

**Meeting:** Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting  
**Date:** May 6, 2019

## **PARTICIPANTS**

- Berta Varble – Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- Heidi Gehman – SDS Staff
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- James Golding – Guest
- John Curtis – SAC Member - via phone
- John Irwin – Guest
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Linda Joens – Josephine County Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Liz James – Guest
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Chair
- Paul Golding – Guest
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Vice-Chair
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rodney Schroeder – APD Deputy District Manager
- Sandra Theis – SAC Member
- Sherrie Bolin – Guest

## **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

- Darin Fowler
- Jamie Callahan
- Jean Carroll
- Jim Bachman
- Linda Serra
- Pat Jenkins
- Rick Dyer

**CALL TO ORDER** - Nancy called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

## **GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**Introductions of guests and public comments** - Introductions were made.

**Additions to agenda – None.**

**Review and approval of April 1st, 2019 Minutes –**

- Sandy moved and Isleen seconded approval of minutes as written. Motion approved unanimously.

**Announcements –**

- Isleen Glatt shared that the Ashland Senior Center is working on some education programs. Isleen mentioned that if anyone wants to receive email notices, she can put them on an email list.
- Liz James shared that AARP will be having a Vital Aging Conference on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive – Nancy reported.**

- Nancy shared that they had reviewed presentations for next year.
- They discussed next month's SAC meeting elections and who might want to be Vice Chair. Rhonda has agreed to Chair the Senior Advisory Council for the next year.

**Council Development – Nancy reported.**

- Pat is not here today. She is headed to Salem today.

**Support Services/Nutrition – Sandy reported.**

- Sandy reported that Katie shared some statistics about the ADRC phone line. The number of phone calls has gone up.
- There will be ADRC ads put on RVTD Valley Lift vans soon.
- Katie spoke to the Community Health Worker class at RCC about ADRC and RVCOG SDS.
- John shared about the Jefferson Regional Health Alliance CHIP program.
- They spent the rest of the meeting reviewing and making final changes to the Needs Assessment Survey.

**Communications & Outreach – Rhonda reported.**

- Laura O'Bryon presented on Senior and Disability Services. SAC members will be making presentations similar to Laura's to the community in the near future.

**Advocacy – John Curtis reported.**

- Susan Jay Rounds presented at their meeting. They discussed the mental health care gaps with Medicare.
- They had a nice conversation with Senator Wyden's staff aide in Washington D.C.
- They continue to focus on Advocacy on the Mental Health initiative.

- They developed an email address for the purpose of sending email to others throughout the country to advocate for the Mental Health Care Initiative.

**Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John reported.**

- The DSAC has been reviewing disability parking and trying to develop a program for community education.
- Sean Connolly presented Teepa Snow’s Positive Approach to Care for those with Dementia.
- The Deaf and Hard of Hearing workgroups continue to meet. They are learning new skills and making good progress for their efforts.
- They will be meeting today. They have someone coming that will discuss disability parking issues and transportation.

**Home & Community Based Care – Nancy reported.**

- They discussed Senate Bills that passed in the legislature last year. As of 2021, Home Care Workers (Medicaid and OPI) will need mandatory trainings. These trainings have not been specified as of yet.
- They discussed the Quality Measurement Council.

**Field Office Report – Kathie reported.**

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) has been slowly and persistently attempting to build a relationship with the tribes in the state. There has been some mistrust that DHS has tried to overcome. They are working to train tribal members and associates in case management to help navigate the processes for individuals. In 2 weeks, Kathie will be attending a symposium to celebrate the work that has already been done and to support the work going forward with tribal relations and DHS. All the District Managers have been invited to attend.
- Rodney mentioned the new ONE (Oregon Eligibility) system. Our district is the pilot which is supposed to start on April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020. Next week, a statewide workgroup is coming to discuss the changes in the local office process.

**Director’s report – Laura reported.**

- Laura reported that she will be joining Kathie in attending the Tribal meet and greet that will be happening on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. The AAA Directors from Klamath, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties have had 3 regional (smaller group) meetings with tribal elders & liaisons.
- Tomorrow several SAC members and staff will be headed up to Salem to attend the quarterly Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disability (O4AD) meeting.
- The new Retirement Connection has been published. There will be boxes delivered to RVCOG soon.
- RVCOG SDS will hold another Elder Abuse Conference in November.

- There will be an annual Family and Friends Caregiver Conference held at the Inn at the Commons in Medford. It will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Flyer to come out soon!
- OHSU nursing students are working with us to focus on the Disaster Registry initiative. They have designed a new marketing tri-fold board and are developing an easy access registration form online. They also are working on a PowerPoint Presentation. If the timing and scheduling works, they may be able to present at the next SAC meeting.
- Laura shared that she, Anne Bellegia and Ellen Waldman met at Southern Oregon University (SOU) with faculty for the fourth time. They are working on trying to develop a degree or a certification program to build skills in our community to support programs for seniors and disabled adults.

Berta reviewed SAC member terms.

Action Item: Senior Needs Assessment Approval

- Sandy motioned to approve the Needs Assessment as written, Rhonda seconded the Motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Presentation: Social Security Disability Income** – Lynsey Johnson, RVCOG

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.