

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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Commission on Aging
County Board of Supervisors
Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
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SLO Supportive Housing Consortium

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Alzheimer's Association
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Community Health Centers / Services of the
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Hospice of San Luis Obispo County
Independent Living Resource Center
Linkages Care Management
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North County Connection
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Senior Legal Services Project
Senior Nutrition Program
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AGENDA

5/4/2012

9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Supervisor Adam Hill – County Budget

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes or less)

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS

ACTION ITEMS:

- Nominations for Officers 2012 - 2013

COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED:

- 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:

6/1/2012

ASPC Meeting May 4, 2012
Chaired by Kathleen Karle

Attendees:

Edie Kahn,
AIDS Support Network/SLO HepC
Janet Amanzio,
Behavioral Health/Mental Health
Krista Vega, CenCal Health
Grace McIntosh, CAPSLO
Sandra Pendell, Social Services
Jean Raymond,
French Hospital/Health Commission
Kathleen Karle, Public Health
Kelly Hannula,
Independent Living Resource Center
Michelle Mason, Lifesteps Foundation
Sue Warren, North County Connection
Marie Brinkmeyer, RSVP

Mark Shaffer,
Ride-On Transportation/UCP
Barry Johnson,
Transitions-Mental Health
Kara Edwall, United Way
Hans Poschman,
Senator Blakeslee's Representative
Martin Meltz
Diane Jay, County Medical Services
Rich Smucker, Mariposa Music Therapy
Laura DeLoye, Mariposa Music Therapy
Kathryn Aceto, Lifesteps Foundation
Heidi McNichols, SLO County Probation
Tiffany Alcantara, Home Instead
Carol Rose, Home Instead

Introductions and Announcements

Kathleen Karle asked that during introductions members make suggestions for future speakers and mention if they themselves are willing to present. Michelle Mason offered to make a presentation of the homemaker program and respite program available through LifeSteps Foundation. Barry Johnson, Transitions – Mental Health Association announced that the annual Opening Minds art show will be taking place at 1306 Nipomo Street in San Luis Obispo. An opening reception will be held on May 16.

Kara Edwell announced that the United Way's Flavor of SLO food and wine tasting fundraiser would be held on Sunday, May 6.

Sue Warren, North County Connection passed out flyers on the upcoming behavioral health program at health commission and conference. Grace McIntosh, CAPSLO, announced that a Fancy Hat tea party would be held to raise funds for adult day center in Templeton. In addition, she reported that CAPSLO's adult wellness program is providing preventive case management and health screenings at 17 sites throughout county for people who do not have health insurance. Capslo.org has more info. Edie Kahn, AIDS Support Network/SLO Hep C Projected suggested that a member of health commission be invited to speak at ASPC. She also suggested that the healthcare reform be monitored, and suggested that Americorp be invited to speak on the activities that they are doing locally.

Hans Poschman from Senator Blakeslee's office offered to present on the budget May revise. He noted that he has been following the revenue tracker on the state controller's website. At this time, revenues are lower than projected and expenses are higher. Programs that were going to be restored have been put on hold. Mark Shaffer

reported that the Good Neighbor Program received a \$25K grant and noted that the program still has a great need for volunteer drivers. Drivers are needed for evenings, weekends and during regular business hours. Finally, he noted that the senior shuttle was granted increased funding for next year.

Jean Raymond, Health Commission, reported that the commission is waiting to see the supreme court's decision on federal healthcare reform. She also suggested that Cal Poly be invited to advise what services they can offer to the community. Martin Meltz suggests Transitions – Mental Health Association speak on their Mental Health First Aid. Barry Johnson, T-MHA, agreed to do so.

Hans Poschman and Mark Shaffer discussed an event that will be held on May 18 to benefit to the Vet's Express. Sandra Pendell reminded the group that the Alzheimer's Association would be holding their annual caregiver retreat in June this year. In addition, the Reason to Hope luncheon will be held on May 8.

Public Comment:

None.

Discussion/Information Items

Supervisor Adam Hill – SLO County Budget.

Supervisor Hill introduced Dan Buckshi, Assistant County Administrative Officer, and Emily Jackson, Administrative Analyst, from the County of SLO administrative office. Overall, San Luis Obispo County is in a better position than neighboring counties. This is final year of deficits, which are being cut dramatically. Pension and pay reforms are saving \$16+ million per year already. The County of SLO downsized its workforce by 200-300 without layoffs. He noted that SLO County employees had made concessions and help in figuring out ways to save jobs. The County currently has strong reserves of \$80+ million and has a high bond rating. The County continues to provide all services, how it has been very difficult given health, human services and safety cuts by State. In the past, the County was able to backfill when state funds were reduced, but can do so no longer due to the deficits that have been ongoing for the past few years. He said there were potentially sharp deductions in human services still ahead. For example, additional IHSS cuts are expected. Specifics about those cuts should come clear during the May revise, but it is expected to be significant and could possibly be as much as 30%. Supervisor Hill noted that cutting back on services impacts the paychecks of IHSS caregivers. He indicated that the governor's strategy is to cut without compromise; this is probably not the governor's first choice, but there are no options. Counties and cities cannot fill in the gaps. Supervisor Hill indicated that the CalWORKS program will likely have massive cuts. There has been a strong demand at state and federal levels to cut social service programs. Supervisor Hill stated that the County Board of Supervisors recognizes the impact these ongoing cuts have on county residents. He stated that the Board is working with health clinics and human service providers to minimize effects of cuts. He reiterated that this is difficult to do with ongoing budget cuts at the state level.

