

**MINUTES**  
**NORTHWEST SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES**  
**JOINT INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**September 21, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**3410 Cherry Ave Salem, Oregon**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER** – Ruth McEwen, SAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – REVIEW OF THE PRIOR MINUTES** –

- *Chuck Richards moved* that the minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting be adopted as written. *Donna Davis seconded* the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC PRESENT** – Kevin Grossnicklaus, Nutrition Services Manager

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – SENIOR & DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMENTS** –

- Ken went to a Salem strategic planning mtg. it was not a productive mtg. mostly was people for the third bridge.
- Angela talked about the Indigent Guardianship Fund program that she is involved in. The Indigent Guardianship Program is designed to help indigent adults by providing funds to establish guardianships or hire guardians or both. As part of the application process, the court may defer or waive filing fees. The funds will be provided only for people who show compelling need for a guardian and financial need. Given limited funds, only the most severe cases will be approved for funding. Donna to provide Angela with contact information for grant application. Carol referred this to leg/adv. to get some data and outcomes. There was discussion around this program.
- Ruth, Chuck and Judi attended the launch of Age Friendly Communities Meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> starting with a premier of the movie "Old" and an interactive survey and open conversation. Salem Mayor, Chuck Bennett, has made a commitment to actively

work toward making Salem a great place for all ages! Center 50+ has accepted this challenge. Seeking community members and agency partners interested in serving on an age-friendly review team to help assess Salem as an Age-Friendly Community.

- Judi talked about Transportation ADA lawsuit settlement. ODOT settled for \$23 million for sidewalk improvements. This was the first meeting, Judi will report back.
- Judi and Ken attending a Statewide Supportive Housing Strategy meeting with the Oregon Health Authority, they talked about coming together and finding solutions.
- Judi and Ruth attended the Board of Directors meeting last month to put forth dedicating the NWSDS Woodburn building after Rodney Schroeder.

*Ruth McEwen moved* that the Joint Advisory Council recommend to the Board to name the Woodburn Building after Rodney Schroeder. *Ed Cavin seconded* the motion, which passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS** - none

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS –**

Rodney gave the following Federal updates:

- Debt ceiling and CR through 12/8/17
  - Working on FFY 2018 Budget
  - Beginning work on tax reform
  - New effort to repeal ACA by September to allow use of budget reconciliation bill that allows simple majority.
- Rodney gave State updates
- Legislative committee days

- Gearing up for October changes: Eliminate Live-In program, ADL definition changes, In-Home hours rebalance (time studies), two week HCW authorizations
- DHS Director change (Clyde Syki)
- SUA manager change – Sara Howe
- Chuck said he noticed the Governor has been inputting administrative rules.
- Rodney said the agency audit was completed last week, check and balances will be presented to the October BOD mtg
- Working on data for state program report (SPR)
- Area plan update is moved to Spring 2018.
- SHIBA is not on the cut list for the Senate. The immediate things that were happening are not happening.

### **PRESENTATION-**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – OAA Area Plan updates, Nutrition Services, Kevin Grossnicklaus, Nutrition Program Manager**

- Kevin talked about the OAA Area Plan updates, MOU'S, trainings and communication. There was discussion on the nutrition program, SNAP benefits, senior centers, meal sites and donations. They are working with Marion Polk County meal site to build a culturally specific site in Monmouth Independence area. Zaira is participating in an event in Independence this weekend and will be promoting the culturally specific meal site.
- Referral to leg/adv. discussion of utilization of snap benefits for none food items.

### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 - Lee Hazelwood Advocacy Award Nomination Period, Zaira Flores Delgado**

- Zaira talked about the Lee Hazelwood Advocacy Award and is still open for nomination. November 15 is the close date. Judi and Ruth have recommended to DHS to add a plaque in their hallway.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7 - Foundation Concept Idea, Ken Hetsel**

- Ken looked into non-profit foundation friends of center 50 plus. Ken said we could start this foundation, and we could help seniors. He needs 3 volunteers to start a foundation/non-profit, a 501C3. There are some costs involved in setting up a foundation. Rodney said the Agency or Agency staff will not be able participate in the foundation. Ken will put some information together so if you are interested in being on the committee, please let him know. Heather W and Judi R would like to be on the committee. Rodney will provide any information he can.

### **AGENDA ITEM 8 - REPORTS –**

- Ken Hetsel attended the CHIII mtg he said Joseph Lowe was not there. Ken has been asking people their thoughts and opinions on accessibility to local businesses. Ken would like to ask committee members to join Community Health Improvement Access to discuss improvements that they could identify the issues and report back to Joseph Lowe.
- Joint Nominating - None
- Legislative & Advocacy - The meeting is on 10/3 at 10:00 am - 12:00.
- Monitoring Committee Report – Carol said they had their mtg this morning, NWSDS Website was demonstrated and each were testing it. Suggestions, and recommendations were made. They

came up with suggestions to monitor the OTAGO program. Ruth said she really appreciated that the agency had come to them to test the website before it was rolled out.

- Update Governor's Commission – none
- Update Home Care Commission – cancelled
- State Independent Living Council (SILC) – Chuck said they went to Hermiston, and will be going to Spokane for a 3 day conference.
- Oregon State Plan on Aging – met last week, Ruth did not attend.
- State Rehabilitation Council – it is a well done commission, very interesting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 - SAC/DSAC Vacancy list –**

- The list was reviewed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10 - Outside Committee reports –**

- HCBS (Home Community Base Services) – Judi talked about implementation of individually based limitations to coincide with person centered service planning. **HCBS rights implementation:** Rooms – locks on doors, decorating, choice of roommate. **Personal:** Food and visitors at any time, control of own schedule, freedom from restraints. Oregon is working on the plan, guidelines and exceptions.
- Steven talked about The Oregon Health Authority using quality health metrics to show how well Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are improving care, making quality care accessible,

eliminating health disparities, and curbing the rising cost of health care. The outcome and quality measurements have been developed by the Metrics and Scoring Committee. Funds from a quality pool will be awarded to CCOs based on their annual performance on these CCO Incentive Measures. OHA regularly provides CCOs with progress reports on the CCO Incentive and State Performance Measures for their review and feedback.

- Ed said there were 3 domestic violence conferences this year. They are planning several more next year.
- Judi talked about the Clearview Disability Resource Center in Pendelton. They met with Darrin Umbarger of Clearwater, he invented and produced the wheelchair charging station. See Judi's recap handout of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 - Referral to SAC/DSAC Committees** – none

**AGENDA ITEM 12 – ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

*Jennifer Markey*

Jennifer Markey, Executive Assistant

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