

Southwest Washington Agency on Aging & Disabilities
Advisory Council (SWAADAC)
Meeting Minutes of the January 20th, 2010
201 NE 73rd Street, Ste 201, Vancouver, WA 98665

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by Chair, Pat Culver.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Clark County: Roxanne Jones, Karin Woll, Elizabeth Brown,
Shanti Potts, Ginny Wilberg, Mike Teefy
Cowlitz County: Patty Kinswa-Gaiser
Klickitat County: Lowell Smith
Wahkiakum County:
Skamania County: Patricia Culver, Sandra Bacus, Jim Jordan

Members Absent:

Cowlitz County: Marc Bollinger (Excused)
Wahkiakum County: Nicki Thomas, Anne Snyder (Excused)

- A quorum was present.

Guests: Mr. Steve Foster

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

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda for the January 20, 2010 meeting was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the December 16th, 2009 meeting were approved.

Orientation for New Members:

Klaus conducted the Orientation by utilizing the packet which was mailed to all council members. The Orientation covered basic information regarding

the Older Americans Act, the agency's mission, functions, services provided, Area Plan, budget, advocacy, and responsibilities of the Council.

More information relating to this orientation will be presented by Klaus over the coming months as needed.

Klaus provided two handouts to council members. The first listed the Advisory Council meeting schedule for 2010:

January 20	Vancouver
February 17	Vancouver
March 17	Kelso
April 21	Vancouver
May 19	Stevenson
June 16	Vancouver
July	NO MEETING
August 18	White Salmon
September 15	Vancouver
October	NO MEETING
November 17	Cathlamet
December 15	Vancouver

The second provided the Advocacy and Planning Committee's members for 2010:

Advocacy Committee

Karin Woll, Chair
Beth Brown
Pat Culver
Lowell Smith
Sandra Bacus
Nicki Thomas
Mike Teefy

Planning Committee

Ginny Wilberg, Chair
Anne Snyder
Jim Jordan
Patty Kinswa-Gaiser
Marc Bollinger

Membership Committee

Roxanne Jones, Chair

Shanti Potts

Announcements/Community Outlook:

Ginny, Clark County representative, explained to the council the difficulties she encountered while searching for information and assistance when caring for her husband. They were new residents and she didn't know where to find the help they needed. Ginny suggested that caregiver information be included in a Welcome Wagon packet given to new residents. This would be a good way to reach people new to the area, requiring help and not knowing where to go for assistance.

Several council members spoke of the systems they have developed in their communities to inform residents of programs and services available to them through SWAAD.

Mike Teefy reported several different methods the Social Security Administration utilized to inform people of various programs.

Karin Woll, Clark County representative and Chair, Advocacy Committee, told the council she would like to see Outreach prioritized.

Shanti Potts, Clark County, reported that several obstacles occur when residents with geriatric mental disease try to receive treatment. Locally treatment options are not adequate. The patient would have to travel to King County which is a long difficult trip for geriatric mentally ill. Tuality in Oregon provides specialized treatment for these patients and the facility is near our area. Shanti and an attorney are working to develop a legal guardianship that would be recognized in Washington as well as Oregon. The lack of treatment facilities for geriatric mental patients in southwest Washington has been a serious problem for many years. Pat Culver thanked Shanti for her hard work on this very important issue.

Beth is guardian ad litem for two men with mental disabilities. She explained the difficulties she encountered while attempting to find adequate treatment facilities for them in our area.

Director's Report:

David passed out a letter from the Governor along with an attachment which provides the Restorations to the Governor's 2010 Supplement Budget, Book 2. He spoke about the good news that funding for the Senior Citizens Services Act and the Family Caregiver Support Program were restored 100% in Book 2 of the Governor's budget.

David then provided another handout which outlined the SWAAD accomplishments for 2009 and Objectives for 2010. Both reports covered the following areas: Stewardship of Resources, Human Capital Development, Community Outreach, Strategic Planning and Governance. David reported the successes in 2009 and goals for 2010.

Home Care Quality Authority:

Beth reported the results of her meeting with the Governor's staff. She shared she had explained to staff how HCQA realizes savings to the State's long term care budget by matching consumers with qualified Individual Providers (IPs). In-home personal care provided by IPs is less costly than care provided by home care agency caregivers. With the State's apparent focus on care provided by IPs eliminating HCQA seemed to be bad policy. Beth shared it appeared staff was not following her reasoning.

Preview 2010:

Klaus provided the 2010 preview as part of the packet members received. The preview outlined projects for the Planning and Advocacy committees and professional development for the Council.

Public Comment:

Mr. Foster complimented the council and staff on their professionalism and the good work they are doing. He is interested in joining the council, but expressed concern as to how his experience would asset the group.

Meeting Wrap-up:

Chair, Pat Culver thanked everyone for the positive meeting.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:12PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by SWAADAC Secretary

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