

ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

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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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AGENDA

March 5, 2010

9:00 am – 11:00 am

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS 20 min.

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

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS 1 min.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes or less) 10 min.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS: 60 min.

- 2010 Census – Census office
- SSI and Residential Care Facilities – Karen Jones, LTCO

ACTION ITEMS: 20 min.

- Letter of Support for Ombudsman Office re: Senate Oversight Report
- Election of CBO/PHG Representative
- Approve ACTION face-to-face survey questions

COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED: (10 minutes or less) 30 min.

- IHSS Update
- Domestic Violence Death & Elder Death Review Team
- Good Neighbors/Volunteer Army
- POLST Follow up – Jean Raymond, French Hospital

MEETING LOCATION:

Department of Social Services
2975 McMillan Road, San Luis Obispo
Suite 164 (Big Conference Room)
NEXT MEETING: April 2, 2010

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Karen Jones, LTC Ombudsman Svcs
Sara Bartlett, Alzheimer's Association
Suzanne McFarlane, Caring Callers
Krista Morley, Cen Cal Health
Joyce Heddleson, Mental Health Board
Kathleen Bellefontaine, Commission on Aging
Julia Miller, DSS-Adult Programs/SLO
Supportive Housing Consortium
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
Pam Crabaugh, Tri-Counties Regional Center
Hans Poschman, Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee
Cherie Aispuro, Aide to Supervisor Gibson
Sandra Pendell, DSS Adult Services
Mara Witten, CAPSLO
joyce ellen lippman, AAA
Meredith Bates, Bates Care Management
Tracy Mello, Wilshire Foundation
Jean Raymond, French Hospital
Janet Amanzio, Behavior Health/Mental Health
Cindy Marie Absey, District Atty/Victims Witness
Kathleen Karle, Health Agency/ Health Promotion
Lisa Rubio-Castillo, ILRC
Michelle Cole, Sheriff's Department
Kara Edwell, United Way
Joe Hoeflich, Tri-Counties Regional Center
Mike Bossenberry, TMHA SLO Hotline
Traci Mello, Wilshire Community Services
Ernest Madsen, Synergy Home Care
Joan Lawrence, Peoples Self Help Housing
Melanie Frampton, CenCal Health
Pat Sabella, CenCal Health
Dennis Bachelor, CAPSLO
Kris Kington-Barker, Hospice of SLO County
Tonya White, Synergy Home Care

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Introductions and Announcements

Mike Bossenberry, TMHA SLO Hotline, reported they are currently recruiting hotline volunteers.

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Mark Shaffer, Ride-On/United Cerebral Palsy, reminded the group that the Abilities Fair is coming up. The Paul Wolff Awards has been rescheduled to 8/28/2010. Ride-On has hired a mobility manager and continues to work to improve senior transport and medical transport.

Joyce Ellen Lippman, AAA, updated the group on the importance of participating in the US Census and status of the Older Americans' Act, and requested nominations for various categories for Older Americans Month, May 2010.

Sara Bartlett, Alzheimer's Association, reported that a Townhall meeting focusing on Alzheimer's and dementia will be held in Cambria on 3/20/2010. In addition the FiveCities' orchid group will hold a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association on 3/26/2010.

Joyce Heddleson, Mental Health Board, reminded the group that respite funds are available for eligible caregivers.

Elias Nimeh, Senior Nutrition, reported that a new dining site will be opening in SLO in April 2010.

Maria Brinkmeyer reported that RSVP will be holding a volunteer fair at St. Stephens Church on 3/17/10.

Hans Poschman reported that the Obama Administration's Department of Justice had filed suits in support of IHSS plaintiffs.

Dennis Bachelor introduced himself as new Planning Director for CAPSLO.

Cherie Aispuro, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Gibson, reported that Supervisor Gibson will attend the April 2010 ASPC meeting to provide budget information. She noted that the County is currently facing a \$20,000,000 deficit.

Marsha Bollinger, Public Health, reported that CHC will experience additional cuts in the next fiscal year. The cuts will be less than in the prior year, but will negatively impact CHC's ability to provide core services.

Cindy Marie Absey, District Attorney's office, reported that the 3rd week in April is Crime Victim's Right Week. Awards will be bestowed on 4/22/10 and nominations are open. She also noted that the grant which has supported the Elder Abuse Project is now a competitive grant and indicated that the Project may request a letter of support from ASPC. Finally, she reported that a First Responder's subcommittee has been formed to investigate senior scams which are becoming more prevalent and more sophisticated.

