Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting  
Date: May 7, 2018

PARTICIPANTS

- Anne Bellegia – SAC Member  
- Berta Varble – SDS Staff  
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff  
- Cherish Dominger – Options for Southern Oregon  
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member  
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member  
- Jean Carroll – SAC Member  
- Jim Bachman – SAC Applicant  
- John Curtis – SAC Member via phone  
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager  
- Kevin Roebke – Presenter  
- Linda Serra – SAC Member  
- 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  
- Saundra Theis – SAC Chair  
- Sue Casavan – SDS Staff

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
- Bernadette LaLonde  
- Colleen Roberts  
- Dan DeYoung  
- Jamie Callahan  
- John Irwin

CALL TO ORDER - Sandy called the meeting to order.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments - Introductions were made.  
- As an Ashland resident, Isleen applauded Anne and Laura’s contribution to the Ashland Senior Center for serving on the Ad-Hoc committee.
• Rosalie commented on the article titled “Who Can You Trust?” in Sunday’s Mail Tribune on paid caregiver theft and abuse. Rosalie thought it was an “excellent article”.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of April 2, 2018 Minutes –
Pat mentioned the last sentence in the Home & Community Based Care committee reports should say “Pat mentioned the possibility of using the Grants Pass Senior Resource Center as the location for a potential Adult Day Services Program. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Announcements –
• Anne announced that the “Let’s Talk About Caregiving” caregiver conference will be held at the Smullin Center in Medford on June 1, 2018 from 8:30am – 3:30pm. Lunch will be provided. A suggested donation of $10 can be given at the door. Sandy asked Sue to email the flyer to the SAC.
• Sandy announced that Laura is at lunch with SOU’s Director of Outreach and Engagement – Jeanne Stallman. They are discussing a potential certificate program related to Aging Life Care Specialist Planning.
• Berta passed out a flyer for the Aging and Human Service Partners Afternoon Tea. It will be held on May 14th at the Jackson County Mental Health building from 1:30-3:30pm.

Discuss SAC Bylaws – Rosalie has a friend that would like to attend the SAC meetings, but cannot commit to becoming a SAC member at this time. The SAC meetings are public and non-members can attend anytime. It is not necessary to be an adjunct member to attend a SAC meeting. Public attendees have no voting privileges.

Action Item: Recommendation of New Member to the Senior Advisory Council – Jim Bachman.
• The council unanimously approved the recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Sandy reported.
• Exec members talked about the succession of council officers next month. Sandy will send a list of potential SAC officers.
• Exec members briefly discussed the Grants Pass Senior Resource site.

Council Development – Pat reported.
• Pat shared she currently has no applications.
Support Services/Nutrition – Rosalie reported.
- They met with the ADRC group. Katie Merola reported at the meeting. She has taken on more responsibilities which keeps her quite busy. Pat volunteered to help work on the ADRC Database.
- $10,000 OAA (Older Americans Act) funding is available, that has been allocated to Age Wise Age Well.
- They discussed IIIIB allocations that fund Guardianship/Conservatorship service in Josephine County. UCAN reported getting an average of 5 calls/week regarding Guardianship so perhaps some of the funding could be used to train and/or educate staff.

Communications & Outreach – Rhonda reported.
- They discussed the Food & Friends building in Grants Pass. They are hoping to revamp some previous educational components to bring more awareness of Food & Friends and the Senior Resource Center.
- Rhonda plans to speak to Jamie about the Senior Fair in Josephine County.

Advocacy – John Curtis reported.
- At their last meeting Stacy Brubaker expressed her concerns about Medicare recipient’s Mental Health care challenges.
- They discussed the Candidate’s Forum coming up in September.
- Jim shared about a survey they are working on to gather information from any provider that could be reimbursed by Medicare. They have been brainstorming questions to put in the survey.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
- John shared that the committee is gaining members.
- The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Committee has broadened their scope to include legal, law enforcement and courts.

Home & Community Based Care – Nancy reported.
- The committee has not met. They hope to have a meeting late this month. They plan to address issues and changes with some new rules that have been rolled out.
- Pat shared that two OHSU junior students are working on a research project that includes a survey for Adult Foster Home owner/operators (in Jackson County) to try to ascertain the reasons why so many AFHs are closing.

Field Office Report – Kathie reported.
- Kathie talked about the October changes. Changes in the notice language will hopefully be finalized and implemented soon.
- They are in the process of hiring a new Manager in the Grants Pass office.

**Director’s report** – Berta reported.
- Berta passed out statistics on Jackson and Josephine Counties put out by the Office of Economic Analysis.
- Berta handed out a letter from Laura with an update of the Grants Pass Senior Resource Center.
- Berta shared – Laura had sent out an email asking members if they would be willing to participate in the Jefferson Regional Health Alliance Focus Group. It will be on Wednesday, May 9th from 10am to 11:30am. Laura needs to know by 5pm today.

**Presentation:** Kevin Roebke - Residential Service Protection Fund Outreach Coordinator
- The Public Utility Commission has two programs to assist Oregonians. Kevin discussed the Telecommunications Devices Access Program (TDAP) and the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) also known as Lifeline.

**ADJOURN** – Meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.