

Southwest Washington Agency on Aging & Disabilities
Advisory Council (SWAADAC)
Meeting Minutes of the November 17th, 2010
River Street Meeting Room
Cathlamet, WA

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10a.m by Chair, Pat Culver.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Clark County: Roxanne Jones, Karin Woll, Shanti Potts
Klickitat County: Lowell Smith
Wahkiakum County: Anne Snyder
Skamania County: Patricia Culver, Sandra Bacus, Jim Jordan

Members Absent (all excused):

Clark County: Mike Teefy and Ginny Wilberg
Cowlitz County: Patty-Kinswa-Gaiser and Marc Bollinger
Wahkiakum County: Susan Holmes and Nicki Thomas

- A quorum was present

Staff Present:

David Kelly, Executive Director
Klaus Micheel, Planner

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda for the November 17th, 2010 meeting was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the September 15th, 2010 meeting were approved.

Announcements/Community Outlook:

Pat Culver informed the council that the Skamania County Aging Task Force has developed a committee to work with Stevenson High School officials in developing a program where students and seniors come together and provide assistance to each other. Seniors would be given an opportunity to assist high school students searching for information on colleges providing a curriculum they are interested in pursuing; research funding assistance; and possibly tutoring

students in various areas of study. The students would provide assistance to seniors by accomplishing small work projects i.e. cutting grass, cleaning gutters, housekeeping chores, etc. Honna Sheffield heads up the committee with Pat Culver and Sandy Bacus assisting.

Jim Jordan explained that his Aging Task Force work has in part been contacting communities to receive information on surveys they conducted to determine the needs of senior residents along with internet research to develop a comprehensive survey for Skamania County seniors. The Task Force would then have the necessary information to match programs with the needs of residents. Arlene Johnson, Skamania County Senior Services (SCSS) I&A program, is currently developing a mailing list. Jim has also volunteered his services to teach seniors basic computer skills.

Karin Woll mentioned that as Chair of the Advocacy Committee she has been coordinating the upcoming meetings with legislators.

Shanti Potts informed the council of work she has been involved in for Clark County seniors. A Gatekeeper Program was held in an Adult Family Home. Representatives from Police and Sheriff's departments from three communities were in attendance. Shanti complimented SWAAD staff for their ability to adjust the Gatekeeper Training to their audience. David Kelley and Shanti have been working to develop assistance for seniors with acute mental disease which requires immediate psychiatric inpatient care. Shanti also provided assistance in restocking the SWAAD Library.

David Kelly explained that this geriatric mental health issue has existed for many years. Seniors with dementia on occasion might develop a geriatric psychiatric event, which requires immediate inpatient psychiatric treatment; families in crisis are unable to find a treatment facility in SW Washington. Tuality in Oregon was accepting Washington residents but now Tuality is the only center in Oregon and they no longer are able to accept our clientele. Currently, SW Washington seniors facing this crisis must travel to Auburn, WA to receive appropriate treatment. Without proper treatment seniors may get overmedicated. Medicare pays for this type of care and by comparing the needs of Oregon to SW Washington it appears a nine bed unit could meet the need. Shanti Potts and David recently met with the COO, of SW Washington Medical Center, Rainy Atkins, to explore this issue. David and Shanti felt encouraged by their meeting.

Election of New Members:

Roxanne Jones provided information to the council regarding Martha Quigley and MaryAnn Pauline, both applicants from Klickitat County. After a brief discussion Roxanne called for a vote. Both candidates were unanimously approved. The

council's recommendation for their acceptance to the council will be forwarded to the COG for the final approval.

Election of Officers 2011:

Jim Jordan then announced the candidates for 2011 Officers. Pat Culver running unopposed for Chair; Karin Woll running unopposed for Vice-Chair; Sandy Bacus and Susan Holmes were both nominated for the Secretary position. Jim asked the council if there were any nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations; Roxanne distributed ballots and a secret vote was taken. The successful candidates are Pat Culver, Chair; Karin Woll, Vice-Chair; and Sandy Bacus, Secretary.

Debrief Forum September 16, 2010:

Jim Jordan explained that the formation of the Skamania County Aging Task Force was a direct result of SWAAD's Aging Forum. He said the Task Force looking to better serve Skamania County seniors by collecting information from residents. Pat Culver said she felt that Dr. Scarfo was well received.

Sandy Bacus found Dr. Scarfo's presentation informative and inspiring.

Karin Woll mentioned that the Clark County Aging Readiness Task Force was developed from the 2009 Aging Forum. Karin now serves on this Task Force and its Housing Subcommittee.; the Task Force is developing policy suggestions in four different areas for the Clark County Commissioners to review...

Debrief Conference October 12 & 13, 2010:

Pat Culver felt a highlight of the conference was the discussion and explanation of "Medical Home", a concept that combines, coordinates and oversees health care and long term care services in particular for clients with high, multiple care needs. Pat has been in contact with Pat Mahoney, Chair of Snohomish County Long Term Care and Aging Division (the local area agency on aging) Advisory Council. Mr. Mahoney was on the panel for the breakout session "Advisory Council 101- Roles for Today and Tomorrow." Some information Pat has received from Mahoney includes their orientation process for new members; ideas about reaching out to communities and involve more people in the council's work; information regarding the development of standards for new applicants seeking membership on the council and bringing humor to each council meeting.

Anne Snyder explained that she met a lady at the conference who expressed an interest in applying for membership. Anne supplied her with contact information however; she has not yet contacted Anne.

Sandy Bacus found the breakout with Advisory Council members from various counties in developing responses to the question "What are the strengths,

weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with the Aging Network's role in health system reform?" This interaction provided excellent insight into the operation of other Councils.

Karin Woll enjoyed the breakout sessions where the role of Advisory Council members was discussed at length.

Klaus thanked the council for their attendance and for moving forward in their communities with information and insight developed from the September Aging Forum and the October Conferences.

Director's Report:

David explained that as a result of discussions he and Klaus held; Klaus then critiqued their discussions and developed the Strategic Planning Tool. Staff took a look at where the agency currently is and where it should be in the future. David said everyone is part of this organization and he asks the council to study and be ready to discuss the Strategic Planning Tool; offer opinions and recommendations; each page is committed to an issue.

Karin Woll discussed Leadership Park, a program where residents take on and sponsor projects.

Klaus recommended the Planning Committee look at draft of the strategic plan at its February meeting; he wants to add information about the Affordable Care Act and the changes it could bring to the work of the agency.

David then discussed the State LTC spending reductions for FY 2011 and the impact on SWAAD's budget and programs. He referred to the document *2011 Senior Citizen Services Act (SCSA) Funding Reduction* which had been included in the packet for this council meeting. He also described the DSHS/ADSA proposed LTC budget for 2011-2013. David emphasized it does not make sense to cut programs that save money, such as programs providing home- and community based LTC services.

Advocacy Committee Report:

Karin Woll, Chair, Advocacy Committee discussed the plan for the December meetings with legislators. Karin requested Klaus follow up with an email to council members providing the meeting dates and time, what meetings members should attend, and names of legislators who plan to attend. Karin also requested Klaus provide the council with talking points and dollar amounts. Klaus has provided this information to the council.

Public Comment:

None

Meeting Wrap-Up:

Pat Culver informed the council that the Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A) received the Rosalind Carter Foundation's Dr. Robert Montgomery Award for implementation of TCARE.

Roxanne Jones graciously accepted the role of coordinating food for the Christmas party.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned 1:25p.m.