

# Agenda Item Number 12.

## Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

April 10, 2003

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on April 10 with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, LTD, Coburg and ODOT. The MPC:

- Heard citizen comments from Rob Handy and Rob Zako
- Heard a report from OTC Commissioner Randy Pape that included: the presentation of certificates of appreciation to those who had worked on the I-5 Beltline Stakeholders groups; a report on the transportation funding package under consideration by the Legislature; and a notice that the “ACT Guidelines,” about which the MPC has offered comment, will come before the OTC for adoption next month.
- Considered and took public testimony regarding proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MPC adopted the amendments.
- Heard a staff presentation on the May 7-9 federal certification review. Tom Schwetz reviewed the schedule of activities during the three days with which the representatives of the U.S. DOT will be engaged. Of particular interest to the Committee was the May 8 MPC meeting at the Eugene Library, which is expected to largely focus upon the certification review.

- Discussed and adopted (one No vote) the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for fiscal year 2003-04.
- Heard a report from staff regarding the current effort—funded by a State TGM grant—to craft a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Refinement Plan to the long range transportation plan, TransPlan. The refinement plan would serve to clarify this area’s response to the State (LCDC) Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) and, significantly, to integrate TDM activities in the metro area with the implementation of nodal development and the Bus Rapid Transit project.

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

April 8, 2003

Abuse Video

The council viewed a training video that was developed by LCOG Metro TV and S&DS staff for In-Home Workers. It defines the following abuses: financial, psychological/emotional, physical, sexual, abandonment, and neglect. The video also tells where to report suspected abuse.

Policy on Meal Site Closures

The council -- by unanimous approval – recommended to the LCOG Board of Directors the adoption of the *Guidelines For Closing Meal Sites*.

Committee Reports

The council received committee reports as follows:

Long-Term Care Committee – met on March 25:

Legal action to reactivate the General Assistance Program was dismissed; Temporary Restraining Order to prevent cuts to the Medically Needy Program was denied and case now assigned to a settlement judge; Suit on behalf of waived clients to provide nursing care to Medicaid recipients is still under review.

Presentation on end-of-life care entitled “Living Fully Today, Planning for Tomorrow” was shared.

Advocacy Committee – met on March 21:

Third Legislative Dialog will be held on Saturday, April 19, at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center.

Advocacy Committee nominated by staff for the City of Eugene Barrier Awareness Award and winner will be announced by the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission in May.

Collaborative efforts with the Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency will be pursued.

Procurement & Monitoring Committee - met on March 25:  
Overview of the S&DS Senior Outreach Program was presented.

Site monitoring visits to the Family Caregiver Program, Senior Mental Health Counseling Program, Money Management Program, and Medication Education Program were reviewed.

#### Staff Reports

Ted Stevens provided an update on the State budget and services and noted that (1) approximately 91 Medicaid long-term care clients assessed at levels 12-14 lost services on April 1; and, (2) a reassessment review is underway for clients reassessed to levels lower than 12-14, following recent budget cuts.

#### Membership Status Report

The council's Nominating Committee will begin its work on recommendations for a slate of officers and new members to be seated July 1.

#### Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

### **Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)**

April 11, 2003

#### U. S. Courthouse Presentation

The General Services Administration presented its findings on the issue of accessibility at the planned courthouse. It was announced that an outside ramp will not be constructed; rather, an outside accessibility elevator and adjacent (alternative) double-access doors will be included in the courthouse design. Disability advocates were not pleased with GSA accommodations.

### Senate Bill 833 (Visitability)

Senate Bill 833 passed the Senate by a vote of 26 in favor/2 opposed/2 absent, and has been forwarded to the House of Representatives.

### Committee Reports

See reports noted in the SSAC section above.

### Staff Report

Ted Stevens announced that (1) the budget for the 2003-05 biennium is grim and projected to be \$2.9 billion less than the budget developed for the 2001-03 biennium (prior to cuts made during the five special session); (2) the Department of Human Services may cap the number of clients who will be accepted into the system; (3) \$100 million in Medicare "Upper Payments" may be withheld from the State; (4) the Ways & Means Committee will review DHS' Seniors and People with Disabilities' budget between April 15 and April 23, with public testimony on April 22.

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### Announcements

Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA) has opened an office at the Atrium in Eugene.

The Department of Human Services Client Advocacy Center in Salem will staff telephone lines until 7 p.m. each evening to respond to constituent concerns.

A forum to discuss the after effects of "9/11" will be held on April 24.

A forum to discuss Native American Issues will be held on April 29.

### Next Meeting

Friday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m.

### *Lane Economic Committee (LEC)*

March 17, 2003

The LEC met with representatives from the Coburg and Junction City communities to discuss economic development projects.

