

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
Commission on Aging
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AIDS Support Network & SLO Hep C Project
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Senior Nutrition Program
Transitions/Mental Health Association
Tri-Counties Regional Center
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United Way of San Luis Obispo County
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Private Organizations

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

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San Luis Coastal 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
Sheriff
Department of Social Services / Adult Services
Veteran's Services

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AGENDA

6/1/2012

9.00 – 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)

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS:

- "Homeless Not Hopeless" – Jason Reed and Christina Bearce
- Roundtable Discussion: Public Education of Impacts of Program Cuts

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS

ACTION ITEMS:

- Election of Officers for 2012 - 2013
- Discussion re: July Meeting

COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED: (10 minutes or less)

- **IHSS Update**
- **Good Neighbor**
- **POLST Follow up**
- **Continuum of Care**

MEETING LOCATION:

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

NEXT MEETING:

7/6/2012?

Adult Service Policy Council

6-1-2012

Chaired by Kathleen Karle

Attendees:

Sara Bartlett, Alzheimer's Association
joyce ellen lippman, Area Agency on
Aging
Janet Amanzio, Behavioral
Health/Mental Health
Krista Vega, Cencal Health
Jason Reed, Drug & Alcohol Advisory
Board
Kathleen Karle, Public Health
Rick Gulino, People's Self Help Housing
Mark Shaffer, Ride-On/UCP
Elias Nimeh, Senior Nutrition
Mike Bossenberry, Transitions Mental
Health

Joe Hoeflich, Tri-Counties Regional
Center
Jessica Devereaux, Wilshire Community
Services
Kevin Drabinski, Field Rep for
Assemblyman Achadjian
Tiffany Alcantara, Home Instead
Carol Rose, Home Instead
Mary Sheridan, Coast Caregiver
Resource Center
Ben Flinders, Bella Vista
Christina Bearce

Kathleen Karle called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Intros and Announcements

Sara Bartlett announces an upcoming Caregivers' Retreat at Paradise Valley Care in Atascadero. There is also an upcoming benefit for the Alzheimer's' Association entitled "Art Cares." Lastly, training for caregivers focusing on reducing the risk of falls, enhancing mealtime and making social connections will be held on 6/18/2012 from 8 – 1 p.m.

Mike Bossenberry reported that Transitions-Mental Health Association is offering two trainings for the community: "Mental Health First Aid" in August 2012 and February 2013, and Anger Management, a 12 week course to be held in August 2012.

Rick Gulino urged everyone to eat at California Pizza Kitchen on 6/20/2012 as a percent of the proceeds will go to benefit People's Self Help Housing.

The Women's Shelter fundraiser is Restore a Smile, Restore a Life. Proceeds benefit the Shelter.

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

Homeless Not Hopeless Documentary Project

Jason Reed and Christine Bearce were asked to develop a documentary by HSOC to educate the community about homeless issues and misconceptions regarding

individuals who are homeless. The result of their efforts is the documentary “Homeless Not Helpless – in the happiest place in America”. The film won the award for the Best Feature Length Film from the SLO Film Festival Board.

Today we will view the shortened version of the film which is divided into four sections:

- 1) Who are the Homeless?
- 2) Challenges and Barriers
- 3) Misconceptions and Stigma
- 4) Solutions to Homelessness

The film is available to be shown to any interested group. The Highlight Media website for the documentary is www.homelessnothopeless.net

Roundtable Discussion - Impacts of Program Cuts

The question to be discussed today is, “How can we educate the public about the effect of cuts to programs they may not understand and tie it to tax relief? Do we want to have an awareness campaign?”

It is historically difficult to demonstrate the effect of losses to human service programs and at times, the public thinks we just need to operate more efficiently rather than needing increased funding.

Ideas to get information out to the community include developing an information sheet for distribution and/or post on our website. This could include factual information concerning the effects of potential cuts being currently proposed. Some solutions and potential fixes could also be included.

Another idea is for each agency to write a letter to the editor in various newspapers to publicize the effects of future cutbacks. Or do we want to produce such information as a consortium?

Each agency and organization is to check with their management or Board and come back next month with an idea of what support their organization could provide and what they think might work. Mark will send out a survey of our organizations to query about participation.

Corrections to the Synopsis

The 3rd page, fourth paragraph misspells Mr. Meltz’s name. Mark Shaffer made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Seconded by Elias Nimeh. Approved by all.

Slate of Officers

Chair: Kathleen Karle

Past Chair: Janet Amanzio

Vice Chairs: Marie Brinkmyer and Tiffany Alcantara

Motion to approve slate of officers made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Item

The July meeting is directly after the 4th Holiday. The motion was made and approved to cancel the July meeting. The next meeting will be Friday, August 3rd.

Committee Reports

IHSS Update: No report.

Good Neighbors: Jessica reported there are 14 new volunteers available. Cal Poly students are helping to recruit volunteers as well as Wilshire is looking for new venues in which to recruit. Contact Kimberly Hudson at 547-7025, Ext. 26.

POLST: No report.

Continuum of Care: No report.

**The next meeting is August 3, 2012
9:00 – 11:00
Department of Social Services**