been noted.

Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy had merged with the Oregon Law Center. The primary change had been in name only and S&DS would continued the contract.

At DSAC's May meeting contracts would be reviewed which required a quorum so Ms. Cline asked everyone to attend.

**d. ADRC**

With permission from the State Unit on Aging, the council had decided it would no longer serve as a consumer-based committee but would send those types of items to the advisory councils which were consumer-based. An example had been the presentation on Options Counseling provided by Ms. Jacobsen. The ADRC Council would continue with its executive membership because the agencies received value by getting together. Reports would be provided to the advisory councils.

**7. Action Items**

**a. Spring Advocacy Logistics Finalization**

Mr. Necker, Mr. Weirich, Ms. P. Thomas, Ms. Powell, Mr. Basey, and Ms. Malott all had indicated interest in attending the May 17 event in Salem. A pre-event meeting to organize and discuss logistics for those attending would be held May 11 in this room from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Ms. Scott had the list of who needed transportation and Mr. Weirich had spoken about having some wheelchairs available for those who preferred not to walk around at the Capitol.

**b. Community Forum**

Peggy Thomas announced a community forum on March 25 at the Irving Grange (1011 Irvington) at 1 p.m. The topic was budget cuts for Senior & Disability Services and several speakers were scheduled. March 25 was midway through the time allowed for public comment at the budget hearings of the Ways & Means Committee in Salem so this was a good opportunity to plan that input.

Representative Nancy Nathanson had been contacted but Ms. Thomas had not heard back from her and asked if anyone present lived in her district and was willing to call and

invite her to the forum. Ms. Malott volunteered to make that contact.

Peggy Thomas asked Sheila Thomas to work on finding someone from LILA to be present at the forum.

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Microaggressions already had been identified as a topic. Peggy Thomas asked for an update on the new homecare worker voucher system.

Sheila Thomas pointed out that the Ways & Means session held recently at LCC had been in a location that was not accessible and LILA was writing a letter to the committee about that. Ms. Cline added that the committee also needed to be aware that there had been inadequate space to accommodate the large number of people who attended.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

(recorded by Mary Feldman)