

Southwest Washington Agency on Aging & Disabilities
Advisory Council (SWAADAC)
Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2011
201 NE 73rd Street, Suite 201
Vancouver, WA 98665

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair, Pat Culver.

Guests: None.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Sandra Bacus, Elizabeth Brown, Patricia Culver, Susan Holmes, Roxanne Jones, Jim Jordan, Mary Ann Pauline, Martha Quigley, Lowell Smith, Anne Snyder, Mike Teefy, Nicki Thomas , Ginny Wilberg. Karin Woll.

Members Absent (excused): Marc Bollinger, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Shanti Potts.

A quorum was present

Staff Present: David Kelly, Executive Director, Klaus Micheel, Planner

Approval of Agenda: Approved as mailed.

Approval of Minutes January 19, 2010: Approved as mailed.

Announcements/Community Outlook: Nicki Thomas is leaving the Council after serving two terms. The Council and staff thanked Nicki for her tireless service to her community. Nicki Thomas expressed her appreciation of the Council and SWAAD and announced she would continue to serve as alternate COG member.

A number of Council members voiced their appreciation for the elder abuse prevention training (*The Way Forward*) they had attended the same morning. The training's main sponsor was Clark County's Elder Abuse Prevention Task Force. It was suggested members should find out what is being done in their communities to prevent elder abuse.

The Council agreed to participate in this year's Hazel Dell Parade (SWAAD's office is located in Hazel Dell and SWAAD is one of the largest employers in this area).

Director's Report: David Kelly reported on the following items:

LTC Ombudsman program: The program is now operated by SWAAD. The agency received additional \$10,000 from ADSA to help with the program transition. The Council had supported SWAAD's intention to become the program sponsor and the COG gave permission at its January 21st meeting to move forward. David Kelly voiced his appreciation for the COG's decision.

Council of Governments meeting January 21, 2011: The COG has two new members: Cowlitz County Commissioner Misner replacing former commissioner Swanson and Skamania County Commissioner Richardson replacing former commissioner Tolfree. Clark County Commissioner Boldt is the new chairperson. David Kelly introduced senior staff at the COG meeting on January 21st.

Clark County Aging Readiness Task Force: The next topic the Task Force is going to address is Supportive Services. A public workshop has been scheduled for March 17th. Leadership Clark County had contacted the Task Force offering to work on senior issues. SWAAD will be working with this organization on Information & Assistance issues.

ElderCare Alliance: The Eldercare Alliance, a SWAAD-sponsored group of service providers in Clark County, is exploring the feasibility of bringing PACE to southwest Washington. PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) is a voluntary managed care program that provides long-term care and acute medical services, using Medicare and Medicaid benefits, to older and disabled adults who meet nursing facility level of care. The program currently exists in King County.

Regional Health Partnership: David Kelly shared a hand -out with the description of the regional (four-county) partnership. The partnership is in the process of being formed and is currently looking for state approval. David Kelly has been invited to participate in the process.

Executive Committee Report: Pat Culver reported the EC had met on February 2nd to discuss the February 16th elder abuse prevention training the Council had decided to attend, set the agenda for the next Council meeting, and review the schedule for February 24th Senior Lobby Day.

State Council on Aging (SCOA) Report: Pat Culver shared that Bea Rector, Chief of the State Unit on Aging (within the Aging & Disability Services Administration - ADSA), informed SCOA about the state's LTC budget and that SCOA decided its legislative priorities

Senior Lobby Day February 24, 2011: Klaus Micheel shared the W4A developed materials (Legislative Priorities 2011 and SCSA Medicaid Diversion Proposal) and reviewed the schedule for the day.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Wrap-Up: Council members reiterated their appreciation for the elder abuse prevention conference. The next Council meeting will be held March 16th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm in Cowlitz County, location TBD.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.