

**Summary of Qualifications of Applicants for Membership
on the
Senior Services Advisory Council
June 2009**

New Candidates Recommended for Appointment to the Council

Gwen Curran

Ms. Curran is a retired educator and currently a member of the Executive Council of Oregon AARP. She has been involved with Oregon AARP since 2004, first starting as a trainer and facilitator. She has educated many community groups about issues related to aging and has provided support through forums and printed materials as needed. Areas of concern include long term care, livable communities, accessible transportation, health care, access to the arts, financial health and exercise programs. Ms. Curran is interested in connecting at the local level and sharing information about the State-level AARP program.

Lambert Escobosa

Mr. Escobosa is a former member of the Marine Corp, retired from the furniture manufacturing and retail business, and is bi-lingual. He has lived in Lane County for twelve years, currently residing in Veneta. Previously he lived in the San Diego and worked with charities there for many years. Mr. Escobosa volunteers with FISH (an organization that provides emergency services such as food and clothing) and helps others through his church. Mr. Escobosa states he has had a good life and is interested in giving back to the community.

Lisa Grissell

Ms. Grissell is a retired Registered Nurse and has lived in Lane County for 30 years. She has been involved in volunteer work most of her life, beginning with her high school experience working with disabled youths. She has personal experience with caregiving, overseeing and providing care to four elderly family members, negotiating through all types of long term care settings. She is an active certified Long Term Care Ombudsman since retiring from her job one year ago. She has a strong interest in making a positive difference in the quality of life for seniors in our community, whether they reside in their home or a licensed facility.

Richard (Dick) Sly

Mr. Sly has many years of experience working in the medical field as a Diagnostic Radiological Technologist and has been retired for 17 years. Mr. Sly has personal experience with the challenges of care giving, having cared for his wife with

Alzheimer's disease for several years. During that time, he participated in the Family Caregiver Support Program and Caregiver Support Groups through Cascade Adult Center. He is currently a volunteer with Senior & Disabled Services, offering transportation and other services to those in need. Mr. Sly is interested in helping others through his personal experience and wishes to contribute to the expansion and improvement of services to seniors.

Candidates for Appointment as Community Representatives

Sandi Curtis

Ms. Curtis has a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and has spent years working freelance with an attorney on issues facing battered individuals, including abuse restraining orders. She helped write the DUII laws in the 1970's and has much experience working within the legal system. Her volunteer experience includes ten years of fund-raising, first for Legal Aide and now for Eugene Speech and Hearing. Of concern to her are issues related to homelessness, mental health, financial issues, health care, and abuse restraining orders. Ms. Curtis is interested in helping to make positive movement, staying actively engaged and helping others.

Diana Jacoby

Ms. Jacoby holds a Masters Degree in Gerontology and has experience/training as a care manager for older and disabled adults. She has worked as an advocate for Medicare recipients (in a similar role to our Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance program), and has also assisted low-income recipients apply for the Low-Income Subsidy program. She also has certification/training in dealing with grief, death and dying issues. Ms. Jacoby is looking forward to collaborating with like-minded individuals towards improving access and understanding available services for seniors.

Karen Locke

Ms. Locke has lived in Lane County for 39 years and previously worked as an educator. At LCC, she served as a lead teacher and worked as a mentor, coordinator, liaison between management and faculty, and has led several committees. She has extensive personal experience assisting family members, friends, students and others who were or are disabled. Ms. Locke is particularly interested in accessible transportation for seniors and people with disabilities and supporting good nutrition.