

Agenda Item Number 7.B.

2007-08 Update to the 2008-12 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for Lane County

Presenter: Kay Metzger

Action Recommended: Adoption of Plan; Authorization to Submit to Oregon Department of Human Services.

Background:

Program Year 2007-08 (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008) will be the first year of the new Area Plan cycle. To prepare for this cycle, in the fall of 2006 S&DS completed an assessment of the needs of seniors and people with disabilities who live in Lane County. The information gathered through the 2006 Needs Assessment was used extensively to determine the funding levels and services to be provided in Program Year 2007-08.

The development of the 2007-08 Component to the Area Plan was a joint effort involving staff and members of S&DS' Planning & Budget Committee, a standing committee of LCOG's two advisory councils. Work started in November 2006. First, the Committee was briefed on the services provided during Program Year 2006-07. The number of people served, the number of service units provided, and the cost of each service were examined, as well as on the progress being made to accomplish the 2006-07 Area Plan Objectives. Second, the Committee received preliminary information from staff on the availability of federal and State revenues for the 2007-08 program year. Last, the Committee evaluated the findings of the 2006 Needs Assessment of seniors and persons with disabilities residing in Lane County. Based on all of the above information, it developed recommendations covering the key policy elements of the 2007-08 Component to the Area Plan, notably, the budget and objectives for the year.

In accordance with State and federal requirements, a summary of the proposed 2007-08 Plan Update and a notice of a February 27, 2007, public hearing on the document were prepared, duplicated and circulated broadly throughout the

county. In addition to the publication of a legal notice of the hearing and the distribution of hard copies of both documents, they were posted on S&DS' website for those with access to the internet. The proposed Plan Update was available for public review and comment between February 14 and February 27, 2007.

Public Hearing:

As announced, the public hearing was held on February 27th at the Hilyard Community Center in Eugene. The agenda for the hearing addressed the following topics:

- Review of the purpose of the hearing;
- Explanation of the processes used to develop the Area Plan Update;
- Review of the contents of the draft Plan Update;
- Response to questions from the audience regarding the draft Plan;
- Acceptance of comments from the public on the draft Plan; and
- Closing comments.

Two members of the public attended the hearing. There were no comments submitted during the public testimony portion of the hearing.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Planning and Budget Committee met and voted unanimously to present to the Senior Services and Disability Services Advisory Councils the action outlined below. The Disability Services Advisory Council considered and approved the Area Plan at its March 9th meeting. The Senior Services Advisory Council will meet on April 10th to review the plan.

Requested Action:

Contingent on approval from the Senior Services Advisory Council at its April 10th meeting, the Advisory Councils of Senior & Disabled Services recommend to the LCOG Executive Committee the following:

1. That LCOG adopt the 2007-08 Update to S&DS' 2008-12 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services; and
2. That S&DS staff be authorized to submit the Plan Update to the Oregon Department of Human Services.