

Disability Services Advisory Council

DATE: Friday, March 16, 2018

TIME: 10:30AM –11:15AM

LOCATION:

Lane Council of Governments 5th Floor,

Buford Meeting Room

859 Willamette Street Eugene, OR 97401

CONTACT: Kate Scott, 541-682-4137; kscott@lcog.org

=====

1. DSAC Agenda 03-16-18

Documents:

DSAC AGENDA 03-16-18.PDF

2. DSAC Minutes 1-19-18

Documents:

DSAC MINUTES 1-19-18.PDF

3. Council Attachment – By-Laws Revision Language

Documents:

COUNCIL ATTACHMENT - BY-LAWS REVISION LANGUAGE.PDF

4. Joint Council Agenda 3-16-18

Documents:

JOINT COUNCIL AGENDA 3-16-18.PDF

5. Joint Council Minutes 1-19-18

Documents:

JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES 1-19-18.PDF

MEETING NOTICE

MEETING: Disability Services Advisory Council
DATE: Friday, March 16, 2018
TIME: 10:30AM –11:15AM
LOCATION: Lane Council of Governments
5th Floor, Buford Meeting Room
859 Willamette Street
Eugene, OR 97401
CONTACT: Kate Scott, 541-682-4137; kscott2@lcog.org

A G E N D A

10:30 a.m.	1. Call to Order, additions to the agenda, introductions	Lana J.
10:31 a.m.	2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda	Lana J.
10:33 a.m.	3. Consideration of last DSAC minutes	Lana J.
10:35 a.m.	4. LILA Presentation	Sheila T.
11:05 a.m.	5. Action Items	
	a. Review and vote on Advocacy Committee section of DSAC by-laws	Kate S.
	b. Items from the floor	
11:10 a.m.	6. Announcements, Updates, Agenda Additions	
	a. Follow-up on Adult Foster Home # of beds	Kate S.
11:14 a.m.	7. Call for Next Meeting Agenda Items & Reminder of Next Meeting	Lana J.
	May 18th, 2018, 10:30AM – 11:15AM 859 Willamette Street, 5 th Floor Buford Meeting Room Eugene, OR 97401	
11:15 a.m.	8. Adjourn	Lana J.

The above facility is wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and assisted listening devices can be provided with 48 hours notice; call (541) 682-4498.

**MINUTES
DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Friday, January 19, 2018
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Buford Room — Park Place Building
859 Willamette Street – Eugene, Oregon**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Necker, Vice Chair; John Ahlen, Melanie Carlone, Hoover Chambliss, Andy Fernandez, Marianne Malott, Tina Powell, Peggy Thomas,, Dennis Weirich, Roxanne Wilson, Lucy Zammarelli

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lana Junger, Sheila Thomas

GUESTS: Danceability founder Alito Alessi, Jana Mazaros, Kelsie Laube

STAFF: Kate Scott, Jody Cline, Sondra Marks

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Mr. Necker called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda

The agenda with the DanceAbility presentation as the next item was accepted by consensus.

3. DanceAbility Guest Presentation

Mr. Alessi shared facts about Danceability which had begun in Eugene as a project to dissolve barriers and connect people with and without disabilities through dance and movement. It now was in 45 countries and had trained 600 teachers around the world. After a short video, Ms. Mazaros and Ms. Laube presented a performance titled “Whisper.”

Responding to questions, Mr. Alessi reported that Danceability’s needs included hiring a new managing director, financial support, and people to spread the word locally about the project and its vision. Volunteers always were needed and should contact the office in room 208 at the Heron Building at 6th and Olive or go to the website danceability.com. Ms. Carlone encouraged Danceability to use its Facebook page to invite people to invite their friends to like the page.

Ms. Mazaros explained that improvisation was an element in any form of dance but was especially important in dance between people of mixed abilities and the relationship between dancers was a critical part of any performance.

Responding to Mr. Alessi’s request for contact information about those at the meeting, Ms.

Scott agreed to send him the list of members' e-mail addresses.

Mr. Alessi shared that open drop-in dance classes taught by Ms. Mazaros and Ms. Laube were held on Thursday afternoons at Hilyard Center.

