Disability Services Advisory Council

July 25th, 2024

Location: 5 Oak building

Time: 12pm-2pm

**Meeting Goals**

* Recap and discussion of last meeting
* Generating ideas for New Area Plan Needs Assessment
* Guest speaker Raffaele Timarchi Strategic Initiative Manager for LPSCC (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council) followed by discussion

Attendance:

Virtual attendance: Kalah Schackman, Lisa Strader, Jeremy Nguyen, Bri Eck

Not in attendance: George Crittenden, Robert Trimble

In Person attendance:Jacob Mestman, Jason Normand, Charmaine Kinney, Nicole Galport, Nellie Stearns, Jesse Gaurdipee, Caroline Underwood, Gail Skenandore, Cheri Becerra, Irma Jimenez, Barb Rainish, Lars Fujisato, Raquel, Joe Valtierra, Barb Rainish, Raffaele Timarchi

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| **Time** | **Topic** | **Who** |
| 12:00pm | Connecting | All |
| 12:10pm  10 min | Zoom Accessibility | All |
| 12:20  5 min | Land Acknowledgement and Action | Raquel |
| 12:25pm5 min | Introduce everyone and new staff | Raquel |
| 12:30 pm  5 min | Re-cap Officer’s information  503-793-3837 David.Abrahamson@police.portlandoregon.gov | Raquel |
| 12:35 pm  10 min | Commissioner Sharon Meieran | Commissioner Sharon Meieran |
| 12:45 pm  30 min | Generating ideas for New Area Plan Needs Assessment  And conversation of what’s missing?   * **What is most important to you in the seven areas? What do we want to know from our community about these areas?** * **Place our thoughts on sticky notes and onto the area they pertain to.** * **All of these programs we are looking at are separate from Medicaid. They are under the Older Americans Act.** * **Jesse - the best you can do for us is put things down on paper. How to do it, where to go, who to call. This way we can spread the word in our community.** * **Caroline talked about how all the scam calls cause her to not trust the phone. She would rather do business face to face.** * **Gail called the ADRC line and did not get help or follow up.** * **Nellie - we need to remember that not everyone knows how to read and write.** * **Barb feels like LGBTQ is missing from these focus areas. She also thinks we need to have more focus groups.** * **Lisa - we need to focus more on our community members with disablities.** * **Gail - where is the housing issue in these focus areas? Nicole answered that these are the areas covered under the Older Americans Act.** * **Caroline - I find no help for Grandparents who are raising grandchildren. Irma mentioned that it would be under the family/unpaid caregiver support area. Jen Forman runs this program.** * **Nellie asked when we will be seeing more events for grandparents raising grandkids? Irma mentioned we did two events this year, and hope to do more next year.** * **Gail wanted to give a shout out for Urban League Meals on Wheels. They do a wonderful job.** * **Members would really like to see more participation in Pi Nee Waus meetings. It was great having Joe Valtierra attend.** * **Jesse - housing is a real issue. My grandchild got approved for help from NAYA. But there were no funds available to help.** | Research Team |
| 1:10pm | BREAK (5 min) |  |
| 1:15pm | LPSCC (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council)  Overview and discussion   * **Raffaele asked what your concerns are with public safety. He also mentioned we need to not lose sight of community, many crimes have underlying causes.** * **Nellie - people are just not following any basic laws anymore. It makes me feel unsafe. Raffaele thinks after the pandemic - people are trying to figure out how to behave in public again.** * **Raffaele also believes changing the environment may help - better sidewalks, street lights, etc.** * **Raffaele talked about working with people dealing with the aftermath of shootings.** * **Nellie - brown communities do not have a lot of trust in law enforcement.** * **Caroline - dog attacks are an issue. Raffaele says he has no idea how to fix this problem and hopes someone will have a solution.** * **Call Portland Street response - when dialing 911 - ask to be connected to Portland Street response. But if there is immediate harm, 911 should be your contact.** * **Gail - drug issues at my apartments. Last year, a swat team came in. What is being done about this problem? I live in Home Forward apartments, and it is not ok.** * **Raffaele - we are dealing with too few apartments . Addiction issues and drug use are a big problem.** * **Raffaele - Drugs are either a crime or an illness. It cannot be considered both.** * **Raffaele please contact me if you are having issues in your neighborhood, I will see what I can do.** * **We are also using the data we are gathering to try and help us figure out where the crime is happening and why.** * **Nellie would like to see the homeless camps looked into.** * **Jesse would like to help. Give us information on how we can help, and we will.** * **Rafaele - we have always relied on law enforcement to take care of things, we do not have enough of them to do it all. We need to strengthen the department of county services.** * **Rafaele - I am not a housing expert. It would be good to get some in, so we could talk with them.** | Raffaele Timarchi |
| 1:50pm | Public Testimony |  |