



Disability Services Advisory Council

Minutes

Monday, March 26, 2018, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
421 SW Oak Street, Oak Conference Rm

Facilitator: Michael Thurman

| Agenda Item | Purpose | Lead | Next Steps and Action Items |
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| Introductions - How do your strengths show up in your advocacy | Members: Grace E. Reed, Rai McKenzie, Robbie Noche, Michael Thurman, Mike Elston, Steve Weiss, Barb Rainish. Presenters: Janet Bowman (SHIBA), Abe Moland, Kamar Haji Mohammed, Heidi Guenin (Gridworks IC). Guests: Wendy Shumway. Staff: Rebecca Miller, Erin Grahek | | |
| Approve February minutes, March agenda. | Administrative | Michael Thurman | Minutes approved Agenda approved |
| Public Comment | | Michael Thurman | Wendy Shumway : Shared interest in advocating and asked for ideas. Rebecca agreed to connect with her after meeting. |
| DSAC Membership | Vote on new member. Set a membership committee date? | Rebecca Miller & Mike Elston | Motion by Barb that DSAC applicant should attend a meeting before DSAC votes to recommend her. Motion 2nd and carried. Action: Rebecca to follow up with applicant and notify of this decision and verify her interest. Grace suggested paying a stipend to potential members. Action: Erin will check in with Lee and provide a decision and/or update regarding stipend at April DSAC meeting. |
| SHIBA program | Inform and discuss | Guest Speaker: Janet Bowman | Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA). Volunteers help people make decisions about health insurance. They “turn down the noise” on |

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| | | | <p>information from health plans. 10 sites throughout Multnomah Co at District Senior Centers, Enhancing Equity partners, and libraries. Check out www.adrcoforegon.org. Highly trained volunteers ready to help. New Medicare cards are coming in April. You'll have new number that won't be tied to your ss#. Watch out for Part B scam. Medicare will never call you. You need to keep your number safe. Only thing you need to do is update your mailing address with SS. They will mail to your last address of record. Medicare Part A: Hospital, home health, hospice. Medicare Part B: outpatient services - most pay a premium for this unless they have reduced income and can't afford it. The state may be able to provide Part B assistance. Also helps cover some Part D: drug coverage. No resource limits. Call (503)988-3646 to be screened for this help.</p> |
| <p>DCHS & County legislative process & role of DSAC members</p> | <p>Inform & update</p> | <p>Guest Speaker: Robyn Johnson</p> | <p>Legislative & Policy Coordinator for the Department of County Human Services. Important to hear from you in your official capacity as DSAC and in individual capacity as citizens. Rebecca & Erin serve on policy committee and help bring issues forward for you to get ideas in for consideration. This is where policy ideas to track and ideas to support are put forward. Legislative coordinator collects these ideas in an ongoing process and in advance of a legislative session. Policy ideas go to Peggy Brey and then to division director to create DCHS Legislative Agenda, then through county chair, commissioners, and government relations to help inform the County Legislative Agenda. Reviewed questions that policy concepts go through. Any ideas DSAC has as a group would need to filter up through the division, starting with Erin and/or Rebecca. Grace asked "how can we speed up process for advocacy"? Continue to raise the issue/alarm with Commissioners, Chair and other elected officials. Barb shared power of going to board meetings.</p> |

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| | | | <p>Next legislative session starts the 1st Monday after the 1st Sunday in February 2019. Legislative days in Salem still occur, go visit while they are in the district - until June.</p> <p>How do we find pathways to move an issue forward? If DSAC has a bill or other concept at Fed or State level and want to talk more about advocacy pathways, let Erin or Rebecca know and Robyn's office can help get your voices heard.</p> <p>Steve suggested taking time starting in Fall to prepare for next session - identify issues and concepts DSAC might want action on.</p> <p>Board will likely adopt legislative agenda in January</p> |
| ADVSD update | Inform | ADVSD mgmt | <p>DCHS is hiring Equity Manager and each division is doing organizational assessment related to racial equity. Erin Grahek & Irma Jimenez are co-leading ADVSD internal workgroup to conduct organizational assessment.</p> |
| NEMT update | Inform and update | Gridworks | <p>Abe & Kamar from Gridworks IC presented Ride to Care transition updates. Gridwork IC will be managing this program starting June 1, 2018. Gridworks IC emerged from Gridworks LLC, a consulting firm working to improve transportation for people who don't drive. See slides for information. From back end there will be changes, but from customer standpoint the phone, name and website remains the same. www.ridetocare.com</p> <p>Q & A</p> <p>Do you have capacity/enough drivers. Yes, we do.</p> <p>Will you be sending letters out to people? Considering it because messages are getting confused by others.</p> <p>Would you consider a "how to" video for using services? Not before June 1st, but hope to do something like that long term.</p> <p>www.transitions.ridetocare.org transitions@ridetocare.org</p> |

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| April agenda and actions | Review items for clarity and accountability | Cherri Becerra | Ashley Carroll - ADVSD employees with disabilities needs assessment findings Advocacy conversation Disability Justice Commission - October? Grace to follow up. Motion to meet at 12pm during the next meeting to provide 30 minutes of social time. Motion carried. Action: Meet at 12pm for social time. |
| Adjourn | | Michael Thurman | Next meeting: Central Library April 23rd |

2018 Meeting Schedule and guest presentation(s)

Apr 23: @Central Library: Participant Experience Project (PEP) & Needs Assessment (Ashley)

May 10: No DSAC meeting in May, but please attend Older Americans Month proclamation before County Board

Jun 25: SUA monitoring - Family Caregiver Support Program, nutrition, OPI

Jul 23: Emergency prep & people with disabilities

Aug 27: Transportation

Sep 24: Joint Office of Homeless Services

Oct 22: Advocacy discussion; Disability Awareness Month