

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
Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
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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 Action Partnership of SLO County
Community Health Centers / Services of the Central Coast
Hospice of San Luis Obispo County
Independent Living Resource Center
Linkages Care Management
LTC Ombudsman Services of SLO County
North County Connection
Peoples' Self Help Housing
Retired Senior Volunteer Program
Ride-On Transportation
Senior Legal Services Project
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 Coastal Adult School
San Luis Obispo County Departments of:
District Attorney / Victim Witness Assistance
Health Agency: Public Health / Public Guardian / Medical Services
Probation Department
Sheriff
Department of Social Services / Adult Services
Veteran's Services

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AGENDA April 2, 2010 9:00 am – 11:00 am

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (New developments for the population, agency or program changes that affect other agencies or programs)	20 min.
CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS	1 min.
PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes or less)	10 min.
DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Matters – Supervisor Bruce Gibson• ACTION Survey – Julia Miller, DSS• Minute taking and secretarial issues for ASPC• Annual Report• May is Older American's Month - Board Proclamation• Translation Services	60 min.
ACTION ITEMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of Officers for 2010-2011	20 min.
COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED: (10 minutes or less) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IHSS Update• Domestic Violence Death & Elder Death Review Team• Good Neighbors/Volunteer Army• POLST Follow up – Jean Raymond, French Hospital	30 min.

MEETING LOCATION:

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

NEXT MEETING: May 7, 2010

ASPC Meeting April 2, 2010
Chaired by Karen Jones

Karen Jones, LTC Ombudsman Svcs
Suzanne McFarlane, Caring Callers
Krista Morley, Cen Cal Health
Pam Munson, Health Commission
Jessica Devereaux, Linkages Care
Management
Marsha Bollinger, Public Health/Health
Care Services Division
Marie Brinkmeyer, RSVP- Senior Volunteer
Service
Mark Shaffer, Ride-On
Transportation/United Cerebral Palsy
Elias Nimeh, Senior Nutrition Program
Hans Poschman, Assemblyman Sam
Blakeslee's Office
Supervisor Bruce Gibson
Cherie Aispuro, Aide to Supervisor Gibson
Sandra Pendell, DSS Adult Services
Mara Witten, CAPSLO

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Meredith Bates, Bates Care Management
Tracy Mello, Wilshire Foundation
Jean Raymond, French Hospital
Cindy Marie Absey, D.A./Victims Witness
Kathleen Karle, Health Agency/ Health
Promotion
Michelle Cole, Sheriff's Department
Rick London, United Way
Mike Bossenberry, TMHA SLO Hotline
Traci Mello, Wilshire Community Services
Joan Lawrence, Peoples Self Help Housing
Edie Kahn, ASN & SLO Hep C Project
Gail Tutino, CHC
Jason Read, Drug and Alcohol Advisory
Board
Carol Schmidt, Wilshire Foundation

Introductions and Announcements

Karen Jones reported that the Ombudsman's office is seeking volunteers who will start their 40 hour training program in a few weeks. She also reported that the local Ombudsman's office had recently been audited by the State and was found to be one of the best in the state.

Carol Schmidt reported that Caring Callers is also training new volunteers. Carol announced that she will be retiring at the end of June; Traci Mello will assume her position at Wilshire Community Services.

Cindy Marie Absey reported that a First Responders meeting would be held in the coming week with a focus on senior scams. She reminded everyone that an awards ceremony would be held on 4/22/10 at the Embassy Suites as a part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

joyce ellen lippman reminded the group that May is Older Americans Month and that nominations were being accepted by the Area Agency on Aging to honor local seniors in a variety of categories. A luncheon will be held in May 2010 to honor Older Americans Month.

Kathleen Karle reported that the week of April 4 is Public Health Week and provided the latest Public Health Bulletin and information on the "This is Public Health" program to raise awareness. More information can be found at whatispublichealth.org

Marsha Bollinger provided an update on the status of the CMSP and handed out brochures. Details are still being worked out, but it is possible that CMSP functions will be absorbed by the new health care changes by 2014.

Edie Kahn reported that the SLO HepC project will be holding a fundraising event on 10/7/2010 which will feature comedienne Paula Poundstone. Tickets will go on sale in June.

Gail Tutino reported that CHC has begun providing services on several local high school campuses. The on-campus services are expected to be available to adults sometime in 2011.

Mark Shaffer reminded the group of the upcoming Life Without Limits events and announced a Firehouse Chili Cook-off fundraiser will be held on 4/11/2010.

Mike Bossenbery announced that SLO Hotline will be holding their annual Bowlathon in late April/early May 2010.

Jason Reed announced that representatives from CASA and SLOCAP will be presenting information on child abuse issues that arise as a result of substance abuse at Drug and Alcohol Services on 4/15/2010 at noon.

Hans Poschman reported that legislators are currently on spring break and that he expects legislation on various matters will begin moving again during the week of April 5, 2010.

Traci Mello announced that Wilshire Community is holding therapy groups for older adults in San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles.

Michael Axelrod introduced himself and provided information on Project Amend, a substance abuse and detox center in San Luis Obispo.

