

NAME OF MEETING: Disability Services Advisory Council

DATE OF MEETING: July 17, 2020

TO: Tammy Lanz

RECORDED BY: Lydia Dysart

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ROUTING INFORMATION

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MINUTES
DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Friday, July 17, 2020

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Conference Call – Lane Council of Government
859 Willamette Street – Eugene, Oregon

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Ahlen, Joe Basey, Melanie Carlone, Lana Junger, Marianne Malott, Amy Scott, Dennis Weirich, Lucy Zammarelli.

STAFF: Brooke Emery, Emily Farrell, Tammy Lanz, Kendra Pennington, Tiffany Ray.

1. Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda, Introductions

Ms. Junger called the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) to order at 10:33 a.m. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Ms. Pennington mentioned that Ms. Farrell would be late so Ms. Ray should speak before all of Ms. Farrell's items on the agenda.

Mr. Weirich wanted to talk about the organization Oregon Able at the end of the meeting

2. Consideration of Last Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Weirich moved, seconded by Ms. Carlone, to approve the May 15, 2020 DSAC minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APS Training Webinar

Ms. Ray said that the focus of the webinar was on scam fraud, specifically during COVID-19. There were scammers calling saying they wanted to check on resident's medication and potential COVID-19 testing. Ms. Ray emphasized that only medical providers should be conducting tests and giving out medication. They also saw an increase in phishing scams saying that they were the World Health Organization (WHO) or the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Ms. Ray said that they covered other common scams: romantic scams, IRS scams, relative scams, and Craigslist scams. Romantic scams preyed on the loneliness of older residents. She shared that there were organizations that had friendship lines if someone was lonely and wanted to talk. White Bird had a line set up. There was usually a spike in scam calls made by people saying they are from the IRS in the Spring. Also, there were scams where someone pretended to be a family member in need of money. Ms. Ray noted that there were scammers on Craigslist who would ask for money to be sent to them in untraceable ways.

Ms. Ray emphasized that scammers could be very convincing.

Ms. Ray noted that they had ten people show up to the webinar and that a recording of the video was available and would be sent out to the Council.

Ms. Malott shared that she had had someone call saying they were from her bank, but her bank never called her before. She knew it was a scam but was concerned since her caller ID said it was the bank. Ms.

Ray told her that caller ID can be tricky since scammers could make it look like they were calling from any number.

Ms. Carlone thought that there should be a website for elders to access that told them what to look for to determine if a call was a scam. She said that when she got a suspicious call she always hung up and called the number back.

4. COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Emery shared that the S&DS office had entered phase one of their reopening. They had a few people in the building and were open daily from 10am – 12pm. She mentioned that APS was the only service that going out to meet people, but that was only in emergency situations.

Emily Farrell arrived at 11:00 a.m.

5. Public Chare Rule for Non-Residents

Ms. Farrell said that she had investigated the public charge doctrine and statutes for immigrants. If someone were not independent or self-sufficient than they could not get a green card and therefore could not be a resident. She shared that in March changes were made to expand funding because of COVID-19. S&DS had been navigating these changes for the last few months. Ms. Farrell wanted people to know that they could always come to their office and they would help them as much as they could.

6. Call for Next Meeting Agenda Items

Next Meeting: September 18, 2020

Mr. Weirich had sent a link to Ms. Pennington about Oregon Able, an organization in Salem and helped people with disabilities use technology. He said that one of their focuses was on gaming. Mr. Weirich thought it would be good to have them come and talk at one of their meetings. Ms. Lanz told him to send her their contact information and she would reach out to them.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Junger adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

(Minutes recorded by Lydia Dysart)