Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting
Date: November 4, 2019

PARTICIPANTS
- Berta Varble – Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Vice Chair
- Laura O’Bryon – SDS Director
- Linda Serra – SAC Member
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Chair
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rodney Schroeder – APD Deputy District Manager

GUESTS
- Linda Joens – Josephine County Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Paul Golding – SAC Applicant

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
- Darin Fowler
- Jean Carroll
- Jim Bachman
- Pat Jenkins
- Rick Dyer

CALL TO ORDER – Rhonda called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – Older Americans Act Title IIIB – Supportive Services funding for Program Coordination and Development activities. No public comments were received.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments - Introductions were made.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of October 7th, 2019 Minutes –
- John C mentioned that it should be noted that Heidi was in attendance at the last SAC meeting. Richard moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Liz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –
• Liz James announced that AARP is holding their annual Vital Aging Conference at the Smullin Center on November 16th from 8:30am – 3:30pm. You can register online. The happy hour will be held on November 15th from 5:30pm – 7:00pm at Downtown Market Cafe.
• Isleen mentioned that the Ashland Senior Center will host a presentation on Veterans’ Benefits on November 13, 2019 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Rhonda reported.
• The Executive Committee met with Linda Thomas-Bush; Wealth Management Trust Advisor at US Bank. The Senior Advisory Council will make recommendations to the Jewel Brooks Trustee on how to spend approximately $70,000 a year for senior needs.
• The list of expectations for Senior Advisory Council members was reviewed at the meeting.
• They have selected Pat Jenkins and John Curtis to be peer mentors for the Senior Advisory Council.

• Both John Irwin and Paul Golding’s memberships are pending - to be approved by the RVCOG Board.
• John will follow up with Alan Styles to see if he is still interested in becoming a SAC member.

Support Services/Nutrition – Berta reported.
• Berta shared that at the Executive Committee meeting, it was decided that since there is no chair for this sub-committee staff will step in.
• They met with the local Legal Services providers who receive Older American Act (OAA) funding to discuss the legal service priorities. No changes were made to the service priorities.
• They also worked on the 4-Year Area Plan activities.

Communications & Outreach – Linda reported.
• Liz shared the list of outreach to organizations.
• Liz also brought information on the needs survey media kit.
• They discussed sending out a press release. Laura is developing a personal quote for the press release.
• Liz surveyed the SAC to see which social platform was more widely used. (Facebook or Twitter)
• C&O reviewed the SDS PowerPoint presentation.
• C&O discussed combining the Support Services/ADRC Advisory/Nutrition Advisory Committees with the Communications and Outreach Committee. This would not be a permanent situation. They discussed the possibility of meeting on the first Monday of the month from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Advocacy – John Curtis reported.
• Passing the Mental Health Access Improvement Act is still the focus of their committee.
• They discussed the webinars.
John sent out a list of Candidates for office. Now is the time to reach out.
Liz James presented on AARP.
For November’s meeting, the Advocacy Committee is hosting a party on November 24th. John asked the Council to RSVP to roguevalleysenioradvocates@gmail.com.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John Curtis reported.
- An Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) staff member presented at the meeting regarding how to recruit new DSAC members. They are developing an ad template to be posted at RVTD bus routes.

Home & Community Based Care – Nancy reported.
- They did not meet in October, but do plan to meet in November.
- They will be working on a matrix to focus on different groups on different months.

Field Office Report – Rodney reported.
- They have the ability to fill the financial eligibility positions now which is good because those positions will have the greatest transition and training for the ONE system pilot.
- Primary Health’s (one of Josephine County’s CCOs) Medicaid contract ends at the end of December this year. AllCare Health will begin serving their clients effective January 2020.
- AllCare Health has applied to become a PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) program provider in Josephine County. The program is projected to start in January of 2020.

Director’s report – Laura reported.
- An AllCare Health CCO Community Engagement meeting for Providers and Community Partners will be held at Smullin Center on November 12th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. There is a meeting in Josephine County as well to be held at AllCare Health in Grants Pass on Wednesday November 6th at 6:00pm.
- The Dignity in Aging Act was approved by the House on October 28th. Laura read a statement from the N4A (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging) with some details of the Act.
- Laura shared a bill of interest; HR 647 – Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act.
- Laura passed out a notice from CNBC – Medicare would cover dental and vision under these bills; HR 3, HR 4650, HR 4665 and HR 4618.
- Laura also shared bills of interest; House Resolution 675 & HR 4938.
- The CDC has recognized the Diabetes Prevention Program. (DPP) They also presented a certificate along with a congratulatory letter to the Oregon Wellness Network.
- Ellen Waldman, who writes a column for the Ashland Tidings wrote about RVCOG SDS 2 dementia programs – STAR-C and Teepa Snow’s Positive Approach to Care.
- With Medicare open enrollment coming up, SHIBA is our regional comprehensive resource for Medicare education. The SAC also discussed getting assistance from independent Medicare insurance brokers.
Presentation – HASL: Randy Samuelson shared about the Healing Pathways program for women and the Journeys program for men.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.