

**People with Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2006**

Participants: (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – December 13th

Members			
X	Peggie Beck	X	Scott Lay
X	Jack Benson	X	Ruth McEwen
X	Jan Campbell	X	Dayle Niemie
X	Donna Crawford	X	Karen Showers
X	Tonita Croghan	X	Mike Volpe
X	Kathryn Jenness		
Staff			
Becky Murphy, Marc Overbeck, and Wendy Russell			
Public/Guests			
Tina Treasure		Linda Hildebrand	
Speakers			
Nicole Palmateer		Max Brown	
Carol Mauser		James Goulding	

Call to Order (9:05 a.m.)

O4AD Legislative Agenda Overview (Nicole Palmateer of O4AD)

Nicole discussed the latest version of O4AD’s legislative agenda. As it is a “living document,” Nicole handed out the latest draft (emailed after the meeting). Nicole explained the goals of O4AD. She encouraged members to contact her directly with questions or comments. Nicole’s phone number is 503-329-3375 and email address is nicole@04ad.org.

Review of Minutes

MOTION: Approval of November's minutes as written. *Passed.*
(Dayle Niemie/Mike Volpe)

Follow-up Action Items

Becky reported that Sue Stoner (Independent Choices) and Tom Keating (Eugene Research Institute) have been invited for the January meeting.

At the November meeting when a member asked what PDAC could do in support of transportation endeavors, Deb Wert suggested that PDAC write a letter of support.

MOTION: Send letter to Dr. Goldberg in support of transportation and coordination efforts. *Passed.* (Peggie Beck/Jack Benson)

- **Bylaws** - The final version of the Bylaws was included in the packet and should replace the ones in the PDAC Orientation Manual.
- **Personal Attendant Reimbursement Form** - The final version of the form for personal attendant reimbursement for those members who pay privately was included in the packet and can now be used.
- **2007 In-Person Meetings and Motel Stay** - The January in-person meeting will be held at the Northwest Senior and Disability Services office on Cherry Avenue. Becky will make reservations for those who will be staying overnight at the Wittenberg Inn in Keizer.

Staff Updates

- **Physical Disabilities' Conference Update** – The next meeting is scheduled for December 21st and Ruth plans to attend. An update will be given at the January meeting.
- **ODC Update** - At this point there has been no change; there has been no final decision about the structure of the new ODC, and nominations will wait until there is.
- **Governor's Budget** - Members were sent an email regarding the SPD portion of the budget. Any specific questions or comments should be directed to James and Cathy. Staff will collect these and forward them on.
- **SPD Legislator Coordinator Introduction** - At this point a replacement for Jane-ellen has not been named.
- **Talking Braille and Books** - Morgen is now on the Board for the State Library's "Talking Braille and Books Program." Becky will send out brochures to members with more information.
- **Liaison to Field Services (Carol Mauser)** - Carol reintroduced herself to members and explained her position as a Program Operations manager of Field Services in SPD. Her unit works directly with SPD and AAA field offices. Carol offered assistance in working with the field. SPD is attempting to get a training coordinator position.

Medicare Modernization Act Update (Max Brown, MMA Coordinator)

Max introduced James Goulding, administrative support for Max and whoever replaces Jane-ellen. James is very knowledgeable from previously working with the legislature.

Max reported on new statistics by county as well as statewide for Medicare Part D. He also reported on transition issues for 2007, including the Low Income Subsidy, open enrollment, plan changes, and system errors.

Max reported the pharmaceutical companies cannot take a drug off their plan for a given person for the rest of the year unless it is an emergency, like a FDA mandate. If the drug is in a plan in 2006 and medically necessary, another exception may need to be filed in 2007.

Max will send charts regarding complaints and plans to Becky who will forward them to PDAC members.

Public Input

Linda Hildebrand (prospective member from Medford) – Commented she is interested in what's going on at the state level; she shared that she is active locally in SACs and DSACs. Linda is also interested in disaster preparedness and Oregon Project Independence (OPI)..

