

June 3, 2005

TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Ted Stevens

SUBJECT: Appointments to LCOG's Senior Services and Disability Services
Advisory Councils

Both of LCOG's Advisory Councils that support Senior & Disabled Services operate on a July 1 - June 30 year. The terms of most members on each council are staggered. The Bylaws of each council allow members to serve up to six years. The length of a term on the Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) is three years, so members can serve two consecutive terms. In contrast, the length of a term on the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) is two years. Therefore, DSAC members may serve up to three consecutive terms before "limiting" out.

This memo presents each council's recommendations to the Board Executive Committee regarding appointments that take effect on July 1, 2005. The membership report and recommendations of the SSAC are presented first, followed by those for the DSAC.

1. Appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Council:

- a. Membership Report: According to the Council's Bylaws, the maximum number of members allowed is twenty-three. On June 30, the terms of six "general" and two DSAC liaison members will conclude. Since one member (Earlene Berry) resigned earlier in the year, and a second member (Alice Salsbury Putnam) announced her intention to resign on June 30, there will be ten seats to be filled on July 1. Of the six general members whose terms conclude on June 30, five are eligible for reappointment.
- b. Recruitment Activities: Prior to selecting recruitment strategies, the Council's Nominating Committee determined that all five current members eligible for re-appointment desire to be re-appointed. It also determined that LCOG's Disability Services Advisory Council will appoint one liaison member to the SSAC. Given these findings, it concluded that it had four seats to fill with new candidates. Once this number was established, it

determined that broad-scale recruitment strategies were not warranted. Instead, it elected to pursue the following activities to identify prospective candidates: (1) determine Community Representative Members' interest in promotion to full membership positions on the Council, and (2) ask Nominating Committee and SSAC members to solicit applications from people known to them. Implementation of these strategies produced four candidates, including two promotional candidates and two new applicants.

The Nominating Committee met twice to deliberate and to interview new applicants. Its recommendations were presented to the Advisory Council on May 10. The Council's recommendations are set forth below. (A summary of the qualifications of the new candidates for appointment to the SSAC is attached as Attachment #1.)

c. **REQUESTED ACTIONS concerning appointments to the SSAC:**

- (1) That the LCOG Executive Committee re-appoint the following Council members to three year term (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008):
 - Jane Boren, Springfield, <60;
 - Marion Esty, Veneta, 60+;
 - Jean Jordan, Eugene, 60+;
 - Murray Petitt, Springfield, <60; and
 - Jane Strasdas, Eugene, 60+.
- (2) That the Committee appoint the following current Community Representative Members to three year terms on the Council (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008):
 - Dianne Burch, Florence, <60; and
 - Andrea Gillispie, Springfield, <60.
- (3) That the Committee appoint Jim Patterson (Eugene, 60+) to membership on the Council for a three-year term (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008).
- (4) That the Committee appoint Don Hampton (Oakridge, 60+) to membership on the Council to complete the term of Alice Salsbury Putnam (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007).
- (5) That the Committee appoint the following individuals to one year terms as Community Representative Members of the SSAC:
 - Cathy Steadman Cox, Eugene, <60; and
 - David Quale, Eugene, <60.

2. **Appointments to the Disability Services Advisory Council:**

- a. Membership Report: Currently, there are fourteen members on the Disability Services Advisory Council. Since the maximum number of members is fifteen, there is one vacancy on the Council. In addition, on June 30, the terms of seven members will conclude. As a result, there are eight Council seats to be filled on July 1. Of the members whose terms conclude on June 30, all seven are eligible for reappointment. Of these, five are interested in re-appointment.
- b. Recruitment Activities: A year ago, the Council's Nominating Committee undertook targeted recruitment activities, reaching out to specific individuals, rather than soliciting broadly for prospective candidates. This year, the Committee decided to recruit broadly throughout the county. Various strategies were employed, with print and electronic media being the most productive. By the deadline for the submission of applications for membership, five formal applications and three expressions of interest in Community Representative Membership status were in hand.

The Nominating Committee met twice to deliberate and to interview new applicants. Its recommendations were presented to the Advisory Council on May 13 but, due to the lack of a quorum, were not acted on. They will be resubmitted to the Council at a special meeting on June 10. The Council's recommendations will be presented to the LCOG Executive Committee at its meeting on June 16th.

c. **REQUESTED ACTIONS concerning appointments to the DSAC:**

As noted above, the Council's recommendations will be presented orally to the LCOG Executive Committee at its meeting on June 16. The recommendations that it will consider at its June 10th meeting are set forth below.

