

Agenda Item Number 11.a.

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection

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Action Recommended: None, Information Only

Background:

The Aging and Disability Resource Center Program (ADRC) is a collaborative effort of the Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services (CMS). The shared vision is for the ADRC to become integral components of health and long-term care reform by providing information and counseling support to seniors and people with disabilities, regardless of income, to make informed decisions to meet their needs and preferences in planning for their long term care. These person-centered systems are envisioned to optimize choice and independence; be served by an adequate workforce; be transparent, encourage personal responsibility; provide coordinated, high quality care; and be financially sustainable.

Federal grants for the ADRC were first made available to 12 states in 2003. In 2008 Oregon was awarded a three-year grant from CMS to develop a prototype ADRC in Lane County. In 2009 Oregon was awarded a three-year grant from AoA to expand the work of the CMS grant to nine additional counties (Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook and Clatsop). Additionally, in partnership with Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services and Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services, Oregon received a Community Living Program grant in 2009. Together these grant funds will be dove-tailed to create the prototype infrastructure needed to support the ADRC model initially in the pilot areas and eventually statewide. As part of the implementation process, the State of Oregon has determined the title “Aging and Disability Resource Connection” most accurately describes the services provided through this effort.

Under this agenda item, Board members will hear a report on the development and progress of the ADRC in Lane County.