

ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

Working together to meet the health and human service needs of adults and seniors.

Our vision is safe and supported adults & seniors with access to a full continuum of resources & independence wherever they reside.

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Adult Abuse Prevention Council
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County Board of Supervisors
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Mental Health Advisory Board
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211 SLO Hotline
AIDS Support Network & SLO Hep C Project
Alzheimer's Association
Area Agency on Aging
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Community Health Centers / Services of the Central Coast
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Ride-On Transportation
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Senior Nutrition Program
Transitions/Mental Health Association
Tri-Counties Regional Center
United Cerebral Palsy
United Way of San Luis Obispo County
Wilshire Community Services / Caring Callers / Creative Mediation / Senior Peer Counseling

Private Organizations

Bates Care Management
Client Care Consultants
Family Home Care
Morris & Garritano Insurance
Sierra Vista Medical Center
Trio

Public Agencies

San Luis Costal Adult School
San Luis Obispo County Departments of:
District Attorney / Victim Witness Assistance
Health Agency: Public Health / Public Guardian / Medical Services/ Behavioral Health
Probation Department
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Department of Social Services / Adult Services
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AGENDA

May 6, 2011

9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10 min)

(New developments for the population, agency or program changes that affect other agencies or programs)

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes or less)

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS:

Smoke-Free Living Spaces – SLO County Health Agency, Christina Lefevre (30)

Older Americans Month – Mark Shaffer, ASPC Co-Chair (10)

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS

ACTION ITEMS:

COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED: (10 minutes or less)

- **IHSS Update**
- **Good Neighbor**
- **POLST Follow up**

MEETING LOCATION:

Department of Social Services
2975 McMillan Road, San Luis Obispo
Suite 164 (Big Conference Room)

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2011

Adult Services Policy Council

May 6, 2011

Chaired by: Mark Shaffer

Attendees:

joyce ellen lippman, Area Agency on Aging
Krista Morley, CenCal Health
Sandra Pendell, DSS
Jean Raymond, Health Commission
Kathleen Karle, Health Agency
Jessica Deveraux, Wilshire Community Services
Mark Shaffer, Ride-On Transportation
Kara Edwall, United Way
Traci Mello, Wilshire Foundation
Martin Meltz, Volunteer
Michelle Mason, LifeSteps
Rick Gulino, Peoples Self Help Housing
Janet Amanzio, Behavioral Health
Barry Johnson, Transitions Mental Health Association

Brian Petersen, Senior Living Consultants
Kena Burke, CHC
Raye Fleming, CAPSLO Health Services
Edie Kahn, ASN/SLO HepC
Meredith Bates, Bates Care Management
Kathleen Bellefontaine, Commission on Aging
Marie Brinkmeyer, RSVP
Joe Hoeflich, TCRC
Pamela Craybaugh, TCRC
Kevin Drabinski, Representative for Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian
Christina Lefevre Tobacco Control Program
Alex Tacket, for Assemblyman Achadjian

Introductions and Announcements

Mark Shaffer, Ride-On: An improving economy and increase in sales tax have resulted in a better financial situation for transportation programs.

Edie Kahn, ASN, SLO-HepC: May events for the SLO HepC project include a bike event in North County and a performance in SLO by The Groundlings, an improv group.

Traci Mello, Wilshire Community Services: Jessica Deveraux is now working with Wilshire Community Services.

joyce ellen lippman, AAA: The 27th Annual Older Americans Month event will be held on 5/11/2011. A work group is meeting to update the Senior Info Guide for 2011-2012.

Kathleen Bellefontaine, Commission on Aging: The Commission is working on hearing loss issues and will be speaking to BOS.

Michelle Mason, Lifesteps: A raffle for gift baskets is being held as a fundraiser for Lifesteps.

Martin Meltz, Homeless Services: The safe parking program being promoted for homeless and has been endorsed by the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC). Mr. Meltz read the resolution submitted to the Board of Supervisors by HSOC. They are hoping a safe parking pilot project will be initiated in near future.

Kara Edwall, United Way: A fundraising event will be taking place; additional information is available online at www.flavorofslo.com

Public Comment:

None.

