



**Agenda Item Number
12. a.
Advisory Council Reports**

Date: February 22, 2024

Presenter: Brenda Moore

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)
Annual report will be provided at meeting

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)
September 11, 2023

- Sandra Easdale, Loan Program Manager brought forth nominations to the LEC members to recommend the appoint of Loan Administration Committee members to the LCOG Board. LEC recommended the nominations to the LCOG Board.
- Denise Walters, LEC Staff and Jude Anderson, Lane County Eco. Dev. Mgr. asked LEC members to consider recommending the LCOG Board provide a letter of support for Lane County’s proposal to the Recompete Program. The request was made to the LCOG Board.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)
October 9, 2023

- Denise Walters, LEC Staff asked LEC members for volunteers for the Nomination Committee. Matt Michael and Paul Berger volunteered.
- Heard from Natalie Inouye and Stephanie Hoshaw of Travel Lane County. Travel Lane County briefed the LEC on the research and business intelligence tools they use to market Lane County as a destination. Travel Lane County is sharing

access to these tools with community partners, who may use them for tourism strategies or broader economic development work to support business recruitment and expansion.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

November 13, 2023

- Heard from Madeline Baron and John Tapogna of ECONorthwest. For many years ECONorthwest has conducted numerous analyses of Oregon housing policy at local, regional, and state levels. Madeline Baron and John Tapogna presented their findings regarding economic drivers and costs of homelessness in Lane County.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

December 11, 2023

- Denise Walters, LEC Staff, held a discussion reminding LEC members who are representing local jurisdictions to please check in with their appointing authority and confirm who will serve on the LED for 2024.
- Discussion and motions for appointment and vote for LEC Chair and Vice Chair. Current Chair Greg Ervin and Vice Chair Anne Fifield were appointed to serve another term.
- Heard from Heidi Larwick, Executive Director for Connected Lane County
Connected Lane County (CLC) works with Lane County school districts, industry partners, workgroups, and community organizations to create opportunities and prepare youth for their lives beyond high school. CLC identifies and bridging gaps, works to change systems, and creates safe spaces to help youth succeed via three core programs: Elevate, Navigate, and Spark. Elevate provides career-connect learning opportunities for youth and professional development opportunities for educators. Navigate offers individualized work readiness and school re-engagement services for youth facing significant barriers to employment and education. Spark is a safe place to learn, innovation, collaborate, and create through out-of-school training opportunities that help youth grow their skills, become confident problem solvers, and gain hands-on experiences. Spark experiences currently include Invention Lab, Invention Club, and The Agency.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

January 18, 2024

- Heard from Denise Walters, LEC Staff, and Justin Peterson, OCWCOG Staff
Denise Walters said a comprehensive development strategy would be developed this year. Justin Peterson said Oregon Cascades West was working on a scope of work for the CEDS update. The scope of work would span five years between 2025 to 2030. Background data for each county needed to be updated, a new SWAT analysis would be developed, and an assessment of the previous CEDS would be conducted to build the framework for the new CEDS document. Vice Chair Anne Fifield asked what the timeframe was to update the CEDS. Justin Peterson said the goal was to have the draft CEDS ready by the end of 2024 and adopt the new CEDS at the start of 2025.

Denise Walters said in the past, a survey was conducted to determine if the CEDS was serving member organizations well. The survey showed that most people were happy with the CEDS. However, she suggested that now would be a good time for members to share their critiques, so they could be taken into consideration while the draft CEDS was being developed.

