

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Date: August 5, 2019

PARTICIPANTS

- Berta Varble – Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Connie Saldaña – SDS Staff
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- Jean Carroll – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Vice Chair - via phone
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O’Byron – SDS Director
- Linda Serra – SAC Member
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Member
- Pat Jenkins – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Chair
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rodney Schroeder – APD Deputy District Manager

GUESTS

- John Irwin – Guest
- Linda Joens – Josephine County Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Paul Golding – Guest

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Darin Fowler
- Jim Bachman
- Rick Dyer

CALL TO ORDER – Rhonda called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments - Introductions were made.

Additions to agenda – none.

Review and approval of June 3rd, 2019 Minutes –

- John moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. (Advocacy report – last bullet)
Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –

- Berta announced that the September Senior Advisory Council meeting will be held on the 9th due to the holiday on the 2nd. Our meeting that day will be cut short so that we can have an hour in between the SAC/DSAC meetings for a debriefing on the latest session from our legislators.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Rhonda reported.

- They discussed the new subcommittee officers. Rhonda encouraged SAC members that have not chaired a subcommittee to please consider doing so and relieve those that are pro tem Chairs.

Council Development – John reported.

- We have 2 pending potential SAC members. The Executive Committee has not had time to hold interviews thus far.

Support Services/Nutrition – Pat reported.

- They did not meet in June.

Communications & Outreach – Linda reported.

- They looked at editing the PowerPoint Presentation to help promote RVCOG Senior and Disability Services programs.
- They want to create a prep sheet for the “presenter” to look at that would have something such as client stories, questions for the audience, etc.
- They discussed gathering a list of churches and service clubs to reach out to with information and offer to give presentations to their members.

Advocacy – John Curtis reported.

- Laura gave a summary of both state and national advocacy efforts.
- They are focused on advocating the passage of Senate Bill 286. (The Mental Health Access Improvement Act)
- They’ve had two Zoom video conference calls in order to network their advocacy efforts with other states. Jake Jackson from the National Board for Certified Counselors gave a presentation.
- John has updated the bill tracking list.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John reported.

- At their June meeting, they elected officers. John Malaer has volunteered to be the new DSAC liaison with the Senior Advisory Council.

- They continue to focus on accessible parking violations. Bonnie Huard, ADA Coordinator for the City of Medford, serves as a partner on the council.
- They are networking with Parking Mobility, an app for mobile devices that volunteers can use to help enforce parking violations.
- They changed their Bylaws.

Home & Community Based Care – Nancy Randolph reported.

- They did not meet.

Field Office Report – Kathie reported.

- Kathie shared that for whatever reason APD has had some client cases in dire situations that caused them to work with a safety officer in Salem – every situation is different.
- Kathie mentioned that they monitor our local fires to make sure individuals and group homes have plans in place in case the fires comes close. There was a fire on Friday on East Evans Creek and thankfully it was put out quickly and not close to anyone.
- Kathie and Rodney discussed the continued struggle with employment. They are still unable to fill all the open positions.
- Fariborz Pakseresht, Oregon DHS Director, will be visiting our District branches on 8/6/2019.

Director's report – Laura reported.

- RVCOG is the designated 2020 US Decennial Census liaison for all jurisdictions in Josephine and Jackson counties. We facilitate activities between our communities and the US Census to ensure accurate Census counts. Currently we are hosting ongoing Complete Committee Count meetings and training sessions for regional US Census employees. For questions about the US Census or how you can get your community or organization involved, please contact Nikki Hart-Brinkley at nhart-brinkley@rvcoq.org.
- Laura handed out flyers for two upcoming events in Josephine County.
 - The third annual Southern Oregon Senior Resource Fair will be held at the Josephine County fairgrounds on September 20th from 9am to 3pm.
 - HASL Center for Independent Living is hosting focus groups at their office on August 15th: for everyone – from 2pm to 4pm and for people who need supports – from 5pm to 7pm.
- Laura shared that SDS will be rolling out two new programs focused on Diabetes. One is the Diabetes Prevention Program – DPP (supporting pre-diabetic individuals) and the Diabetes Empowerment and Education Program – DEEP. (for those who are diabetic) We would like a SAC member to be trained as a facilitator of the DPP. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Laura. lobryon@rvcoq.org
- We will be able to bill Medicare for some participants in the program.

Presentations:

- **Legislative Updates** – Laura presented legislative updates and regional initiative.
- **Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) Program** – Connie Nichols, Community Volunteer Network volunteer shared information about the SHIBA program.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.