Discussion/Information Items

Smoke-Free Living Spaces – Christina Lefevre, SLO County Health Agency

The ultimate goal of the Tobacco Control Program (TCP) is to decrease tobacco related diseases and deaths in SLO County. As well as providing education, the TCP monitors complaints, sponsors health fairs and maintains a lending library. The TCP works to create tobacco-free environments, and offers help to people who want to quit smoking. The TCP also works with the Tobacco Control Coalition.

Accomplishments of the TCP include the ban on smoking in public areas in many SLO County cities, development of tobacco licensing ordinances, and implementation of smoke-free events.

The TCP is working on changing social norms to make tobacco use less prevalent, less acceptable and less available. The 2011-2013 Tobacco Control Work Plan includes establishing smoke-free housing, reducing sales to minors, and increasing their collaborative partnerships. There has been a very large increase in the inventory of smoke-free multi-unit housing across the U.S. over the past 10 years.

Health risks, fire hazards, damage to property, and significant cost savings are all reasons for multi-unit properties to be smoke-free. Non-smoking policies are legal and anti-discrimination laws do not protect smokers.

The TCP offers help for property owners and tenants who want to implement no-smoking policies. Tax benefits are available for property owners whose properties implement smoke-free policies.

In San Luis Obispo County, smoke-free policies are mostly self enforcing. Enforcement is not much of an issue at most properties. Eviction is possible, but rarely occurs.

Discussion was held regarding problems caused by access to tobacco by youths. Limiting access is seen as a long term solution; it was noted that young people are called “replacement customers” by tobacco companies. One technique is tobacco sales “sting” operations wherein stores that sell tobacco products are approached by youth decoys who ask to purchase those products.

The TCP is hoping to collaborate and increase support for tobacco-related change through public presentations, program, outreach and advocacy. Overall, SLO County has a lower smoking rate compared to rest of state.

Older Americans Month – Mark Shaffer, ASPC Co-Chair

Mark Shaffer discussed the presentation of Older Americans’ Month at SLO County Board of Supervisors’ meeting on 5/3/2011 and read the resolution of the Board as prepared by Adult Services Policy Council. He noted that the Board of Supervisors was very supportive and aware of contributions made by seniors. In addition, the Good Neighbor Program was seen by the Board of Supervisors as being a valuable community resource, especially given current economic conditions.

Corrections/Additions to the Synopsis

Kevin Drabinski asked that suite number be added to Assemblyman Achjiadian's address. It was noted that the draft tax letter as discussed at April's meeting was not prepared or put on the May agenda. Kathleen Karle moved that the synopsis be approved as corrected; the motion was seconded by Jean Raymond, and was passed by unanimous vote.

Action Items:

A draft letter re: voting on taxes will be prepared by Kathleen Karle and Kathleen Bellefontaine for presentation to the group at the next month's meeting. Mark Shaffer noted that next month the ASPC would also need to elect new co-chairs for 2011-2012.

Committee Updates:

IHSS Update – Sandra Pendell provided information regarding staffing changes in the Adult Services programs at DSS including IHSS and APS. She noted that a letter had been sent out to individuals whose Medicare Part B premiums are paid by Medi-Cal warning that the benefit might be discontinued. Only three people in the County of SLO are actually losing that benefit.

Good Neighbors – Traci Mello reported that the program continues to grow. The next volunteer training will be 5/21/2011. Volunteers are needed in North County. It was noted that there has been good advertising through a variety of venues and public awareness of the program has risen.

POLST Update – POLST – The Central Coast Coalition for Compassionate Care (CCCCC) continues to plan future POLST programs in the community. Two new members from Twin Cities Hospital attended the 4/27/11 local community meeting hosted by Sierra Vista Hospital. The next meeting is planned for June 15th from 3:30 to 5 PM, hosted by Hospice of San Obispo County - all are welcome. We are in the process of planning a community education program. Save the Date – September 20th at Stephen's Church in Ramsden Hall. If you are interested in the latest POLST educational materials, they can be accessed at www.caPOLST.org.

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