

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Date: April 2, 2018

PARTICIPANTS

- Bernadette LaLonde – SAC Member
- Berta Varble – SDS Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Christian Hale – Guest Presenter
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- Jean Carroll – SAC Applicant
- Jim Bachman – SAC Applicant
- John Curtis – SAC Member via phone
- John Irwin – SAC Member
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Member
- Pat Jenkins – SAC Vice-Chair
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Member
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rodney Schroeder – APD Deputy District Manager
- Rosalie Caffrey – SAC Member
- Sandra Theis – SAC Chair
- Sue Casavan – SDS Staff

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Anne Bellegia
- Colleen Roberts
- Dan DeYoung
- Jamie Callahan
- Linda Serra

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 March 5, 2018 Minutes –

Minutes were approved as written.

Announcements –

- Sandy announced that an OLLI lecture “Hospice Practices” will be held on Wednesday, April 25 from 1pm to 3pm at the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center in Medford. OLLI’s spring special is still going on. For \$75, you can sign up for as many classes as you can schedule.

Action Item: Recommendation of New Member to the Senior Advisory Council – Jean Carroll. The council approved the recommendation unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Sandy reported.

- This committee will be meeting later this week.

Council Development – Pat reported.

- Pat shared that she has one application from Jim Bachman. He will be interviewed at the Executive Committee meeting.

Support Services/Nutrition – Rosalie reported.

- They will be meeting on the 17th which will also be their ADRC meeting.

Communications & Outreach – Rhonda reported.

- The committee met today and discussed the funding for the F&F building in Grants Pass.
- After speaking to a member of the Rotary in Josephine County, Jean hopes to apply for a grant that would fully fund the remaining dollar amount that is needed; however it will not happen until 2019.
- Jean plans to speak with staff at the Daily Courier for possible new approaches to bring more awareness to Josephine County.

Advocacy – John Curtis reported.

- The Advocacy committee met on March 5th. They have set a date for the Candidate’s Forum. It will be held on September 14th at 8am to 9am. John is sending the candidates informational emails today.
- They discussed the Deaf Workgroup. At their last meeting they broke out into smaller task groups that will be meeting this month. John said he expects more task groups will form at their next meeting on April 11th from 12pm - 2pm at the Smullin Center in room 108.
- Next Advocacy meeting will be held on April 10th from 1pm to 2:30pm. Stacy Brubaker

will be attending this meeting to educate the committee on Mental Health issues and challenges.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

- John shared that a few prospective member applicants attended the meeting last month.

Home & Community Based Care – Nancy reported.

- The committee did not meet last month. There are changes coming due to a bill that passed. By next December, all Home and Community Based Housing facilities staff will be required to have dementia care training. Other changes include fee increases and penalty changes. Pat mentioned the possibility of using the Grants Pass Senior Resource Center as the location for a potential Adult Day Services Program.

Field Office Report – Rodney reported.

- Last month, Kathie talked about the October changes. The changes in the notice language will be finalized and implemented by around May or June.
- Rodney reports about the ONE system (Oregon Eligibility) that will be administered by APD. The term being used now is Eligibility Transformation. The rollout for this system is still on track for the fall of 2019.
- Another thing rolling out soon will be something called “No Wrong Door”. A consumer can come in to any office and apply at any location. They may get referred or reverted to the right place behind the scenes.
- Rodney shares about an upcoming event through AARP called “Age-Friendly Community Conversation”. This event will be held at the Medford Library on Saturday, April 7th from 12pm to 2pm.

Director’s report – Laura reported.

- Laura shared about the 2018 Livability Solutions Forum: Future of Housing AARP event that will be held at the Inn at the Commons on Friday, April 6th from 8am to 12pm. This event requires registration and can be done on AARP’s Medford Event website.
- Laura reminded SAC about the new Senior Program Superintendent Position in Ashland and if they know of a strong candidate to fit the position, to please refer them.
- Berta and Laura attended the “Aging in America” Conference. Laura and Berta both shared their experience at the conference.
- Laura handed out an evaluation of the Behavioral Health Initiative for Older Adults and People with Disabilities.
- Laura reported on the Lifelong Housing Initiative. Connie has applied to N4A for nomination of RVCOG’s Lifelong Housing Project for the “Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards” for 2018.

- We are currently working with KOBI channel 5 to put together an educational initiative through use of PSAs related to Lifelong Housing by way of a grant from AARP. This will help consumers understand the value of accessible housing.
- Laura handed out a document issued by the N4A. It denotes the changes in the funding that recently were approved in March 2018 on OAA and other key aging programs.
- Laura also shared that the SDS sponsored Family Caregivers Conference will be held on June 1st. There will be three presentations in the morning and a keynote speaker in the afternoon.

Presentation: Christian Hale – APD Legal Assistance developer & Policy Analyst

- Review of the Older Americans Act on priority legal services areas, typical issues facing older Oregonians, and information on making referrals to lawyers.

ADJOURN – Meeting ended at 2:31 p.m.