- Heard from Matt Sayre, Executive Director and Caitlin Vargas from CEDO (Collaborative Economic Development Oregon) CEDO is a county-wide economic development organization. Matt Sayre's discussion focused on CEDO Priority One; Regional Collaboration, Priority Two; Sector Diversification, and Priority Four; CEDO / Lane Workforce Partnership Collaboration. CEDO worked collaboratively with regional partners to accelerate the creation on new high-wage jobs across Lane County. Their vision entailed growing Lane County's targeted industries, which was in alignment with the CEDS. CEDO was focused on the following three initiatives:
 - Welcome – Attract High-wage Employers to the Region
 - Innovate – Help Entrepreneurs in the Region
 - Thrive – Help Existing Companies in the Region

Senior & Disability Services – Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

November 18, 2022

- Heard report that there were 167 people on Oregon Project Independence (OPI) 60+ and 34 people on OPI Pilot. ADRC completed 897 calls in September and 531 calls in October. The Oregon Money Management program has served 148 consumers to date. Oregon Legal Services has served 293 consumers for a collective 1,460 hours fiscal year to date. The Family Caregiver Respite program

has provided 2,018 traditional respite hours fiscal year to date. Fiscal year to date, the Meals on Wheels Program has served 49,718 meals and the Café 60 program has served 20,524 meals.

- Staff presentation on the \$158,000 Innovation Grant from Oregon Department of Human Services S&DS was recently awarded in partnership with HIV Alliance. This funds one ADRC Specialist for S&DS who will be housed on site at HIV Alliance and funds one HIV Alliance Peer Support Specialist. The goal of this grant to bridge the gap to S&DS services for consumers who are receiving services on site at HIV Alliance.

Senior & Disability Services – Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

November 18, 2022

- Staff presentation on the S&DS Area Plan and the new Service Equity Plan. It is a requirement of ODHS that each Area Agency on Aging have these documents in place and that they are reviewed annually. The Area Plan is a four-year document that maps out the goals and vision for the agency. The Service Equity Plan is a new requirement and is in place to ensure all services provided by S&DS are accessible and inclusive to all. Included in the Service Equity Plan is the Workforce Development Plan that provides goals & action items for recruiting and retaining employee's representative of the racial demographics that S&DS serves. The Workforce Development Plan provides data on the current S&DS staff demographics compared to the consumers served by S&DS.
- Staff presentation from the S&DS Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator. This position was put in place in May and has since participated in 11 outreach events throughout the community reaching over 1,700 people. She has provided 5 presentations to community partners to talk about what S&DS is and what services we provide. Discussion regarding volunteer recruitment efforts and ideas for recruiting in rural areas.

Senior & Disability Services – Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

November 17, 2023

- Heard report on the Senior Meals Program. This update included fundraising efforts and the plan for fundraising for the current fiscal year. Also discussed the reopening of all the Café 60 locations, with the remaining two opening in January and February of 2024. Discussed the December 2023 closure of the Springfield

Meal Site and the Olive Plaza closure that will begin in January 2024 for 15-18 months and the impacts on the program.

- ADRC received 775 calls in September and 1,041 calls in October. The Oregon Money Management program has served 150 consumers to date. Oregon Legal Services has served 201 consumers for a collective 1,189 hours fiscal year to date. The Family Caregiver Respite program has provided 941 traditional respite hours fiscal year to date.
- Nominating Committee interviewed five applicants for the DSAC. The Committee met with the DSAC to identify which candidates to recommend to the Council. All five applicants were recommended for membership.

Senior & Disability Services – Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)
November 17, 2023

- Discussion regarding updates on many of the Senior Connections programs including the Family Caregiver Program and the waitlist for this program is currently experiencing for Respite services. Discussion regarding LIHEAP season starting October 1st and funding levels for this program county wide.
- Senior Meals - MOW/Café 60. 13,782 meals have been served at Café 60 locations and Meals on Wheels has served 51,580 meals this fiscal year.

Senior & Disability Services – DSAC & SSAC Joint Advisory Council Meeting
November 17, 2023

- Heard presentation from Micah Goodman, S&DS Medicaid Program Manager, on the current status of the OPI 60+ program. Heard report that due to State funding and the delay of the OPI-M program, the OPI 60+ program has reinstated a waitlist and cuts were made to the program in November 2023 to ensure the program could operate at current funding levels through fiscal year 2024.