

Disability Services Advisory Council

DATE: Friday, January 18, 2019

TIME 10:30AM –11:15AM

LOCATION: Lane Council of Governments

5th Floor, Buford Meeting Room

859 Willamette Street

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1. Minutes & Agenda

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[1-18-19 DSAC AGENDA.PDF](#)
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AGENDA

10:30 a.m.	1. Call to Order, additions to the agenda, introductions	Lana J.
10:31 a.m.	2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda	Lana J.
10:33 a.m.	3. Consideration of last DSAC minutes	Lana J.
10:35 a.m.	4. Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities Overview	Jamie Daignault
11:05 a.m.	6. Behavioral Health Updates	Kate
11:14 a.m.	7. Call for Next Meeting Agenda Items & Reminder of Next Meeting	Lana J.
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11:15 a.m.	7. Adjourn	Lana J.

**MINUTES
DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Friday, November 16, 2018
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Buford Room — Park Place Building
859 Willamette Street – Eugene, Oregon**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Necker, Vice Chair; John Ahlen, Joe Basey, Hoover Chambliss (via phone), Marianne Malott, Kay McDonald, Tina Powell, Amy Scott, Peggy Thomas, Dennis Weirich, Lucy Zammarelli

EXCUSED: Melanie Carlone, Lana Junger, Sheila Thomas.

STAFF: Brooke Emery, Emily Farrell, Tammy Lanz, Kate Scott, Haven (intern).

1. Call to Order/Additions to Agenda/Introductions

In Ms. Junger's absence, Mr. Necker called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

3. Consideration of September 21 DSAC meeting minutes

MOTION: Mr. Weirich moved, seconded by Ms. Powell, to approve the September 21 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously,

On behalf of Ms. Malott, Mr. Weirich asked that because she had a hearing difficulty, out of consideration for Ms. Malott's needs, everyone should use the microphone when speaking.

4. Debrief Legislative Town Hall

Ms. Scott prefaced her comments by requesting feedback from each of the four council members who attended the November 10 Town Hall at Hilyard Center. She said Representatives Fahey, Beyer, and Prozanski attended and one Legislator who had planned to attend was unable to do so. There were about 40 people present and there had been some heated questions and discussion. Ms. Scott was seeking ideas for improving the event in the future.

Ms. Thomas noted that controversy and tough questions could be positive things. She suggested getting people's names and addresses on the comment cards and providing them to Legislators so they could follow up on questions if they wished.

Mr. Necker thought the event had gone well and that it had been a good idea to hear from Brenda Wilson first and then from people who wanted to ask questions.

Mr. Weirich enjoyed the interaction with Legislators, all of whom seemed to be interested in

what the councils were doing. He had learned about the mental health first aid class being put on by Whitebird and had registered for it.

Ms. Malott commented that the class Mr. Weirich mentioned should be offered to all police officers.

Ms. Scott reported that the Legislators indicated support for Oregon Project Independence and its continued funding but had cautioned that getting general funds always was competitive and never assured. They had mentioned leveraging Federal funds for programs and alluded to the possibility of additional State funds. Ms. Scott had heard at another meeting that the Department of Human Services was looking at a family caregiver program that would be available to Medicaid clients but few details were available yet.

Mr. Necker agreed that the Legislators were supportive of both OPI and the OPI Pilot despite their funding being on the chopping block every session.

Ms. Zammarelli recalled the conversation at the last meeting about doing something for caregivers during the Town Hall. Ms. Scott responded that the proclamation had been approved and signed by the LCOG Board and had been handed out to Legislators and made available at the Town Hall. Because attendees were predominantly consumers and not caregivers nothing more had been done at the event. A comment card had suggested exploring an event for caregivers only.

Mr. Basey was happy the event had gone well. Ms. Scott thanked Mr. Basey for helping reserve the Hilyard Center and ensuring there would be great staff support in his absence. She also thanked Mr. Weirich for helping staff the comment card table, Mr. Necker for moderating, Peggy Thomas for helping with room configuration, and Ms. Malott for being there. Ms. Malott shared that her walker had required emergency repair and she appreciated the help she had received.

