

**Summary of Qualifications of Applicants for Membership
on the
Senior Services Advisory Council
June 2010**

New Candidates Recommended for Appointment to the Council

Shirley Kingsbury

Ms. Kingsbury is a retired nurse and spouse of a United Methodist minister. She has lived a life of service with persons of all ages, using her nursing skills to help those in need. She has volunteered her time as a parish nurse, has worked with Lane County Public Health and with Clatsop County Health Department. She has also worked on contract with the State of Oregon making evaluation visits of nursing homes located in Clatsop County. Ms. Kingsbury has particular interest in health and health care, living conditions and living alternatives, and the provision of needed services and programs for physically and mentally challenged persons.

Rosemary Foster

Ms. Foster comes to the Senior Services Advisory Council with extensive legal experience, working as an Administrative Law Judge for 25 years in the State of Washington. There she heard cases for the state welfare and unemployment agencies, and many others. Additionally, for six years she worked for the State of Alaska as a Hearings Officer within the Department of Labor. Upon her move to Oregon, she worked briefly as a disability analyst for the State of Oregon Disability Determination Service. She is an active member of the District of Columbia Bar, the Alaska Bar, and has a pending application for admission to the Oregon Bar. Ms. Foster states her primary concerns are confusion about government programs, elder abuse, and access to community services.

Barbara Susman

Ms. Susman holds a Masters of Social Work degree from University of Washington. She coordinated educational programs for older adults for 16 years, working as the Director of Oasis Education Center for 12 years. Ms. Susman is an active member of the Senior Professionals Information Network (SPIN) and has extensive volunteer experience with such organizations as Volunteers in Medicine, Committed Partners for Youth, and Food for Lane County. She is a past board member of Cascade Manor and United Way Essentials for Life Goals team. Ms. Susman brings to the Senior Services Advisory Council an interest in maximizing collaboration for the benefit of all involved, especially isolated older adults living in poverty with chronic conditions of both physical and mental in nature. She currently holds the position of Director of Lane Community College's Successful Aging Institute and Senior Companion Program.

Kenneth Viegas

Mr. Viegas is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Oregon. He has 30 years experience instructing students and creating courses and workshops in the human services field. Additionally he was a faculty member at two graduate schools of social work, the University of Louisville and LaTrobe University in Australia. Early in his career he served as a Juvenile Court Counselor, a case manager, and a supervisor with Child Protective Services. He has served on a variety of advisory groups in Lane County, and is certified as a Long Term Care Ombudsman.

He is strongly committed to treating people of all abilities with respect and firmly believes individuals have the right to self determination. He believes in transparency in economics and access to information about all available resources. He states mental health services and rural transportation also play an important role in the continuum of services.

Candidates for Appointment as Community Representatives

Janet O'Bryant

Ms. O'Bryant has lived in Lane County for 22 years and brings to the Senior Services Advisory Council both a professional and personal perspective of service delivery and the needs of the community. She currently works as a driver for RideSource where she serves many seniors and people with varying levels of abilities. She has taught elementary education both in California and Oregon, with an endorsement in cross cultural language acquisition and development (CLAD). As a family member, she referred both her mother and mother-in-law for services through Senior & Disabled Services and has proactively sought out services for both. She is interested in promoting sensible and dignified solutions for seniors and/or people with extraordinary challenges in life.

Sue Maddron

Ms. Maddron is uniquely familiar with Senior & Disabled Services, having worked for the agency for most of her 31 year career. She held the position of case manager and was particularly successful as a nursing home relocation specialist, helping people move out of an institution and into a more independent and home-like environment. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Olive Plaza. Ms. Maddron is interested in serving her community in many ways and also volunteers at her grand-daughter's school. Her many years of experience and deep knowledge of case management with seniors and people with disabilities will be extremely helpful as a member of the Council.

Paula May

Ms. May is a retired registered nurse and has lived in Lane County for 17 years. Her 35+ years in medicine were primarily in the geriatric fields of rehabilitation and care giver training. At present, she works part-time for "At Ease Home Care / Mother's Helper" as the Community Relations Director. She has been involved with the Alzheimer's Association, the Alzheimer's Education Committee and Speakers Bureau, and Partners to Improve End of Life Care. She is a class instructor at the Successful Aging Institute and also on their Advisory Council. Ms. May is interested in consumer protections for seniors, and states a concern about business people jumping on the bandwagon of "Senior Marketing" for no other reason than to pursue personal gain.