4. Consideration of November 17 DSAC meeting minutes

MOTION: Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Powell, to approve the November minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously,

5. Action Items

a. Livable Communities

Mr. Fernandez distributed a revision of the Advocacy Committee's November recommendation that now was in the form of a proclamation by the advisory councils that would be shared with the LCOG Board of Directors at its February meeting. He and Peggy Thomas would speak about their support of the proclamation as individual community members during the public comment section of the LCOG board meeting and would share with the board the World Health Organization's "Checklist of Essential Features of Age-friendly Cities" and AARP's "The 8 Domains of Livability." LCOG Director Brenda Wilson also would speak about the topic at an upcoming Mayor's Roundtable meeting.

Responding to Roxanne Wilson's question about a greater emphasis on seniors than on people with disabilities, Mr. Fernandez said AARP's materials focused on the older adult population but recognized the collateral benefits of improving the lives of everyone between the ages of 18 and 80 and the WHO principles targeted both seniors and people with disabilities. He saw the handouts as a way to provide context and to allow the LCOG board to understand the structure of what made a community livable. AARP was the organization promoting the movement in the US so he would use the materials AARP had made available.

Ms. Carlone asked about the expected outcomes of the effort and Mr. Fernandez said that as advisory councils to the LCOG Board, the function of DSAC and SSAC was to advise the board about its programs and services and how they affected people with disabilities and seniors. Besides LTD's Accessible Transportation Committee he was unaware of any other boards influencing government agencies in Lane County on disability issues and he viewed speaking to the board and sharing information as the most effective way to do advocacy about an important principle.

Mr. Weirich had attended a recent AARP meeting focused on promoting the age-friendly community initiative and he reported that a number of cities, including Springfield, had taken on the project as a way to improve things.

Mr. Fernandez clarified for Ms. Malott that AARP was the agency about which he was speaking and if it sounded like he said ARP that was a slip of the tongue.

Mr. Necker commented that the Livable Communities Project and WHO's 8 Domains were senior and disability issues and while the councils could not require anything to happen it

was appropriate to make a recommendation about them.

Ms. Carlone voiced the hope that the outcome would include requirements that zoning and access to public spaces would comply with the principles described in the materials. Mr. Necker explained that the councils could only advocate for endorsement of the principles and qualities described and it was up to the individual members of LCOG to determine which of those were practical for them to implement in their jurisdictions. Director Wilson had made it clear to the Advocacy Committee that not all entities would be able to adopt and enforce the recommendations in all the domains.

Mr. Fernandez commented that it would take many different agencies working together to solve the different pieces of the puzzle applicable to them. For example he said the City of Eugene could talk about zoning and housing while LTD could address the provision of public transportation.

Mr. Necker emphasized the importance of those speaking to the board stating that they were speaking for themselves as concerned citizens and not as representatives of the council. Mr. Fernandez agreed and encouraged other members to attend the board meeting if they wished. He offered to read written testimony for anyone who wanted to provide it without speaking at the meeting.

Mr. Weirich commended LTD for working with advocates for accessible transportation. He added that Emerald Village was a good example of what was happening with affordable housing but more widespread commitment to making affordable housing disability-friendly was needed.

Ms. Zammarelli shared that she was on a work group for the county's Poverty and Homelessness Board that was looking at how to increase affordable housing. Although the populations of older adults and people with disabilities were most in need, only a small percentage of affordable housing that existed or was being built met ADA accessibility requirements so it was important to ensure the voices of advocates were heard. Mr. Necker added that advocacy had resulted in federally funded housing requiring that a certain percentage of housing units be accessible for visitation purposes, and advocacy for accessible affordable housing funded in other ways also was needed. He thanked Ms. Zammarelli for her service on the work group.

Ms. Malott was concerned that student housing being built in Eugene was receiving ten-year tax benefits but the Oregon Housing Authority was not providing the necessary oversight to ensure that the requirement that 1/3 of that housing be affordable was being met. Mr. Weirich urged council members to become more aware about such things and to lobby the decision-makers who could make a difference.

Ms. Cline suggested that the next step would be for the Advocacy Committee to discuss this.

6. Announcements, Updates, Discussions

a. Lane Equity Event Debrief

Ms. Zammarelli reported the last quarterly event had featured Eric Ward speaking to 225 people about white nationalism and how institutions supported discrimination against people of color and different religions. He had asked those present to think about the first time they had become aware of prejudice and discrimination which produced many moving stories and rich discussion about oppression in housing, medical and educational systems.

The next meeting would be March 8 and would focus on Lane County Public Health data on health inequities. She said the data would be eye-opening and she encouraged council member attendance. The events began at 5 p.m. with dinner served by LCC students and ended around 7:30 or 7:45.

