

**Meeting:** Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting  
**Date:** December 3, 2018

## **PARTICIPANTS**

- Berta Varble – SDS Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- Jean Carroll – SAC Member
- Jim Bachman – SAC Member – via phone
- John Curtis – SAC Member – via phone
- John Irwin – Guest
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Katie Carlson – Guest
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Linda Hildebrand - Guest
- Lindsay McCreedy – Guest
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Chair
- Pat Jenkins – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Vice-Chair
- Saundra Theis – SAC Member
- Samantha Austin
- Susan Jay Rounds

## **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER** - Nancy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

## **GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

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

**Additions to agenda** – None.

**Review and approval of November 5th, 2018 Minutes –**

Pat moves and Erika seconds approval of the minutes as written. Motion passes unanimously.

**Announcements –**

- John shared that the Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (O4AD) has a way to post SAC and Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) minutes on their website. He has already posted a few months of our minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive** – Nancy reported.

- They will be meeting in January.

**Council Development** – Pat reported.

- Pat shared that there are no outstanding applications. Berta does have an application for Stefani Seffinger. She will give Pat the application.

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

- Lonnie Mayeda reported from Age Wise/Age Well.
- They had a report from the OHSU students about the Open Bed website project.
- They continued to discuss Guardianship services and if they could find funding to provide a training program to potential guardians.

**Communications & Outreach** – Rhonda reported.

- They did not meet. They are waiting until the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> to get some direction in terms of outreach.

**Advocacy** – John Curtis reported.

- They have been looking at the Medicare reform bills that are pending in Congress.
- Bills will be resubmitted in the 116th congress session in January.
- They are working on a tool to identify **all** of the (AAA) Area Agencies on Aging and (NAMI) National Alliance on Mental Illness affiliates to advocate for the Medicare reform bills. This contact list will be helpful in the future for advocacy and to share with others.

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

- They are not meeting today.
- The Deaf Issues workgroup(s) meet regularly. There are two groups; one is focused on medical care and the other is focused on the justice system.
- They hope to articulate some plans and strategies to acquire improved enforcement of disabled parking. The outcome could be an educational program for the community.
- A representative from the city of Medford spoke about a block grant addressing

accessibility.

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

- They briefly discussed the AFH closures. (Adult Foster Homes) They considered looking at the state's violations website to see if there's anything consistent with violations that may need addressing in re-training. The training done by local APD is presented to providers only. (As opposed to employees of the foster home.)
- They also discussed the ONE program. There was concern in Salem (during the O4AD business meeting) that the program has not been reviewed thoroughly by advocates and/or consumers. They are curious as to how the case workers will assess eligibility for those who aren't computer literate.
- They also talked about the income limits for Medicaid and the differences with Social Security and the requirements for state planning.

**Field Office Report** – Kathie reported.

- Kathie shared that at this time of year their Adult Protective Service complaints go up. This could be because family is around during the holidays and can see that their loved ones/friends/family are in some sort of compromised situation.
- They are also transitioning from an older method of doing the APS report, to the new CAM (Centralized Abuse Management) system. They are getting the last bit of training this week and will go live with the new system next week.

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

- Laura encouraged those that were not able to attend the recent Elder Abuse Conference, to please attend next year. The information is phenomenal.
- Strategic Planning for Caregiver Initiatives – they will be meeting with Communications and Outreach Committee, Support Services Committee and Southern Oregon Center for Community Partnerships on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 am in the Jefferson Conference room. Laura encourages anyone to join in on the meeting.
- Laura gave an update of staff changes.

**Presentations:**

**N4A (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging) Policy Priorities** – Laura O'Bryon

**OHSU Nursing Students** "New Care Coordination Resource for the Rogue Valley" – Katie Carlson and Lindsay McCreedy

**Buried in Treasures** - Susan Jay Rounds and Samantha Austin

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.