



**Agenda Item Number
6b.
Senior Services Advisory Committee Members**

Date: June 27, 2019

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: Appoint Members

Background:

The Bylaws of the Senior Services Advisory Council allow for no fewer than fifteen and no more than twenty-three members. A minimum of 50 percent of members are required to be age 60 or older. The Council shall also strive to have 25% rural representation. There are currently 14 returning Council members, of whom 11 are ages 60 or older and 3 are from a rural area. One member is exiting the Council as they reached their maximum term limit and one additional member resigned as their employment schedule changed impacting their meeting attendance availability.

The Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) operates on a July 1 – June 30 yearly cycle. New member recruitment typically occurs in late spring and early summer. Annual recruitment efforts took place during the month of April and four applicants are recommended for membership.

The SSAC considered the input of its Nominating Committee on May 17, 2019; the Executive Committee unanimously voted at their June 11, 2019 meeting to recommend the Board appoint these new members.

Recommendation:

The following individuals are being recommended as full members of the Council for three year terms. These additions will increase membership to

seventeen full members, of which twelve are age 60 or older and four that reside in rural areas.

1. Joan Benson, age 93: Joan is a retired University of Oregon faculty member; she is an accomplished musician and author and is interested in finding ways to encourage older adults to participate in community activities to reduce social isolation. Joan's goal is to encourage older adults to live happier lives and to stay vibrant and active.
2. Beth Brooks, age 50: Beth is the Director of the Senior Companion Program at Lane Community College and has worked with low-income older adults for most of her professional life. Her daily interactions, training, and partnerships with similar organizations have helped her become well versed in the issues, concerns, and difficulties older adults' experience. Beth would like to better serve the older adult community by actively helping problem-solve the growing needs this population is facing.
3. Jody Cline, age 67: Jody recently retired as the Division Director of LCOG Senior & Disability Services. Jody has an extensive background with the mission of S&DS as well as involvement with the Governors' Commission on Senior Services, Trillium Board, LTD Budget Committee, Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging Board and the Oregon Wellness Network Board. Jody is looking for an opportunity to continue to give back to her community.
4. Judith Moman: Judith is a private practice estate planning attorney and volunteers with the Senior Law Program through the Oregon Law Center. Judith was a member of the Gray Panthers in Long Beach, CA for 2 years and advocated on a range of issues affecting older adults, including housing, transportation, and environmental issues. Judith has been actively involved with a variety of community groups and non-profit boards. She is interested in housing issues and creating robust social support networks for LGBTQ+ older adults.

Proposed Motion: Appoint these four applicants to the SSAC.