

Agenda Item Number 3. B.

Appointments to the Senior and Disability Services Advisory Councils

Presenter: Ted Stevens

Action Recommended: Appoint Members to the Councils

Background:

Both of LCOG's Advisory Councils that support Senior & Disabled Services operate on a July 1 - June 30 year. The terms of most members on each council are staggered. The Bylaws of each council allow members to serve up to six years. The length of a term on the Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) is three years, so members can serve two consecutive terms. In contrast, the length of a term on the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) is two years. Therefore, DSAC members may serve up to three consecutive terms before "limiting" out.

This memo presents each council's recommendations to the Board regarding appointments that take effect on July 1, 2003. The membership report and recommendations of the SSAC are presented first, followed by those for the DSAC.

1. Appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Council:

- a. Membership Report: At present, there are twenty-two members on the Senior Services Advisory Council. (Note: The maximum number of members allowed is twenty-three.) On June 30, the terms of five "general" members will conclude. As a result, there are six seats on the Council to be filled. Of the general members whose terms are concluding on June 30, all are eligible for reappointment, but only two—Carl Stubbs and Joe Xavier—are interested.

- b. Recruitment Activities: A year ago, the Council's Nominating Committee undertook an extensive recruitment process. Five of the ten applicants were appointed to full membership on the Council; the others were appointed as Community Representative Members.

This spring, the SSAC Nominating Committee elected to give Community Representative Members preference for promotion to full membership on the Council, prior to reaching out to individuals new to the organization. Of the Community Representative Members who served this year, two expressed interest in promotion to full membership.

Given two current members' interest in reappointment, and two Community Representative Members' desire to be promoted to full membership, the Nominating Committee worked to identify two brand new candidates. Given the small number of available seats, the Committee restricted itself to targeted, one-on-one recruitment. This process yielded three candidates for the two open seats. These candidates were interviewed by the Committee.

The Committee's recommendations were presented to the SSAC at its June meeting. The Council's recommendations to the Board appear below. (A summary of the qualifications of the new candidates for appointment to the SSAC is attached as Attachment #1.)

c. **REQUESTED ACTIONS concerning appointments to the SSAC:**

- (1) That the LCOG Board reappoint the following Council members to three year terms (July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2006):
 - Carl Stubbs, Sr., Eugene, <60; and
 - Joe Xavier, Florence, 60+.
- (2) That the Board appoint the following Community Representative Members to three year terms on the Council:
 - Jonathan Ramey, Eugene, <60; and
 - Steve Skipton, Eugene, <60.
- (3) That the Board appoint the following individuals to membership on the Council for three-year terms:
 - Debbie Olsen, Eugene, <60; and
 - Oguilvia Skelton, Eugene, <60.
- (4) That the Board appoint Stephen Kraus (Eugene, <60) to a one year term as a Community Representative Member of the SSAC.

2. **Appointments to the Disability Services Advisory Council:**

- a. Membership Report: Currently, there are thirteen members on the Disability Services Advisory Council. Since the maximum number of members is fifteen, there are two vacancies on the Council. In addition, on June 30, the terms of eight members will conclude. As a result, there are ten Council seats to be filled on July 1. Of the members whose terms are concluding on June 30, six are eligible for reappointment.
- b. Recruitment Activities: Given the number of openings, the Council's Nominating Committee explored the reappointment opportunities for current members and conducted an extensive recruitment campaign for new members. The former activity produced three candidates for reappointment; the latter generated nine new candidates. These new candidates were interviewed by the Nominating Committee prior to the development of membership recommendations.

The Committee's recommendations were presented to the DSAC at its June meeting. The Council's recommendations to the Board appear below. (A summary of the qualifications of the new candidates for appointment to the DSAC is attached as Attachment #2.)

c. **REQUESTED ACTIONS concerning appointments to the DSAC:**

- (1) That the LCOG Board reappoint the following Council members to two year terms (July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2005):
- Kathy Jenness, Lowell;
 - Darlene Puls, Eugene; and
 - Michael Thomas, Eugene.
- (2) That the Board appoint the following individuals to membership on the Council for two year terms:
- Mary Derhak, Eugene;
 - Traci Hartford, Eugene;
 - Kelly Hodgkinson, Springfield;
 - Chiara Ihnat, Eugene;
 - Gene Obersinner, Eugene;
 - Terry Parker, Eugene; and
 - L. M. Reese, Eugene.

