

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Date: January 8, 2018

PARTICIPANTS

- Anne Bellegia – SAC Member
- Berta Varble – SDS Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Diana Kothenbeutel - Guest
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- Jean Carroll – Guest
- Jim Bachman – Guest
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Linda Serra – SAC Member
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Member
- Pat Jenkins – SAC Vice-Chair
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Member
- Rosalie Caffrey – SAC Member
- Sandra Theis – SAC Chair
- Sue Casavan – SDS Staff

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Bernadette LaLonde
- Colleen Roberts
- Dan DeYoung
- Jamie Callahan
- John Irwin
- Richard Hoskins

CALL TO ORDER - Sandy called the meeting to order.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments - Introductions were made.

Additions to agenda – None

Review and approval of December 4, 2017 Minutes –
Minutes were approved as written.

Announcements –

- Pat announced a Senior Fair will be held in Cave Junction on March 10th from 10am to 2pm.
- Isleen announced that RESOLVE is offering a “Fundamentals of Mediation” training.
- You can still sign up and take classes from OLLI.
- Lauren Champagne will be teaching a Living Well workshop for OLLI in April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Sandy reported.

- The committee met. They discussed the bylaws and will recommend the changes to be approved by the SAC today.

Council Development – Pat reported.

- Pat asked any guests that would like to apply for the SAC, to please contact her.

Support Services/Nutrition – Rosalie reported.

- They discussed the SAC bylaws.

Communications & Outreach – Anne reported.

- They met today. Rhonda agreed to serve as the new chair of the committee.
- They decided that more direct education will be the best way to utilize their services. For example, the OLLI Vital Issues Forum. Anne shared 2 documents: the new Oregon ADRC planning for your future booklet and a document called “Supporting Caregivers in the Workplace”.
- They also decided that they can be partnering with groups to educate such as COHO (Choosing Options, Honoring Options) and with OLLI. (Educate through the classes.)

Advocacy – John Curtis reported.

- The Advocacy committee jointly advocates for both Senior and Disability services.
- An Ad Hoc committee has formed as a result of concerns from the deaf community.
- A group of people including people from the OAD (Oregon Association for the Deaf) were in attendance at their last meeting. They determined the scope of their focus should be on education. They plan to address the medical provider community including participants from the CCO’s and the hospitals.
- John asked the SAC to continue to spread the word regarding measure 101. John encouraged the council to write letters to the editor concerning the measure. SAC discussed measure 101, the possible impact, and how to advocate for the measure.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John reported.

- They did not meet. Their next meeting is in February. They plan to work on increasing their membership as they only have 6 members.

Home & Community Based Care – Nancy reported.

- Nancy met with 5 administrators from nursing home facilities. They discussed background checks. They also discussed staffing challenges.
- They will meet on the 21st at 2:30pm.

Field Office Report – Laura reported.

- Laura shared about the ONE system. It is a new online access system for APD and consumers to use. This system will be a massive update to their current technology. Consumers will be able to apply more efficiently online from home and in various agency sites. District 8 will be the pilot for the ONE system, estimated to take place in September of 2019.
- Laura shared that it's been one quarter since the October 1st APD changes. This has not been long enough to gauge an effect of all the changes. APD anticipates pertinent data of the effects of the changes after 3 quarters.

Director's report – Laura reported.

- Laura shared that the Ashland Senior Center is in the process of change being implemented by the Parks and Recreation Department. During this transitional time, Katie Merola (our ADRC lead) is working one day a week at the Ashland Senior Center to help provide information and assistance.
- Laura handed out a document with content that was covered at the SAC orientation.
- Laura announced that there will be an Annual Aging Policy Briefing in Washington D.C. at the end of April 2018.
- Laura shared that there is a funding shortfall of \$108,000.00 to complete renovation of the Josephine County Senior Resource Center project in Grants Pass. This facility will serve as the new home for the Food & Friends Senior Meals Program. There is a request to educate our regional community to the opportunity of contributing donations to the Center project by visiting the RVCOG website.

Action Item: SAC Bylaws – Support Services Committee recommends that the Senior Advisory Council recommend RVCOG Board approval of the bylaws proposed changes dated 11/21/17.

John motioned the recommendation, Anne seconded the motion. Approved.

Presentation: Substance Abuse in Older Adults: Sean Connolly, OABHS-RVCOG
Sean discussed how aging and substances interact and form more complex issues.

ADJOURN – Meeting ended at 2:31 p.m.