

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Date: September 10, 2018

PARTICIPANTS

- Berta Varble – SDS Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Cherish Dominger – Options for SO
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- Jamie Callahan – SAC Member
- Jean Carroll – SAC Member
- Jim Bachman – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Member -via phone
- John Irwin – Guest
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Linda Serra – SAC Member
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Chair
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Vice-Chair
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Sandra Theis – SAC Member

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Bernadette LaLonde
- Colleen Roberts
- Dan DeYoung
- Pat Jenkins

CALL TO ORDER - Nancy 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 August 6, 2018 Minutes –

Sandy moved and Rhonda seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Nancy reported.

- The Committee did not meet.

Council Development – Nancy reported.

- Pat currently has no applications.

Support Services/Nutrition – Sandy reported.

- They have not met.

Communications & Outreach – Rhonda reported.

- Rhonda shared that the new Food & Friends Senior Resource Center groundbreaking took place last Thursday. It was a well-attended event. The event made the front page of The Daily Courier.
- The Committee decided they would like to start educating employers in Jackson and Josephine Counties regarding employees needing assistance for elder care. They discussed possibly holding a forum. They want to combine efforts with the Support Services Committee who is also taking on the same issue.

Advocacy – John Curtis reported.

- John reported that a survey of mental health providers is being sent to determine what the barriers to treatment are for Medicare recipients. The data will be helpful to develop strategies and advocate for change. The Committee is exploring how to design and advocate for a Medicare waiver to make services easier to access and more broadly provided. A forum on the issue is being discussed.
- The Candidates Meet & Greet will be held on Friday the 14th from 7:30 – 8:30 am. Quite a few candidates have RSVP'd. They will be educated on RVCOG and the Senior and Disability Services we provide.
- Jim Bachman is leading the effort to follow and communicate Administrative Rulemaking. John discussed HB4018, the CCO Transparency Bill.
- The Deaf/Hard of Hearing Committee is holding a Medical Provider Forum coming up on September 27th (in Medford) and 28th. (in Grants Pass)
- The Deaf/Hard of Hearing Justice System workgroup continues to meet.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John reported.

- The Council did not meet last month.

Home & Community Based Care – Nancy reported.

- They did not meet.

Field Office Report – Kathie reported.

- Kathie shared about the launching of the website www.findadultfostercare.com on July 1st this year. It is a website that the public can access to find open beds in Adult Foster Homes. Once foster home providers are trained, it will be their responsibility to maintain their vacancy information on the website. Salem is hoping to find funds to make the website available for all of Oregon.
- Kathie spoke about the ONE System (Eligibility Transformation) which is going to allow people to apply for benefits and re-determine eligibility online as well as by phone, mail or at any DHS office. District 8 will pilot this program in the fall of 2019. There are some changes in Case Management beginning to happen already.

Director's report – Laura reported.

- RVCOG purchased a software program for a few departments (including SDS) called TrackBill. Laura will be able to track bills using keywords of interest. (federal and state) She will be notified by email about any bills with any keywords she decides to use.
- Laura mentioned a small-working group which includes representatives from RVCOG Senior and Disability Services, Aging and People with Disabilities, State Unit on Aging and both regional and state Veterans offices. They plan to have showings of the movie called "Breaking the Silence". The movie highlights LGBTQ veterans' experiences while serving in the military and afterwards. There will be a public showing in Grants Pass on October 11th. Location TBA. There will also be a staff showing along with an Afternoon Tea in Jackson County on October 11th. They also propose to have a showing in Ashland.
- Representative Pam Marsh invited RVCOG Senior and Disability Services to participate in an event held at Southern Oregon University on Saturday morning. At this event, they will be discussing issues related to fire and smoke in our region. Connie and Laura will be there hosting a table presenting the Disaster Registry program.

Presentation: Dianna Dorn – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

- Diana provided information about the upcoming Out of the Darkness event, and on educating the community and supporting those who struggle with surviving after a suicide.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