Michelle Cole, Sheriff's Department, gave an update on AB900 and noted that the contract is being reworked.

Kris Kington-Barker introduced herself as the new Executive Director for Hospice of

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Karen Jones, Longterm Care Ombudsman, reported that a local home health agency's e-mail had been hacked and that an e-mail had been sent out requesting that funds be sent.

She also reported that members should make their comments and recommendations for the Older American Act within the month. She noted that they appear to be especially interested in senior nutrition issues. Comments and recommendations can be made at http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/OAA/Reauthorization/Index.aspx

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Public Comment:

Tony Navarro, County of SLO Planning Department, reported that the Department administers a Community Development Block Grant (\$10 million), Home Program funds (\$7 million) and Emergency Shelter funds (\$500,000). The Department must prepare a 5 year consolidated plan which outlines funding priorities for cities in SLO County. He asked that ASPC members respond to a priority survey. Members agreed that the group's e-mail roster could be provided to Mr. Navarro. He noted that applications for competitive funding would be available in September 2010.

Corrections/Additions to the Synopsis

The synopsis from the February 2010 was approved as written with no corrections.

Discussion/Information Items

2010 Census. No Census Office representatives were available for today's meetings.
SSI and Residential Care Facilities, Karen Jones: Under Title 22, a limited rate of only \$1000 per month can be charged to SSI recipients. The licensing board has indicated that this limited rate is required only if the facility accepts SSI payments and the person is eligible for SSI at time of admittance. Recently, however, the licensing board has determined that if a patient moves into a residential care facility at the regular rate and subsequently becomes eligible, the residential care facility is obligated to accept the new SSI rate. Individuals who are charged the SSI rate are, in most circumstances, limited to shared rooms. Individuals with very specialized dietary need and/or dementia or Alzheimer's are not eligible for the SSI rate.

Action Items:

Letter of Support for Ombudsman Office re: Senate Oversight Report: Karen Jones reviewed information presented in ASPC's February meeting. In a nutshell, the Senate has been considering moving the obligation to investigate alleged abuses in licensed care facilities to APS or to the care facility licensing agency. The Long Term Care Ombudsman's office wants to retain responsibility for investigation of alleged abuses in licensed care facilities and wants to be able to cross report to law enforcement. She asked for a letter of support from ASPC to the Senate Oversight Committee.

Motion Made by Joyce Ellen Lippman: "I move that this group send a letter to the State Oversight Committee and to local elected officials to support the Long Term Care Ombudsman's continued efforts to investigate abuse allegations and to support funding."

Motion seconded by Kathleen Bellefontaine. Motion approved unanimously by the group.

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Election of CBO/PHG Representative: Ida Sorensen was the alternate CBO/PHG representative for ASPC, but has moved into a new position at DSS and must resign. Kathleen Karle, designated CBO/PHG Representative, provided information regarding the roles and responsibilities of the alternate's position. No one in the group immediately volunteered for the alternate's position; interested parties are to e-mail Sandra Pendell (spendell@co.slo.ca.us.gov) for consideration.

Approve ACTION face-to-face Survey questions: Julia Miller gave an overview of the methods of the ACTION for Healthy Communities' survey. Most surveys are completed by telephone or in face-to-face interviews in public places. To ensure input from homebound seniors, a survey is also prepared for completion in the seniors' home with the assistance of the person's social worker. Review was made of changes to the 2006 survey and comments were made by the group.

Motion Made by Kathleen Bellefontaine: "I move that the group approve the survey with noted additions and comments of the group."

Motion seconded by Kathleen Karle. Motion approved unanimously by the group.

Committee Updates:

IHSS Update – Julia Miller continues to monitor situation and pending court cases.

Domestic Violence Death & Elder Death Review Team – Cindy Marie Absey reported that the DVD&EDRT met in February and reviewed an elder death. The case is confidential, so specifics could be not shared with the group. Cindy Marie reported that the interdisciplinary team evaluated how well systems worked and whether or not the death could have been prevented. The team will meet on a quarterly basis and make appropriate recommendations to agencies and community groups.

Good Neighbors/Volunteer Army – Marie Brinkmeyer reported that the group is developing a job description for a coordinator position and continuing to develop funding resources.

POLST Update – Jean Raymond provided info about the current status of POLST in SLO County and the efforts to establish a coalition. Discussion was held regarding the possible role of ASPC in the coalition. Members agreed that ASPC should be a source of information and support, however felt that the coalition would best be comprised of physicians and medical providers.

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