

PASSAGES Policy Board Minutes  
June 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Joe Cobery.

Those in attendance were: Debra Barger, Joe Cobery, Karen Finley, Mary Neumann and Carol Sager.

The minutes from the meeting on April 5, 2011 were approved as written.

Joe Cobery discussed **Grants/contracts/budget** matters. Cash flow for the agency and for the Foundation in general was discussed again. Carol Sager stated that cash to run programs would probably be available until August or September. If a budget is not passed by that time, further discussion would take place regarding the situation.

Joe Cobery announced that MSSP (Multipurpose Senior Services Program) will be cut by about 10%. While staff is awaiting final passage of the budget, the MSSP manager is instituting a 10% reduction in hours for her employees.

The federal planning estimates have been released. It appears that Passages' budget for AAA programs will remain fairly stable. However, there is concern at the Federal budget level that the Senior Corps (Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions) may be in jeopardy. There is concern about this but it is not considered inevitable. The RSVP program is still being maintained in hopes that funding will become available.

The state was awarded a contract by CMS for Options Counseling. Because Passages has been designated as an ADRC and has received MIPPA funding, some of those monies will be given to Passages to conduct a pilot project. Most of the funding will be used for administrative costs and current staff will be used to do so.

As regards **Program** issues, Joe indicated that the agency is functioning well. He addressed the following program concerns and events:

- Rx Safety Drug Check – utilizing IIID funding I&A staff will meet with clients to “check” what prescription drugs are being used and whether there could be any dangerous interactions by using a data base sponsored by the California Pharmacy Association. This will be used as an educational piece which will be linked to other prevention programs and will help set staff up for health care reform. This program (currently a pilot in the state) will help keep Passages visible and relevant without much expense.

- Passages has also been granted funds through an Options Counseling grant. Joe plans to use this as a service learning project for an intern and help support the IOCA. Joe will contact faculty for qualified and interested candidates.

Joe Cobery addressed **Other** important issues facing Passages' staff:

- The question of whether or not contributions to the upgrade of the building could offset rent liability for the current year was discussed. It was indicated by Carol Sager that no decision has been made. However it was announced that incentive dollars will be available to offset such costs and that there should be no additional rent due. It was suggested that an agenda item for next meeting should be a discussion of Passages' incentive dollars as allocated from BSS.
- Joe presented his original goals to the Board and requested that he be given a performance evaluation as it has been postponed for some time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.