Elias Nimeh reported ongoing increases in meals being provided by Senior Nutrition at 9 different sites in San Luis Obispo County. A new site recently opened at the Unified Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo on Los Osos Valley Road.

Marie Brinkmeyer provided an update on the RSVP Volunteer Fair held in March. She also announced that the American Heart Association is recruiting for a fundraising director. Interested parties should contact Janice Fong Wolf at San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation.

Sandra Pendell reported that the Alzheimer's Association would again be holding their annual Caregivers Retreat in May 2010 and referred attendees to the Alzheimer's Association for additional information.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment. Karen Jones provided information regarding the recent shut down of 4 RCFE home in Paso Robles which involved federal, state and county agencies.

Corrections/Additions to the Synopsis

Two spelling errors were identified; the synopsis from the March meeting was approved pending noted corrections.

Discussion/Information Items

- **Presentation by Supervisor Bruce Gibson.** Supervisor Gibson presented information regarding the County of San Luis Obispo's 2010-2011 budget. Supervisor Gibson indicated that he expected the upcoming fiscal year to be difficult; he does not expect a turnaround for another two or three years. Supervisor Gibson predicted that improvements in the County's fiscal situation, once they arrive, will be slow and incremental.

In fiscal year 2009-2010 the County had a \$30 million shortfall; in fiscal year 2010-2011 a shortfall of \$18 to \$20 million is expected. The County has been well-managed for many years and fortunately has reserves available. Some of them are for specific areas. Supervisor Gibson noted that dipping into reserves is done very cautiously and is avoided whenever possible.

Expenses will be cut further in 2010-2011 budget, and the County's income, especially property taxes, are expected to decrease. The County is hoping to have fewer reductions in the area of services in the coming fiscal year. All departments are identifying possible expense reductions.

The County eliminated 130 positions in 2009-2010; 100 of the eliminated positions were vacant. The County has limited hiring over the past two years and has not filled positions vacated when employees retire or leave employment for another reason. Supervisor Gibson predicted that an additional 30 to 40 positions will be eliminated in 2010-2011.

Supervisor Gibson addressed funding for Public Health. The bulk of funding comes from federal and state governments, with the County providing additional matching funds. In recent years the County has been overmatching, especially in Public Health; that is not sustainable given the ongoing state budget problems.

The County's budget is dependent on the state budget which is very difficult to predict.

A proposed 2010-2011 budget will be released in mid-May with hearings to follow in June. The budget must be finalized by June 30, 2010.

Supervisor Gibson also noted that IHSS continues to be scrutinized even though it is seen as a great efficiency by most policy makers. California counties are overall not in favor with further cuts to IHSS.

It was noted by Marsha Bollinger that the County cannot legally cut staff in certain locations, e.g., jail. Jason Reed noted that unionized County employees had opted to defer their annual COLAs voluntarily given the budget issues. Supervisor Gibson confirmed that the 18 different organizations that represent County employees, notably SLOCEA which is the largest, had been cooperative.

- **ACTION Survey.** This topic was tabled until the May 7 meeting as survey questions are not yet complete.
- **Minute taking for ASPC.** Attendees were asked to assist in minute taking. Kathleen Karle offered to take minutes at the May meeting.
- **Annual Report.** Karen Jones asked for topics which should be included in the ASPC annual report. Suggestions for inclusion included the Good Neighbor program, acknowledgment of the impact of funding cuts on local service providers and loss of Linkages and Hotline, ongoing First Responder training, and establishment of the Elder Death Review Team.
- **Older American's Month.** ASPC will prepare a proclamation for the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Gibson encouraged ASPC to seek time on the BOS agenda to present the proclamation.

- **Translation Services.** Discussion was held regarding translation services needed by local agencies and possible development of resources that could be utilized by service providers.

Action Items:

- Election of Officers for 2010-2011. Karen Jones noted that the membership would need to hold elections at the May 7 meeting. Traditionally, one of the current vice-chairs steps into the chair and a new vice-chair is elected. There were no nominations made at this time; individuals wishing to volunteer or nominate another individual were instructed to contact Karen Jones.

Committee Updates:

IHSS Update – No changes. County of SLO DSS continues to enroll providers as per the mandate and provide ongoing IHSS services while awaiting further clarification from the courts.

Domestic Violence Death & Elder Death Review Team – The next meeting will be on May 11. Individuals wishing to service on the team should contact Cindy Marie Absey. It was agreed that this committee update would be deleted from future agendas.

Good Neighbors/Volunteer Army – Marie Brinkmeyer reported that funding had been denied by the Wine Classic, however funding is still potentially available through the United Way. Lists of potential volunteers are being developed.

POLST Update – Jean Raymond reported that she is now putting out a monthly newsletter geared toward physicians and other medical providers. An annual statewide meeting will be held in April 2010 to evaluate the progress in implementing POLST. Steps are also being taken to develop training and workshops specifically for medical providers. Amdal Homecare has expressed an interest in assisting in implementing POLST locally. Kathleen Karle asked that POLST information be forwarded to her to be included in the next Public Health Bulletin.

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