

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Date: March 4, 2019

PARTICIPANTS

- Berta Varble – Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Deb McCuin – Program Analyst, Community Services and Supports Unit
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- Jean Carroll – SAC Member
- Jim Bachman – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Member - via phone
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O’Byron – SDS Director
- Linda Joens – Josephine County Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Liz James – Guest
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Chair
- Pat Jenkins – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Vice-Chair
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rodney Schroeder – APD Deputy District Manager
- Sandra Theis – SAC Member
- Steve Dreben – RVTV

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Bernadette LaLonde
- Colleen Roberts
- Dan DeYoung
- Jamie Callahan
- Linda Serra

CALL TO ORDER - Nancy called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments - Introductions were made.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of February 4th, 2019 Minutes –

- Sandy moved and Pat seconded the approval of the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –

- Berta mentioned that she still needs two more SAC members to sign-up to help at the ACCESS Senior Fair on March 19th.
- John shared about the Community Health Initiative that's underway by the Jefferson Regional Health Alliance. They are in the process of forming steering committees that will be focusing on Behavioral Health, Parenting and Housing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Nancy reported.

- They will meet in May for their next quarterly meeting.

Council Development – Pat reported.

- They interviewed 2 applicants today

Support Services/Nutrition – Sandy reported.

- This is the month to focus on ADRC. Katie Merola (ADRC Lead) reported at the meeting. The ADRC services continue to increase and be successful.
- They discussed the Senior Needs Assessment Survey that they will be working on for the next 4-year plan. Sandy stated that they emailed the survey to the SAC and are asking for feedback from SAC members. Next, they will involve the SAC in helping them find different ways to distribute the survey.

Communications & Outreach – Rhonda reported.

- They didn't meet today. The training that was supposed to take place today has been delayed. Rhonda invited everyone to attend the training that will be held at their April meeting.

Advocacy – John Curtis reported.

- John shared that they had expected to have Molly McCarthy; Senator Wyden's Aide at their meeting but she was unable to make it. They reviewed what they plan to present to her.
- They discussed the Mental Health bill.
- Richard introduced Steve Dreben. Steve produces a show called "In Their Words" on RVTV (Rogue Valley Television). Richard Hoskins and Erika Bekermeier were able to share about RVCOG Senior and Disability Services and programs on his show. The show airs on Monday's from 6:30-7:00pm and Thursday's from 6:30-7:00pm. You can also access the recorded show online at archive.org/detail/roguetv. Richard commended Erika on her ability to write a good script for the show.
- John asked that the SAC members review a list of the bills and circle the bills they are interested in tracking and give to Connie or Laura. (with their name on it) The Advocacy Committee will follow up with council members regarding the bills they've chosen to follow.

- John showed the SAC how to look at the process of a bill on the Oregon State Legislature website. (by clicking the links on the PDF version of the list of bills that the Advocacy Committee created)

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John reported.

- The Council is revising their Bylaws.
- They are expecting a speaker today to discuss the enforcement of handicap parking and other accessible issues.

Home & Community Based Care

- No report.

Field Office Report – Kathie reported.

- Kathie shared that a service priority level has been added so that people in danger of losing service and housing altogether still have a longer chance to be on EWE (Extended Waiver Eligibility). This all originated as part of the October (2017) changes to the Service Eligibility Rules regarding an individual's ADL (Activities of Daily Living) to be eligible for Medicaid payment of long term care.

Director's report – Laura reported.

- Laura handed out 2 policy briefs from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.(N4A)
- Laura shared that SDS has submitted an Area Plan update to Community Services and Supports. Deb McCuin will meet with staff after the plan has been reviewed.
- Laura commended the Advocacy Committee on all their efforts.
- Sean Connolly will be joining Laura in attending the 3rd Regional Tribal AAA Gathering.
- Laura reported that additional funding of \$310,000 has been awarded as part of our current CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for the Josephine County Senior Resource Center. RVCOG will need to come up with a match of \$55,000 and an additional \$25,000 as a reserve fund. We will continue our fundraising efforts.

Presentation:

- **Governor's Commission on Senior Services** – Deb McCuin presented.
- **Ashland at Home** – Katharine Danner presented.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m