Tina Treasure – Reported none of the groups seem to be talking to each other regarding OPI issues. She talked to Nicole about it the day before and discovered there has not been a lot of conversation between DHS and O4AD. Tina believes if the OPI bill is opened up from last session it could be detrimental to both groups. Marc noted that the joint position of “age neutral” of GCSS and PDAC is somewhat different than what O4AD has proposed in its legislative

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agenda if they are saying that OPI cannot serve people with disabilities until it receives \$30 million.

Reports

- **Liaisons** – In the meeting packet was one report and the recommendations from Work Group #8 that were given to the full Future of Long Term Care (FLTC) Workgroup.

Jan brought up that many individuals with mobility devices are unable to find long term care insurance. Donna brought up issues concerning accessible housing, such as having a level entrance and one bathroom on the main floor with a wide door.

DECISION: If Work Group #8 meets again, members want PDAC's concerns addressed by the group.

- **Subcommittees** – Scott reported the Employment Subcommittee will meet next Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., and all members are invited to participate.

Scott also reported that the new EPD workgroup Brenda Sheppard is staffing will be meeting this afternoon to talk about changes to the “consumer contribution” or EPD liability.

- **Strategic Planning Goals Update** – The only items revised were: Work Group #8 is completed and the brochure will be finalized and sent to Forms and Publications by the end of the month.

It was requested the shading (to mark what is completed) be replaced by another font---the shading is hard to read for some.

Members Comments

Scott gave an update on the Shelter Exception (Accommodation Allowance) rules. He drafted a letter to Lauren Mitchell's response to PDAC's concerns, and members will receive a copy. Depending on the response received, Scott said there may be a need for another letter.

Donna is concerned about Independent Choices and hadn't been able to contact Sue Stoner. She understood the proposed rules will dictate what monies can be spent on. Donna would like this to be followed up at next meeting and believes PDAC needs to be involved. Becky reported Sue has been invited to the January meeting.

Marc reviewed the section of PDAC's Bylaws dealing with Conflict of Interest. (Page 7, Section 7 was taken directly from Public Meetings Law and Standards and Practices Handbook.) Marc reminded members to make sure as an individual and a Committee to work in accordance with statutes as well as PDAC's Bylaws. The obligation as members is to state a conflict of interest, but there is no need to go into great detail.

Marc suggested the Committee share with Carol their commitments around language used in DHS to talk about people with disabilities and the services they receive, and their commitments around the culture in which staff provide services to people with disabilities. Interaction between DHS and consumers should be consistent with the values of dignity, independence, and choice. PDAC believes it is better to use the word: "service" instead of "care," "individuals" or "individuals served" or "consumer" instead of "clients," and "people

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with disabilities” not “the disabled”. Carol will be invited to the next Language/Culture Subcommittee.

New Issues and January Meeting Agenda Items

- Becky reviewed who is being invited to the January meeting. She was asked to invite Dr. Goldberg. Becky also was asked to have Sue Stoner furnish a draft of proposed rules for Independent Choices so that PDAC can have input.
- In response to a question, Scott offered that the Home Care Commission (HCC) might be receptive to developing training on the Independent Living philosophy for home care workers.

MOTION: PDAC send a letter to the Home Care Commission Employee Training Committee, with a copy to SEIU, asking that they develop a training for home care workers that will include the Independent Living philosophy. Passed. (Jack Benson/Mike Volpe)

- Jan asked if PDAC felt it should be better represented in discussions around SILC and HCC employer training. It was noted that Mike is already a member and Scott has been involved as the HCC Chair. Staff will call Gloria McDougal to see if another member from PDAC to review the curriculum would be welcome. Staff will also invite Gloria to the next PDAC meeting to see what would work best regarding PDAC participation.

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- The next meeting is January 10th and 11th at the Northwest Senior and Disability Services office in Salem.

- Members asked again about their role as advocates in the budget process.

Adjourned (11:50 a.m.)