Mr. Necker thanked Peggy Thomas for showing support for an attendee who had made comments about her unaddressed needs.

5. ODOT Settlement Update

Sheila Thomas was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a summary titled "ODOT Settlement Update."

Responding to Ms. Thomas's question about the settlement, Ms. Malott said that Marlene had worked hard on the issue of rounded corner curb cuts instead of right-angled ones not serving blind people well. She added that some ramps had been installed with too great a slope and had to be redone. Mr. Weirich added that his wheelchair sometimes got hung up on ramps that were too steep.

Ms. Scott indicated Sheila Thomas would have more answers to council members' questions about the settlement and that ODOT ADA Planning Manager Lisa Strader had indicated her willingness to answer questions and present to the group.

Council members generally agreed they wanted Ms. Scott to schedule a presentation by Ms. Strader for a spring meeting.

Members supported Mr. Basey's suggestion about also having a presentation by someone from the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities. He agreed to connect Ms. Scott with the appropriate person from that organization.

6. Behavioral Health Updates

Ms. Scott shared that Jody Cline had a good meeting with Carla Ayers about how to better collaborate with Behavioral Health. A new Trillium collaborative meeting had been held recently and Mr. Weirich and Ms. Emery both were involved with that group. Ms. Scott wanted to explore further having representation on the Lane County Mental Health Advisory/Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee.

Ms. Zammarelli reported she no longer was attending meetings of that committee and said it formed as a combination of two separate committees. Its monthly meetings were open to the public and it received updates and information about different county programs, including DD, the methadone program, and Behavioral Health. Health and Human Services Director Karen Gaffney participated in the meetings and Ms. Zammarelli recommended that Ms. Farrell or Ms. Emery should attend to help further better integration of different agencies' work on the same issues. She indicated that while there was an application and interview process for committee membership, she believed agency leaders were not subject to the same process, although it was unclear whether they would be voting members of the group. She noted that County staff members did not vote.

Ms. Malott supported more collaboration among community boards and noted that a behavioral health person worked in each of the community health clinics.

Ms. Zammarelli agreed to make a proposal to Karen Gaffney after Ms. Farrell and Ms. Emery connected with Ms. Scott and Ms. Zammarelli discussed it further with Ms. Scott.

Ms. Scott wondered about a connection between S&DS's 2019 Community Needs Assessment and the efforts underway on the County Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Ms. Zammarelli commented that while there were different funding mechanisms and resources, disabilities was not separate from health issues and the two efforts overlapped.

John Ahlen arrived at 11:03 a.m.

Ms. Scott observed that it was difficult to get folks together for the S&DS focus groups in rural areas and with underserved populations and there may be an opportunity for collaboration with the County on these. Ms. Zammarelli agreed to strategize on this with Ms. Scott, Ms. Emery, and Ms. Farrell.

Ms. Zammarelli announced the next Lane Equity Coalition event would be January 10 at LCC at 5 p.m. The topic was sex health and equity. United Way had taken over the

planning function and would bring in an array of speakers to address transgender and LGBTQ issues, and issues for people of color. Dinner would be provided and there would be lots of table discussion. It would end at 7:30, in time for the last LTD bus at 8 p.m. She would send a flyer to Ms. Scott for distribution to council members.

Responding to Ms. Scott's question about discussion of the rates of STDs in older adults, Ms. Zammarelli said the rates were high and there was lots of activity in residential settings but it rarely was addressed. She believed that safe sex kits needed to be readily available. She added that if people who were older or had disabilities were not being asked if they were having sex, work to better protect people's health needed to be done with the provider system.

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Two potential presentations had been identified during the meeting: a speaker from the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities and the ODOT ADA Planning Manager. Ms. Scott said there would be Medicaid updates during the lunch meeting in January. Mr. Necker recommended having only one speaker per meeting.

Ms. Scott said that in addition to the previously mentioned legislative policy option package around family caregivers for people on Medicaid, there also was talk about getting funding to restart the Gatekeeper Program in which a staff person trained targeted community members about available services and those people became trainers/resources in the community. Both these legislative concepts would impact this council.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

(recorded by Mary Feldman)