

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2006**

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**Participants:** (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – October 12<sup>th</sup>

<b>Members</b>			
<b>X</b>	Peggie Beck	<b>X</b>	Scott Lay
<b>E</b>	Jack Benson	<b>X</b>	Ruth McEwen
<b>E</b>	Jan Campbell	<b>X</b>	Dayle Niemie
<b>X</b>	Donna Crawford	<b>X</b>	Karen Showers
<b>X</b>	Tonita Croghan	<b>X</b>	Mike Volpe
<b>X</b>	Kathryn Jenness		
<b>Attendants</b>			
Avi Cooper, Jon Croghan, Glenna Niemie, and Holly Hutchins			
<b>Staff</b>			
Becky Murphy, Marc Overbeck, and Wendy Russell			
<b>Public/Guests</b>			
<b>Speakers</b>			
Dr. Bruce Goldberg		James Toews	
Cathy Cooper		Max Brown	
Gerald Stolp		Cindy Hannum	

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**Call to Order (8:00 a.m.)**

**DHS/SPD Update (Dr. Bruce Goldberg, DHS Director; James Toews and Cathy Cooper, SPD)**

Ruth welcomed all and introductions were made.

Ruth posed several questions to Dr. Goldberg about the budget process and advocates' role. Dr. Goldberg responded in a positive way

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to the suggestions offered. Dr. Goldberg reported that 85 percent of the \$10 billion for the biennium is spent out in the community: only five percent is for administration. Dr. Goldberg said he would like to visit in the future.

James and Cathy discussed other matters related to SPD with the Committee:

- **Budget Process & Update** – The budget information is available on the web. DAS is analyzing the policy option packages. Scott asked for information regarding the Employment Initiative (EI), and Cathy said that a copy of the policy option package can be given to PDAC.
- **FLTC/Community Forums Update** - Work groups, questions #2-5, have been merged into one group. James and Cathy reported on a major grant on Healthy Aging funded under the Older Americans Act. Work Group 7, which has to do with integrating medical and long term care and ensuring consumer protections, is meeting in a new form.
- **ODC Update** – James and others will meet with Erinn Kelley-Seil of the Governor's office to share the group's recommendations.
- James said that SPD will research the OPI age 19 issue.
- James expressed his understanding of PDAC's desire to see a cover note added to the first draft FLTC report regarding the lack of data about people with disabilities, and said that FLTC Work Group #8's information will be incorporated somehow in the second draft.
- Legislative concepts will be sent to PDAC via staff.
- A letter of support for "Money Follows the Person" grant was sent to James on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The information regarding the grant is available on the website.

## **FLTC Work Group #8 Update (Karen, Mike, Ruth, and Scott)**

Work Group #8 was formed to look at Questions #1-7 on the Future of Long Term Care and how they affect people with disabilities. There are now graphs and statistics available with the data on people with disabilities. There was discussion about activity levels and potential differences between people with disabilities under 65 and seniors.

## **Medicare Modernization Act Update (Max Brown, MMA Coordinator)**

Max reported that the Prescription Drug Plans are changing year to year. A handout was distributed that has details and timelines. There will be staff trainings to Medicare Part D choice counselors. Max gave information on the yearly enrollment and the actions that he felt needed be taken. Max answered various questions from members. One point of interest just discovered---CMS will only allow one change during the open enrollment period; if making a change, individuals need to re-enroll in the new plan.

## **Housing Modifications Overview (Gerald Stolp, Community Housing Unit Manager)**

Gerry spoke of universal design of houses and answered questions. The visitability bill from last legislative session was also discussed. He suggested checking with the City of Salem and City of Eugene for funds for possible assistance from Community Block Grants. The Housing Department may know of other programs available. Tom Keeting from Eugene Research Institute works with a grant for assistive technology, and Gerry recommended he might be someone PDAC would want to invite to a meeting. He offered to help with technical assistance and design if people sign up on the website for such assistance. Gerry

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encouraged members and staff to complete a housing survey he distributed (also online).

## **Committee Member Comments**

- Donna spoke of how Habitat for Humanity in the State of Georgia got involved with visitability/accessibility in new homes.
- Under OPI, members said they thought durable medical equipment purchase and repair should be stand alone on the list of services. Help with financial and paperwork needs to be more specifically noted on the list. Currently it reads “help with bill paying”.

## **Reports**

- **Subcommittees**

- No reports were made.

- **Liaisons**

- Reports were included in the meeting packet.
- Scott gave an oral report on the Home Care Commission (HCC). Work on the registry and referral system is going well, and will be tested in the next couple of weeks. Douglas County will be using it in mid to late November. There is a contract with SILC to do trainings for employers of people with disabilities service providers.

## **Proposed Rules (Cindy Hannum, Licensing and Quality of Care Administrator)**

Cindy gave an update on rules for licensing and the quality of care in assisted living facilities and 24-hour certified assisted living. Assisted Living has private apartments, while the other type of arrangements involved six or more beds and community rooms. Cindy gave an overview of the intent of the new rules. Abuse/neglect definitions will all read the same in the new rules. Language was added regarding residents' rights. Cindy answered questions and spoke to comments from the group.

After Cindy left, comments were made about how nice it is that the Department now is regularly asking for input from PDAC.

### **Public Input**

None.

### **Strategic Planning Goals Update**

Marc reviewed the evolving Strategic Planning Goals document.

**Goal #1** – There is participation in Work Group 8. Projects coming out of work groups are to be monitored. One suggestion was to invite Lee Girard to talk about the new Work Group 2-4. Ruth and staff will closely work with GCSS. The first draft of GCSS' report will be disseminated at their next meeting on the Future of Long Term Care.

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**Goal #2** - The POP will be emailed to the group. It was suggested that ODC take up the charge. Partner with ODC on a legislative plan for this area. The “Client Contribution” is now called the “EPD liability.” Scott, Mike, Dayle, and Karen (employment subcommittee) will be part of the new EPD Work Group. Identifying benefit planners is being done by the MIG grant.

**Goal #3** – Members will invite advocates to meetings is to be on an ongoing basis. They will invite potential members to the Salem meetings.

**Goal #4** - Requested budget. The group felt it had done what could be done.

**Goal #5 & #6** – No changes.

**MOTION: Send letter to Dr. Goldberg with copy to James in appreciation for the receptiveness for language changes. *Passed.***  
(Peggie Beck/Kathryn Jenness)

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

Deb Wert, Jean Palmeteer, and Max Brown have been invited to November’s meeting. Jeanette Burkett will also be invited to give an update on attendant reimbursement policy. Ruth will also want to give a report on the O4AD meeting.

**Adjourn (1:10 p.m.)**