Summary of Qualifications of Applicants for Membership
on the
Senior Services Advisory Council

Stephen Kraus, Eugene: Mr. Kraus is a resident of Lone Oakes Assisted Living Facility in north Eugene. He is in his mid-50s and is physically disabled. Prior to becoming disabled approximately eight years ago, he worked as a Letter Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. While he has no prior work nor civic experience working on behalf of older people, he lives in a community of older people at Lone Oakes and has developed a strong interest in advocating to improve the extent and quality of services for seniors.

Debbie Olsen, Eugene: Ms. Olsen is the owner of Home Instead Senior Care, a for profit agency which provides in-home care to private-pay customers. She has a Masters in Social Work degree and many years experience in geriatric care management, child abuse prevention and rape crisis services. She is active with the local Alzheimer's Association and McKenzie Willamette Adult Day Care, and has volunteered recently to help seniors apply for prescription drugs through the programs run by pharmaceutical manufacturers. Her interests include the restoration of funding for senior and disabled services.

Oguilvia Skelton, Eugene: Ms. Skelton is employed as a Case Manager at Centro Latino Americano. She was born in Peru, but has lived in Lane County for 30 years. Her experiences in senior services include working as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and serving as a member of the Board of Directors for Olive Plaza, a senior and disabled non-profit housing facility in downtown Eugene. Ms. Skelton also served on the Eugene Human Rights Commission in the early 1990's.

Summary of Qualifications of Applicants for Membership
on the
Disability Services Advisory Council

Mary Derhak, Eugene: Ms. Derhak worked as a Registered Nurse for 23 years prior to becoming disabled in 1998. She has resided in Lane County for the past 25 years. Quoting from her application for membership, "...now that I am disabled and no longer working, I need and want to be involved in activities that utilize my expertise...(and) give me a sense of value." She is interested in accessibility, pedestrian safety for people with disabilities, and effectiveness of services.

Traci Hartford, Eugene: Ms. Hartford has lived in Lane County for 19 years. She has a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education and a minor in sign language. During her working career, she worked for Easter Seals, ARC of Lane County, and Hilyard Community Center (City of Eugene). Her special area of expertise was working with children with special needs. Ms. Hartford is no longer employed due to a disability. Her concerns on the Council include caregiving issues, especially training for in-home workers.

Kelly Hodgkinson, Springfield: Mr. Hodgkinson is a disabled individual in his mid-30s. He has living in Lane County his entire life. His has been involved with KRVM Radio for the past 10 years, first as a volunteer and, more recently, as an employee. His interests include employment opportunities for people with disabilities and transportation.

Chiara Ihnat, Eugene: Ms. Chiara is in her 20's and has a disability. She is a student at LCC and works part-time at a coffee shop in downtown Eugene. Since high school, she has worked with students with special needs, both in-school and after-school programs, and is pursuing a teaching credential in Special Education. Her interests in terms of disability services include employment, accessibility, and pedestrian safety.

Gene Obersinner, Eugene: Mr. Obersinner is the Assistant Manager of Shelter Care's Uhlhorn and River Kourt Programs (rehabilitation and long term care programs for individuals with traumatic brain injuries). He has worked for Shelter Care for three years, and has prior experience working with adults with developmental disabilities. He has lived in Lane County for the past eleven years.

Terry Parker, Eugene: Ms. Parker is the Accessibility Services Manager for Lane Transit District. Prior to transferring from LCOG to LTD three years ago, Ms. Parker worked for

LCOG for twelve years in various capacities (Special Transportation Program Manager, S&DS Contracts Manager, and Manager of the Senior Meals Program).

L. M. Reese, Eugene: Mr. Reese is an individual with a disability. He is in his mid-50s, and has lived in Lane County his entire life. At present, he resides at Olive Plaza. He is active in the facility's Residents Council, and was involved previously with the Downtown Neighborhood Association and a private non-profit organization known as Disabled Oregonians for Effective Services (DOES). He is especially concerned about the cuts to services for people with disabilities.

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