There had been a problem with the LTD schedule not allowing for bus-riding attendees to ride back to the downtown station and transfer to get home after the event. Ms. Zammarelli agreed to explore the idea of surveying attendees to find out specifics about the problem and Mr. Ahlen offered to speak with LTD staff about how passengers might be better accommodated. Ms. Wilson said she and her husband would be willing to give people rides home if needed.

b. Items from the Floor

Ms. Wilson said she was working on a proposal that agencies working with disabilities be required to include people with mental disabilities. She agreed to send her proposal to all council members and asked anyone interested to send their comments and suggestions back to her. Ms. Scott suggested that the Advocacy Committee look at and discuss the proposal as well.

Mr. Weirich called attention to a handout titled "Lane County Agency Acronyms" prepared by him and Ms., Scott. He welcomed additions and said this would help new members confused by the use of many acronyms. Council members and staff thanked Mr. Weirich for working on this.

7. LCOG, Councils and Committee Reports

a. Advocacy Committee

Ms. Thomas reported the committee had worked on the Livable Communities Proclamation and on narrowing down its priorities for the next few months and establishing a meeting schedule. Completion of the bylaws would be the next task. Mr. Necker added the committee also was discussing the 2019 legislative priorities.

b. Senior Services Advisory Council

Mr. Fernandez indicated SSAC had discussed the Livable Communities project, determined committee memberships, reviewed a draft S&DS brochure, deferred discussion of dementia friendly concepts, and learned about the 04AD wellness network.

8. Call for Next Meeting Agenda Items & Reminder of Next Meeting

March 16, 2018, 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

859 Willamette Street, 5th Floor Buford Meeting Room

Eugene, OR 97401

Ms. Wilson would provide an update on her proposal relating to inclusion of people with mental disabilities.

Ms. Cline had confirmed with Brenda Wilson that the LCOG board meeting discussed earlier would be on February 22 at 6 p.m. in this same room (859 Willamette Street, 5th Floor Buford Meeting Room)

Mr. Necker announced the next Advocacy Committee meeting would be in the Buford Room on February 20 at 3 p.m.

Ms. Carlone asked for a schedule of committee and council meetings and Ms. Scott agreed to provide that via e-mail. Mr. Weirich said he had discussed with Ms. Scott adding a public meeting schedule to the S&DS website and he expected that would be available soon.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

(recorded by Mary Feldman)

Proposed Advocacy By-Laws Language

Authority: Unless specifically directed by the LCOG Board of Directors, the Advocacy Committee may not act on behalf of the Councils nor LCOG. Rather, it is charged with formulating and presenting to the Councils, for their consideration, recommendations specific to its area of responsibility. The LCOG Board has final review and approval authority for Advocacy priorities.

Responsibilities:

- Monitor, review and recommend action to the Councils on community, state and national policies, programs, and actions (e.g. laws, regulations, rules, budgets, etc.) which affect seniors and persons with disabilities. This includes legislative advocacy priorities.
- Review potential advocacy items delegated by the Councils
- Maintain close liaison with local, state and federal elected officials.
- Stimulate public interest in, and support of, programs and policies which have been proposed or initiated to meet the problems and needs of Lane County's seniors and persons with disabilities.

SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES

A DIVISION OF LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



MEETING NOTICE

MEETING: **S&DS Joint Council (NEW TIME!)**

DATE: Friday, March 16, 2018

TIME: 11:25AM Check-in
11:30AM Meeting Called to Order, Adjourn 1:15PM

LOCATION: Lane Council of Governments
5th Floor, Buford Meeting Room
859 Willamette Street
Eugene, OR 97401

LUNCH: Panera Sandwiches

CONTACT: Kate Scott, 541-682-4137; kscott2@lcog.org

A G E N D A

- | | | | |
|---------|----|---|-------------|
| 11:30AM | 1. | Call to Order, Introductions | Marianne M. |
| 11:35AM | 2. | Consideration of the Last Meeting Minutes | Marianne M. |
| 11:40AM | 3. | Committee and Community Meeting Reports | |
| | | a. Advocacy Committee (5 mins) | Peggy T. |
| | | b. Long-Term Care Committee (5 mins) | Dennis W. |
| | | c. Procurement & Monitoring Committee (5 mins) | Sue M. |
| | | d. Lane Equity Coalition Event Debrief (5 mins) | Lucy Z. |
| | | e. LCOG Board Meeting (Livable Communities) | Andy F. |
| 12:05PM | 4. | Community Health Improvement Plan Overview | United Way |
| 12:45PM | 5. | Oregon Wellness Network Update | Kate S. |
| 12:55PM | 6. | Legislative Update/Day at the Capitol | Jody C. |

-OVER-

The above facility is wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and assisted listening devices can be provided with 48 hours notice; call (541) 682-4498.

