

Southwest Washington Agency on Aging & Disabilities
Advisory Council (SWAADAC)
Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011
201 NE 73rd Street, Vancouver, WA 98662

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair, Pat Culver.

Guests: Victoria Dain, John Dieter, Diane Hadley, Jackie Jones, Karin Woll.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Sandra Bacus, Marc Bollinger, Elizabeth Brown, Patricia Culver, Roxanne Jones, June Knudson, Mary Ann Pauline, Martha Quigley, Lisa Rasmussen, Lowell Smith, Mike Teefy.

Members Absent (excused): Suzanne Holmes, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Shanti Potts.
A quorum was present.

Staff Present: David Kelly, Executive Director, Klaus Micheel, Planning & Advocacy Manager.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as mailed.

Approval of Minutes August 31, 2011: Approved as mailed.

Approval of Minutes September 21, 2011: Approved as mailed.

Announcements/Community Outlook: Council members and staff shared the following information:

Staff will be invited to a Council-sponsored Holiday Gathering following the December 14th Council meeting.

Mary Anne Pauline: The cost of implementing Initiative 1163 (more training for paid caregivers) is a concern. There is a new Assisted Living facility in White Salmon, private pay only.

Lowell Smith: There will be a Thanksgiving dinner at the Goldendale Senior Center.

Mar Bollinger: Need to prepare for the impact of budget cuts at the federal, state, and county level.

Lisa Rasmussen: The Clark County Aging Readiness Task Force is making presentations to the cities in Clark County. The Vulnerable Adults Task Force has a new board.

Mike Teefy: Mike (and Beth Brown) will be AARP liaisons for the 49th LD.

June Knudson: Skamania County is facing a revenue crisis (reduced federal timber replacement funds). The local paper has a new editor.

Sandy Bacus: Sandy spoke with staff of an Assisted Living facility: current Medicaid residents may have to leave should Medicaid cuts be implemented. The caregiver support group Sandy started with SCSS is going well.

David Kelly thanked Karin Woll for her service on the Council. Council members individually expressed their appreciation.

Election of Officers for 2012: Membership Committee Chair, Roxanne Jones, presented the slate of officers: Beth Brown (Chair), Suanne Holmes (Vice Chair), Lisa Rasmussen (Secretary). There were no nominations from the floor.

Candidates shared with the Council why they want to serve:

Beth Brown served on the State Council on Aging (SCOA) and on the Home Care Quality Authority Board. She has a long history with the Council having been a member during the de-designation process. Noting the progress the agency has made she would like to strengthen the Council and work towards increased funding for the agency.

Since Suzanne Holmes could not attend the meeting, Roxanne Jones reiterated the statement Suzanne had made at the previous Council meeting: Suzanne wants to take on more responsibility and get Wahkiakum County more involved.

Lisa Rasmussen is serving on other boards as well and is committed to supporting an aging population. Her experience serving on the Council has been remarkable. Outcome of the secret ballot: Slate of officers approved unanimously.

Introduction of Applicants for Council Membership: The four candidates for three vacant positions introduced themselves:

Victoria Dain has many years of HR and small business experience. She is active with AARP and is drawn to the Council because she feels the Council effectively addresses concerns of seniors and adults with disabilities.. Victoria volunteers with Legacy Hospital.

Jon Dieter is the Program Development Manager for the Longview Housing Authority which serves the four counties of Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, and Wahkiakum. Jon is aware of the demographic changes and the need for housing for the elderly. He brings his housing and program development expertise to the table and wants to be better connected to better serve his community. He also is the caregiver for elderly parents.

Diane Hadley is employed with Family Care Services (a homecare agency) and is a lifelong resident of Clark County. Diane considers herself a very senior advocate.

As a volunteer she has worked with the homeless shelter, the piano hospital, and the Vulnerable Adult Task Force among other organizations.

Jackie Jones is the Community Outreach Coordinator for Wahkiakum County Health & Human Services and therefore well informed about (the need for) senior services in Wahkiakum County. She is especially interested in assisting low-income seniors and improving the housing situation. Jackie also cares for elderly parents.

Reports: Director's Report: David Kelly reported:

- SWAAD has an issue regarding the allocation of funding for senior nutrition and transportation services in Skamania and Klickitat County. SWAAD is reviewing its allocation methodology with its partners in both counties. This may result in reduced allocations in the future. A decision has not been made. A change in allocation/funding would have to be implemented over a couple of years.
- The C-TRAN ballot measure passed. SWAAD appreciates the Council's support.
- SWAAD partners with VHA (Vancouver Housing Authority) in the 770 Project designed to better connect residents of senior housing with needed services.
- A meeting with staff from Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments explored ways to collaborate on an Aging Readiness initiative (task force) in Cowlitz County [Marc Bollinger shared he had heard Cowlitz County could not take the lead in this].
- The (WA State Legislature) Joint Committee on Health Care Implementation met in Vancouver . David Kelly testified explaining the significance of the CARE (assessment) tool and sharing his concern most vulnerable adults lack the ability to self-advocate and therefore would not be well served in a managed care environment.

Reports: Executive Committee: Chair Pat Culver reported the EC had met on November 2nd to set the agenda for this Council meeting.

Reports: State Council on Aging (SCOA): Chair Pat Culver reported SCOA had received some training on how to talk to your legislators and a letter was prepared opposing cuts to senior services in the state budget.

Reports: Advisory Councils/W4A/SCOA Meeting Oct. 20th: Tabled.

Reports: Senior Lobby Fall Conference Oct. 21st: Tabled.

Public Comment: None.

Election of New Council Members: The applicants were excused for this agenda item. Membership Committee Chair, Roxanne Jones, reported that all references had been checked and turned out to be very good. The Council elected Jon Dieter, Victoria Dain, and Jackie Jones.

Meeting Wrap-Up: Pat Culver thanked everybody for participating.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.