Mark Shaffer pointed out that IHSS keeps people out of long term care, which is much more expensive. He suggested that this is a way of pushing costs from the state to the

federal government. Supervisor Hill concurred that expenses are being pushed to other sources when possible. He noted some programs are more cost effective and more humane, but deficits have risen the state has been looking at other funding sources. He noted that there when there are limited drug and alcohol and homeless services, people needing those services often end up in jail which is ultimately more expensive and inhumane. Mark Shaffer noted that at the same time funding to local service providers is being cut, operating expenses continue to increase and contracts are in place that must be fulfilled. Martin Meltz suggested that the Board working on educating the public on a monthly basis on long term effects (financial costs) if these problems are not addressed and if cuts continue. Supervisor Hill noted that the 5/2/12 meeting on homelessness was very well attended. He stated that more services for case management, addiction, and related services are needed to get people off street and keep them off the street.

Sue Warren discussed the importance of behavioral health issues as part of overall health care. Mr. Buckshi noted that when federal healthcare reforms are set in place, increased collaboration is likely.

Mark Shaffer asks about status of county jails and asked if funding might be available from the state given the impacts of AB109. Supervisor Hill stated that funding is needed. Public safety continues to do their jobs, but it is difficult. The County has had to hire more probation officers and jail personnel to deal with state felons now housed in County jails. He noted that professional associations and CSAC are pushing to get funding from state for these added expenses. Dan Buckshi pointed out that a tax proposal is being made that would guarantee funding for realignment.

Mr. Meltz asked if the County has seed money for non-profit programs that would increase health and human services to compensate for the government programs that have been cut. Supervisor Hill pointed out that grants are available. Mr. Buckshi reiterated that the county is always looking for effective and creative ways to provide services and is open to improving systems.

Kathleen Karle mentioned that there no longer seem to be compromises in legislative activities, only extreme viewpoints. Supervisor Hill recommended reading the book "It's Worse Than You Think" for more information about the failure of legislators to work together. He concurred that compromise between parties is very, very rare in the current environment and noted the system will not work if legislators won't compromise.

Supervisor Hill thanked the group for work it does and acknowledged that the Board depends on ASPC to help citizens and to keep the Board informed. He invited the members to provide ideas and information anytime.

Corrections/Additions to the Synopsis

Mark Shaffer moved that the synopsis be accepted, with corrections as discussed in the meeting, Jean Raymond seconded. Approved unanimously as moved.

Action Items:

Kathleen Karle presented information regarding the ASPC election requirements as per the Board of Supervisor's Order that established ASPC in 1999. Ms. Karle reported the current structure of two co-chairs and one vice-chair, is not consistent with the Order. Per the Order, the officers of the ASPC should include an Immediate Past Chair, Chair and first and second vice chair. Tiffany Alcantera, Home Instead Senior Care, expressed interest in serving as a vice-chair. . Kathleen says she, Marie and Janet are also willing to continue. She notes that Janet may be retiring in coming year, but unknown. Suggestion that Tiffany be mentored.

Jean Raymond moved that Janet Amanzio be nominated for Immediate Past Chair, Kathleen Karle for Chair, and Marie Brinkmeyer and Tiffany Alcantera for vice-chairs. The move was seconded by Heidi McNichols. There were no other nominations from the floor. The Election of Officers will be held at the June 1, 2012 meeting.

Committee Updates:

IHSS Update – Sandra Pendell, DSS, gave an update on behalf of Program Manager Kat Lauterback. She reported on activities to ensure compliance with CDSS in regards to provider background checks and Tier 1/Tier 2 felonies. In addition, she noted that federal benefits, such as Social Security, would only be deposited electronically effective 3/1/2013.

Good Neighbors – Marie Brinkmeyer reported that the program continues to grow, has more trained volunteers and is now providing services countywide. She noted that the Tribune has been especially helpful in publicizing GNP's efforts and the need for volunteers. She clarified that people of any age can volunteer to work with GNP. Any senior or disabled adult can apply for services.

POLST Update – Jean Raymond reported that a webinar was recently held on Increasing Physicians Engagement in POLST. There is now federal input on defining palliative care and what should be done to make sure people's wishes are followed. She has access to all training programs.

Continuum of Care – Janet Amanzio says she has received input from membership and will coordinate with the Continuum of Care subcommittee to have revisions completed. The revised Continuum of Care will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Round Table Discussion

Discussion was held regarding the methods by which local agencies be involved in educating the public on the impact of cuts, and some of the unintentional outcomes of past and future cuts.

Kathleen Karle reminded the group that the proclamation of Older American's Month at the Board of Supervisors' meeting had been delayed to 5/8/12.

Diane Jay suggested that federal healthcare reform be discussed at the July meeting. Kathleen Karle stated that discussion about whether or not to hold a July meeting would be held at the June 1, 2012 meeting.

**The next meeting is June 1, 2012
9:00-11:00 a.m.
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