- | | | | |
|--------|----|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1:00PM | 7. | Council meeting structure check-in | Kate and Jody |
| 1:10PM | 8. | Reminder, next meeting: May 18, 2018 | Marianne M. |
| 1:14PM | 9. | Adjourn | Marianne M. |

MINUTES
SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES JOINT COUNCIL

Friday, January 19, 2018
noon – 1 p.m.
Buford Room — Park Place Building
859 Willamette Street – Eugene, Oregon

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marianne Malott, Chair; John Ahlen, Amy Bresler, Melanie Carlone, Hoover Chambliss, Andy Fernandez, Karen Locke, Sue Maddron, Kay McDonald, Ed Necker, Tina Powell, Diane Rogers, Amy Scott, Barbara Susman, Peggy Thomas, Ken Viegas, Dennis Weirich, Roxanne Wilson, Lucy Zammarelli

GUESTS: Maralyn Gill

STAFF: Jody Cline, Kate Scott, Sondra Marks

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Ms. Malott called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

2. Consideration of November 17 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Weirich moved, seconded by Mr. Necker, to approve the November minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Let's Kick A.S.S. (AIDS Survivor Syndrome) Presentation

Maralyn Gill introduced herself as someone living with AIDS who was working with the organization started in Portland to support long-term HIV and AIDS survivors who suffered from depression, rapid aging, and a lack of a future orientation because they had been expected to die. The local group met on the first and third Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Barn Light. Ms. Gill shared a short video. The organization was dedicated to improving lives by empowering and engaging people. It was peer-led and its social functions like potlucks and coffees helped people break out of isolation, as did volunteering with HIV Alliance and looking for other ways to give back to the community.

Ms. Zammarelli gave Ms. Gill her business card and asked her to help spread the word that there were services for people with HIV and AIDS who were aging.

Answering questions, Ms. Gill said the CDC recently had determined that people whose viral load was undetectable for six months could no longer pass the disease on and by adhering to their life-long medication regime they could enjoy a better and longer life. She reported there were three local HIV/AIDS specialists and she worked with an HIV specialist at RiverBend.

Ms. Malott said in working with the transgender community at Lane County Community Health she had learned that it was difficult to find practitioners willing to treat them. Ms. Gill indicated she would like to talk with members of that community.

Ms. Rogers commented that the government would not solve this or other problems and she thanked Ms. Gill for her citizen action. Ms. Gill shared her cards and encouraged anyone in need to contact her.

4. S&DS Annual Information and Assistance Report

Ms. Cline passed out the report and Ms. Scott briefly reviewed it, noting that each page described a different program area and provided a synopsis of what had been done in the past year. Ms. Cline called attention to the last few pages of the report that provided a three-year program data comparison.

Ms. Cline distributed and called attention to a letter that would accompany the Information and Assistance report when it was sent to the Lane County legislative delegation. It was similar to what had been sent the previous year and was for members' information.

5. Area Plan Updates

Ms. Scott distributed the "Area Plan Update, January 2018" that listed 2017 accomplishments. She explained that every three years S&DS sent the state an updated plan. The first year of the current plan had just been completed. Ms. Scott would send council members a link to the document on the website when it was ready.

Ms. Scott highlighted several items in the update as follows: the Elder Rights program area had goals around guardianship work that had been postponed when the manager had retired and staff was hopeful that this work would begin later this year; she had met the previous day with Metro TV about creating a video to be shown during Elder Abuse Month in June; the Nutrition Program had increased its fundraising by five percent; Oregon's ranking in long-term care services had moved from second to fourth nationally, partially because other states were starting to catch up.

Ms. Maddron found the document very interesting and Ms. Wilson commented that Oregon was having a nationwide influence if others were copying what it was doing with long-term care services.

Ms. Scott offered to provide the full document upon request. Ms. Maddron asked that what was presented to the councils be shared with the Long Term Care Committee.

