

March 5, 2007

To: LCOG Executive Committee

From: Kay Metzger

Subject: 2006 Needs Assessment

Action Requested: None. Information Only.

In accordance with federal and state policy, S&DS must develop an Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for seniors and persons with disabilities residing in Lane County. The Area Plan is a multi-year document, with annual updates. It serves two purposes: (1) it is a planning document -- it identifies the needs of seniors and adults with disabilities, and describes the agency's plans for addressing these needs; and (2) it is a compliance document which provides the basis for the State of Oregon to contract with LCOG for the delivery of a range of services to older people and people with disabilities.

Program Year 2007-08 (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) will be the first year of a new Area Plan cycle. To prepare for this cycle, during the summer and fall of 2006 Patti Little, S&DS Contracts Manager, completed an assessment of the needs of seniors and people with disabilities who reside in Lane County.

During its meetings in January and February 2007, the Planning & Budget Committee used the 2006 Needs Assessment as a basis for its recommendations regarding services to be funded in Program Year 2007-08. Additionally, the Advisory Councils of Senior & Disabled Services have received copies of the document and it has been distributed throughout the county to libraries, cities, senior centers and other community locations.

The 2006 Needs Assessment of Lane County Seniors and Persons with Disabilities is presented here for review by the LCOG Executive Committee.