



**Agenda Item Number
8.
Appointments to the Senior Services Advisory
Committee**

Date: June 22, 2023

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 must also strive to have 25% rural representation. There are currently 13 returning Council members, of whom seven are ages 60 or older and three are from a rural area. One member is exiting the Council as they reached their maximum term limit and one member resigned due to other commitments and time restraints.

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. SSAC considered the input of its Nominating Committee on May 16, 2023.

Recommendation:

The SSAC recommends LCOG appoint the following four individuals to the Council for three-year terms. These additions will increase membership to 17 full members, of which 10 are age 60 or older and three that reside in rural areas.

1. Rae VanZandt, in her 30s: Rae works at FOOD for Lane County as the Programs and Services Director, and provides oversight to the Senior Food

Department, which houses the MOW program. She is passionate about food insecurity of low income and homebound older adults and understanding service referrals for clients to other services for older adults. She would like to stay connected to current services and initiatives for older adults and believes on the Senior Services Council will help her learn from other members and share her experience with the Council.

2. Dianne Robertson, in her 70s: Dianne is a retired registered nurse with experience working at long term care and rehab facilities and adult day care. She is passionate about advocacy and assistance in navigating the health systems, in-home family caregivers, transportation to medical appointments, and resources for self-care and independence. She would like the opportunity to contribute her insights and knowledge and do some good in the community.

3. Katy Lenn, in her 60s: Katy is a retired librarian. She is passionate about information and access and ensuring that it is easy for seniors to easily obtain information on services and assistance when needed. Having had family members and friends benefit from services provided by LCOG S&DS, she feels it is time to pay it forward. She has always embraced the needs for older people through her research experience and writing and would like to continue to devote time to the needs of seniors.

4. Lisa Lightner, in her 60s: Lisa has a master's in counseling and has 10 years experience working in a day shelter for unhoused people. Lisa has been legally blind since she was 27 and is familiar with the challenges and problems of living with a disability and being a senior herself. She is passionate about unhoused seniors and vulnerable populations, food insecurity, safety for seniors and people with disabilities.

Proposed Action: Appoint these four applicants to the SSAC.