6. Legislative Session Update

Ms. Cline reminded everyone that this year's legislative session would be a short one during the month of February and 2019 would be a long session. What advocacy would be needed was dependent on the outcome of the vote on Measure 101 the next week. If it failed there would be a significant financial impact on the State and while S&DS programs may not be directly impacted there could be a ripple effect.

Ms. Cline reported that there was support for increasing State staff working in the background area. She explained that currently it took so long for backgrounds to be checked and cleared (8-10 weeks) that new hires had to start with provisional approval that required closer supervision and new volunteers and Home Care Workers (HCWs) could not start at all until their backgrounds had cleared. Staffing up to the level requested by APD would result in two-week turnaround.

Ms. Powell said HCWs could not afford to wait 90 days to begin having some income.

Ms. Cline announced that 04AD would hold a "lite" version of "Day at the Capitol" on Wednesday, February 14. For those who had attended in the past she said this would be similar but less intense with fewer meetings. The day would begin with a light breakfast followed by a brief training on talking to Legislators, and then there would be meetings with local Legislators. Ms. Cline had learned from Mr. Ahlen that LTD could again provide a vehicle to transport council members to Salem, and she needed a count of who was interested in attending.

Ms. Malott and Ms. Rogers indicated their intent to participate and Ms. Wilson said she would attend but would drive herself. Ms. Cline asked others to let her know if they wanted to attend and if there were too few for the LTD vehicle to be needed she could drive people herself.

Ms. Malott encouraged people to vote yes for Measure 101 and Ms. Wilson said a canvassing for 101 effort would take place during the weekend.

Mr. Weirich and Ms. Malott had been in Salem earlier in the week and Mr. Weirich said that Nicole from 04AD had shared that the legislative agenda already would be set by the time the session began but it was useful for advocates to continue letting Legislators know who they were and what was important to them. To that end he encouraged participation in town halls with Legislators.

Ms. Cline mentioned that on the national level, Congress had until that evening to pass a continuing resolution or a budget and if it failed to do so there would be a local impact on federal funding sources like the Older Americans Act. It was likely that the State would authorize continuing to spend federal funds for a specific length of time.

7. Council Meeting Structure Check-In

Ms. Cline and Ms. Scott had observed that there often was inadequate time allotted for the lunch portion of the meeting. They distributed a document showing the current council meeting structure on one side and a proposed new structure on the other. To avoid repeating the same information at both DSAC and SSAC they proposed doing legislative and general updates, committee reports, common business, and having guest speakers during a longer lunch meeting and reducing the individual council meetings to 30 minutes each.

Mr. Necker and Ms. Powell supported the change as presented, Ms. Rogers wanted to try it, and Ms. Maddron expressed concern that there would be inadequate time at the individual meetings for contract approval and other business.

Ms. Scott reported that some members would be unable to meet earlier or later than the current beginning and ending times so staff had tried to adjust the time for each meeting within the overall scheduled meeting times.

Mr. Necker suggested adopting the proposed schedule with flexibility if adjustments needed to be made for one of the meetings to be longer or shorter. Ms. Susman observed that the two councils had become more an integrated group over the past seven years and she saw that as a good trend that allowed members to learn more and become better advocates in both areas. On the other hand, Mr. Viegas pointed out that the two councils may not always agree on positions and while he valued working together he had signed up to work on senior issues and some topics were specific

to one group and not the other. He commented that not all senior issues related to funding or lower incomes and it was important to also connect with, serve, and support those seniors who had money.

Ms. Zammarelli valued having time at the beginning of meetings to network with others and at the same time appreciated shorter and more efficient meetings. Ms. Wilson agreed on the value of networking and suggested DSAC and SSAC meetings each could be 45 minutes to allow for that time.

MOTION: Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to pilot the following meeting schedule at the March 16 meetings: 10:30-11:15 DSAC, 11:30-1:15 Joint Council, 1:30-2:15 SSAC. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Susman requested that lunch be available during most or all of the Joint Council meeting.

8. Call for Agenda Items for Next meeting
March 16, 2018, 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
859 Willamette Street, 5th Floor Buford Meeting Room
Eugene, OR 97401

9. Adjourn

Ms. Rogers asked everyone who could to attend and wear pink to the second annual women's march the next day in downtown Eugene. Participants should meet at the Federal Courthouse by 1 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

(Minutes recorded by Mary Feldman)