

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.

Boards, Commissions and Community Representatives/Volunteers

Adult Abuse Prevention Council
Behavioral Health Board
Commission on Aging
County Board of Supervisors
Health Commission
SLO Supportive Housing Consortium
Martin L. Meltz, PhD

Elected Officials

CA Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, 35th District
CA Senator Bill Monning, 17th District

Non-Profit Agencies

211 Hotline
AIDS Support Network
Alzheimer's Association
Area Agency on Aging
CenCal Health
Central Coast Hospice
Community Action Partnership of SLO (CAPSLO)
Community Health Centers (CHC)
Dignity Health-French Hospital Medical Center
Hospice of SLO County
Independent Living Resource Center
Lifesteps Foundation
LTC Ombudsman Services of SLO County
North County Connection
Peoples' Self Help Housing
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
Ride-On Transportation
Senior Legal Services Project
Senior Nutrition Program
SLO Hep C Project
SLO Regional Rideshare
Transitions-Mental Health Association
Tri-Counties Regional Center
United Cerebral Palsy
United Way of SLO County
Wilshire Community Services

Private Organizations

Bates Care Management
Bella Vista Transitional Care
Home Instead Senior Care
Mariposa Music Therapy/Arts for Living
Maxim Healthcare Services
Ridership Development Consultants
Senior Living Consultants

Public Agencies

San Luis Costal Adult School

San Luis Obispo County Departments of:

Behavioral Health /Mental Health Services
District Attorney / Victim Witness Assistance
Public Health
Probation Department
Sheriff Department
Social Services/Adult Services

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Immediate Past Chair: Marie Brinkmeyer (805) 544-8740 rsvpslo@srvolunteer.org
First Vice Chair: Kathleen Bellefontaine (805) 235-5779 kbellefont@charter.net

AGENDA

03/06/2015

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: (5 minutes or less)

GUEST SPEAKER:

- **John Fowler, CEO of Peoples' Self-Help Housing**

MEMBER COMMENT:

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS:

ACTION ITEMS:

COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED: (10 minutes or less)

- **IHSS**
- **POLST**
- **Transportation**

MEETING LOCATION:

CAPSLO

1030 Southwood Drive, San Luis Obispo

NEXT MEETING:

04/03/2015

Adult Services Policy Council

03/06/15

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Sonya Laputz, Alzheimer's Association

Teresa Merkle-Scott, CenCal Health

Mara Whitten, CAPSLO

Yudilia Tomsen, Independent Living Resource Center

Kathleen Karle, Public Health

Fred Munroe, Ridership Development

Sara Sanders, SLO Regional Rideshare

Dee Rittenhouse, Tri-Counties Regional Center

Rachel Cementina, United Way of SLO

Brittany Carraway, Peoples' Self Help Housing

John Fowler, Peoples' Self Help Housing

Margie Alita, DSS Synopsis

joyce ellen lippman, Area Agency on Aging

Kathleen Bellefontaine, Commission on Aging

Kat Lauterback, DSS

Laura DeLoye, Mariposa Music Therapy/Arts for Living

Jason Portugal, Ride-On/UCP

Marie Brinkmeyer, RSVP-Senior Volunteer Services

Mike Bossenberry, TMHA, SLO Hotline

Jessica Devereaux, Wilshire Community Services

Jocelyn Brennan, Aide to District 4 Supervisor

Nora Kelly, SLO Public Health

Morgan Johson, DSS

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairwoman Laura DeLoye welcomed the group and stated nominations for the Paul Wolff Accessibility Award are due March 31, 2015. This award is a great way to recognize individuals and businesses that continue to work towards more accessibility to those who are disabled.

Jessica Devereaux stated four volunteers attended last month's No. County training in partnership with the Cancer Support Network and that one more training is scheduled for March 25, 2015.

Kathleen Bellefontaine announced that Paul Wolff will be presenting a powerpoint on Universal Design at the Commission on Aging meeting on March 20, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the SLO Vets Hall.

Mike Bossenberry reminded the group that TMHA's Annual Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser is currently in progress. He encouraged all to get the word out that volunteers are needed to staff the Hotline.

Rachel Cementina mentioned that help is available for filing taxes for about another month; go to myfreetaxes.org for more information. She also provided 211 cards for the group.

Jason Portugal stated Ride-On's Night Without Limits is scheduled for March 28, 2015. He stated that members can contact him if they would like to have an announcement posted to UCP's Facebook page.

Yudilia Tomsen introduced herself as the new representative for Independent Living Resource Center, as she is replacing Jerry Nehmic. He is now working with Danican and Ms. Tomsen wants members to know that the company donated hypoallergenic pillows and sheets to the ECHO Shelter.

Sonia Laputz announced that continuing education is available and more information can be found at alz.org.