- (1) That the DSAC recommends to the LCOG Executive Committee the re-appointment of the following Council members to two year terms (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007):
 - Kelly Hodgkinson, Springfield;
 - Kathy Jenness, Lowell;
 - Darlene Puls, Eugene;

- L. M. Reese, Eugene; and
 - Michael Thomas, Eugene.
- (2) That the DSAC recommends to the LCOG Executive Committee the appointment of the following individuals to two year terms (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007) on the Council:
- Tim Baxter, Eugene;
 - Wanda jo Lang, Eugene; and
 - Kevin O’Reilly, Eugene.
- (3) That the DSAC recommends to the LCOG Executive Committee the appointment of the following individuals to one-year (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006) Community Representative seats on the Council:
- James Dean, Eugene;
 - Mathew Hasek, Eugene;
 - Terry Parker, Eugene;
 - Leslie Relle, Eugene; and
 - Maureen Wadst.

Attachments

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

Dianne Burch, Florence: Ms Burch is a very active Community Representative Member of the Council. She is interested in promotion to full membership on the Council. Ms Burch is a former Florence City Counselor and is very active in civic affairs in western Lane County.

Andrea Gillispie, Springfield: Ms Gillispie is an active Community Representative Member of the Council who is interested in promotion to full membership. She is the Director of Cascade Health Solution's Adult Day Center, having held this position for the past 15 years. Ms Gillispie is on the advisory council of LCC's Senior Companion Program, and is active in many local senior organizations and groups.

Don Hampton, Oakridge: Mr. Hampton is a retired educator and elected official. He taught Social Studies at Oakridge High School. He has held the following policy positions in local government: Oakridge City Councilor, Oakridge Mayor, and Lane County Commissioner. In addition, he has extensive experience in local and regional advisory and policy groups.

Jim Patterson, Eugene: Dr. Patterson was a professor of Anthropology at Eastern Oregon University. After a 40 year career at Eastern, he retired to Lane County. For the past four years, he has served as a certified Long Term Care Ombudsman volunteer helping residents in local nursing homes. In addition, he is active in the Lane Coalition of Senior Programs and the Oregon Health Plan Improvement Group.

David Quale: Mr. Quale is a Medical Social Worker with PeaceHealth. Currently, he works as a Patient Care Coordinator at PeaceHealth Medical Group's Willamette St. Clinic. Prior to this assignment, he worked as a Medical Social Worker at PeaceHealth's Sacred Heart Hospital. Before obtaining employment with PeaceHealth, he worked locally in the mental health field. He has extensive experience working with older people.

Summary of Qualifications of Applicants for Membership
on the
Disability Services Advisory Council

Tim Baxter, Eugene: Mr. Baxter is a public interest attorney. He works for Lane County Law and Advocacy Center. Since 1987, he has focused his law practice on disability issues, often representing applicants and clients of Senior & Disabled Services. He serves as a board member of Independent Environments, a residential support program for people with developmental disabilities. At the state-level, he has served on the State's Disability Determination Services Advisory Council and DHS' Employed Persons with Disabilities Workgroup.

Wanda jo Lang, Eugene: Ms Lang has lived in Lane County for 12 years. Her experiences with disabilities include dealing with her own disability and providing support and care for others with disabilities. She has worked as a coordinator of Special Olympics and as a residential supervisor in a group home. Locally, she has served as a volunteer with LCC's American Indian Language Project. She is completing a BA in not-for-profit management at the University of Oregon.

Kevin O'Reilly, Eugene: Mr. O'Reilly is currently the governmental liaison for a non-profit disabled veterans services organization—Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America. In addition, he sits on the Oregon Disabilities Commission, St. Vincent de Paul's Housing Advisory Committee, and the board of the Lane Independent Living Alliance. His professional training was in architecture and urban planning. For over 20 years he has been involved in the design and construction of accessible housing for people with disabilities.

James Dean, Eugene: Mr. Dean is very active in local disability rights groups. He is the former chairperson of the Accessibility Committee of the Eugene Human Rights Commission, and was very active in the campaign to make the new federal courthouse fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Mathew Hasek, Eugene: Mr. Hasek is a 14 year resident of Lane County. He is a consumer of S&DS' services. He wishes to use his knowledge and perspective of our services system to improve client services. Mr. Hasek is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

Leslie Relle, Eugene: Ms Relle is a 12 year resident of Lane County. She is a person with a disability. She hopes to address the following topics in her role as a Community Representative Member of the DSAC: full participation in society for people with disabilities; access to education, medications, and police services for people with disabilities; and discrimination based on disabilities.

Maureen Wadst: Ms Wadst has lived in Lane County for 29 years. She is currently involved in Laurel Hill Center's Harmony House Program and is seeking part-time employment. She would like to work to raise the public's awareness of mental illness.