Mara Whitten from CAPSLO reminded the group that the Fancy Hat Tea Party fundraiser is scheduled for March 29, 2015.

joyce ellen lippman announced the 40th Anniversary event of the Area Agency on Aging and asked that all who are planning to attend RSVP soon. She also said May is Older Americans Month in SLO County and nominations can be made in several categories and are due April 27, 2015. Updates to the Senior Information Guide are coming along, but their agency can use more financial support.

Kathleen Karle stated work continues on CVHOD awards as well as looking at funding levels. She stated March is National Nutrition Month and Public Health staff are available to do outreach in the community.

Nora Kelly from Public Health Department stated she represents the health program for indigent adults in SLO County.

Fred Munroe announced KCBX will be broadcasting a tobacco cessation program on Thursday at 1 p.m. It will be available via podcast for those who can't tune in on Thursday.

John Fowler announced an upcoming lecture scheduled for March 13, 2015, on affordable housing. Go to pshhc.org for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

GUEST SPEAKERS:

John Fowler is the President of Peoples' Self Help Housing (PSHH), having been appointed on April 1, 2015. His organization is committed to providing affordable housing leading to self-sufficiency for low income residents, seniors, and others on the Central Coast. PSHH has been in operation for 45 years and serves three counties: SLO, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. They employ 172 individuals and operate 45 sites. They are an award winning company and have built 1,200 single family homes from San Miguel to Piru and manage 1,570 rental units in all three counties. They serve almost 5,000 people and provide afterschool programs, computer labs, and operate a few youth centers at various sites. Their building sites are typically located near public transportation, schools, and within walking distance of stores and other services. They provide home ownership counseling, self-help home ownership services, and supportive housing programs in addition to managing rental facilities. Mr. Fowler said they are active in Washington, D.C. and in Sacramento in support of affordable housing.

Mr. Fowler stated their funding comes from many sources, from federal home loans to commercial bank loans. PSHH can apply for tax credits from the State and in turn sell these on the open market, earning dollar for dollar with banks such as Chase and Bank of America. One of his organization's goals is to connect and collaborate with local agencies and communities to better serve individuals. PSHH's main focus is to join forces for the benefit of the community, not just provide a building. They engage with the community on many issues, including: adult education, social services, health care, always keeping in mind that they serve different populations with different needs.

Part of their organization includes The Duncan Group, a 501C organization and it serves as their in-house property management company. They do asset management and provide these services to third party non-profits. Their sweat equity program provides families with the opportunity to qualify for a loan, provide assistance with a down payment, and work 40 hours a week (in addition to their regular job). These projects are an asset to the community. Current projects sites include Templeton, Atascadero, San Miguel, and Los Osos.

Mr. Fowler stated that ideally it is best to have a community approach PSHH with new ideas for a new project. To that end, they have 23 projects in the works, either moving through the escrow phase or starting construction. In Paso Robles they are working on a 60-unit, \$10 million rehabilitation project and that project will remain as affordable housing. They will employ local architects, engineers, as well as create jobs locally

once the project is complete as they will need site managers, janitors, etc. He reiterated that affordable housing is not a drain on the economy, but rather a benefit to the community. He complimented his staff on the work they do with limited resources. Members thanked Mr. Fowler for his presentation.

MEMBER COMMENT:

joyce ellen lippman was recently contacted by the SCAN Foundation and invited to join their monthly Regional Coalition Conference Call. The purpose of the call will be to facilitate development in local counties and find out what is or isn't working. Ms. lippman will participate in a few calls, do more research, and report her findings to the group. Members agreed to her participation in the conference call.

CORRECTIONS/ADDTIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS:

The synopsis was accepted and approved by all.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. DeLoye mentioned that by-laws were located and will be reviewed by three members of the group in the near future. Additionally she stated that her term as chair is up at the end of June and asked members to think about serving as vice chair (2 openings). Ms. Bellefontaine, as current Vice Chair, follows Laura as Chair. Kathleen questioned whether her being chair next year would be a conflict of interest, as she serves as Chair on the Commission on Aging. Kathleen Karle and Fred Munroe didn't see a problem. Fred suggested that it could be, *if* the chair's role included more official duties and the right and ability to unilaterally make decisions on the group's behalf. The bylaws will be reviewed to gain clarification.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

IHSS – Ms. Lauterback stated the implementation of new IHSS provider overtime rules is still on hold and a lawsuit by the UDW Union has been filed (as of now SLO County hasn't been named in the lawsuit, but could be). She stated uncertainly remains high as to what will happen with the changes, but because it's all tied at the federal level, everything is on hold right now.

SLO Coalition for Compassionate Care/POLST – None.

Transportation – Sara Sanders stated that a consultant for the Coordinated Human Services Plan has been chosen and that approval of the contract is going to the Board in April. She is also working on the Youth Ride Free Program (youth can ride public transit without charge during the summer). She stated May is Bike Month in SLO County and lots of events are planned.

Jason Portugal stated negotiations are underway to make changes to the current Roundabout Program. He is working with Mark Schaffer and will provide an update for the group at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.