Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting
Date: September 9, 2019

PARTICIPANTS
- Berta Varble – Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Connie Saldaña – SDS Staff
- Heidi Gehman – SDS Staff
- Jim Bachman – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Vice Chair
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O’Bryon – SDS Director
- Linda Serra – SAC Member
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Chair
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rodney Schroeder – APD Deputy District Manager

GUESTS
- Alan Styles – Guest
- John Irwin – Guest
- Linda Joens – Josephine County Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Nancy Palmer – Guest
- Paul Golding – Guest

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
- Darin Fowler
- Isleen Glatt
- Jean Carroll
- Pat Jenkins
- 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 August 5th, 2019 Minutes –
- Linda Serra moved that the minutes be approved as written. John Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Announcements –
- Nancy mentioned the Senior Resource Fair held by Team Senior in Josephine County on September 20th.
- John announced that the Oregon Health Authority will be awarding Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO’s) with new contracts, calling them CCO 2.0.
- The Advocacy Committee is holding an Advocacy party on November 24th at 2pm in Eagle Point. (John Curtis’ family farm)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Rhonda reported.
- Rhonda shared that the Executive Committee also functions as the Council Development Committee. She asked John Curtis to share.
- John Curtis reported that Council Development interviewed 2 SAC applicants. A recommendation of the applicants to the Senior Advisory Council will be an action item at today’s meeting.
- They discussed the roles and functions of Council Development.
- They looked at revising the expectations of Senior Advisory Council members.

- See Executive Committee report.

Support Services/Nutrition – Rhonda reported.
- Katie Merola, Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Lead presented on ADRC data.
- Deb McCuin with the state Community Services and Supports Unit provided information regarding ADRC.
- Laura shared that Community Services and Supports Unit has just submitted an application grant that if funded would supply three Harvard business graduates to research on the return on investment (ROA) of the ADRC providing Information and Referral/Assistance (I&R/A) across the state.
- Berta shared that Katharine Danner who is on a statewide ADRC committee reported on a recent meeting of that group.
- The ADRC Advisory Committee is getting involved in looking at the resources in the ADRC database.

Communications & Outreach – Linda reported.
- They discussed reaching out to churches. Rhonda researched and learned that in Jackson and Josephine counties; Evangelical, Catholic and Baptist congregations have the largest memberships. The hope in reaching out to churches is to be able to share resources with their senior and disabled members and disperse the 2019 Senior Needs Assessment Survey.
They reviewed Laura’s PowerPoint Presentation.
They looked at the RVCOG website.
Liz spoke about having a social media presence and using that to reach out to consumers.

**Advocacy** – Jim reported.
- Jim shared that most of their efforts have been spent on building a network across the country to advocate the passing of Senate Bill 286. *(The Mental Health Access Improvement Act)*
- They have been holding Zoom video conference meetings. They will have two different types. One will be informational in which Jake Jackson from the National Board for Certified Counselors gives a presentation of the bill’s history and what the bill would do once it’s passed and the other will be focused on Advocacy.

**Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)** – John Curtis reported.
- They did not meet last month.

**Home & Community Based Care** – Nancy Randolph reported.
- They did not meet again.

**Field Office Report** – Kathie reported.
- Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) Salem has a grant to work on more person-centered approaches with consumers. They are beginning to decide how to implement the work. Kathie has been invited to be on the committee.
- The local hospitals contracted with APD in Salem to fund a half-time case manager to work on patients that end up being in the hospital for quite some time because of a lack of placement opportunities. Effective August 19th, they have a case manager working at Providence.
- Rodney shared about the ONE *(Oregon Eligibility)* system. The pilot is still planned to start in April of 2020. They are now at the stage where they are doing what they call user acceptance testing. Staff is running through real case scenarios. Staff training assessments are happening as well now. Staff will do program training in the fall and in the spring will be the systems training. The financial eligibility is being separated from the service eligibility aspect of the long-term service and support case. The good news is, the financial work will be done in the same branch as the client’s case manager.

**Director’s report** – Laura reported.
- Just today Laura received a flyer on the Oregon Health Authority plan for the CCO 2.0. The flyer identifies who received the five-year contract and those that received the one-year contract (they were given a list of actions to carry out in order to achieve a contract for more than one year). Laura suggested that if SAC members would like to know more to go to the CCO 2.0 website.
- Sean Connolly created a flyer on the Dementia support programs.
• The Disaster Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair will be held at the Rogue Valley Mall on September 14th from 10am to 2pm.
• An Open Streets event will be held at Pear Blossom Park in Medford on Saturday October 12th from 11am to 2pm.
• The AARP is sponsoring a Financial Fitness workshop. It will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 9am to 12pm.
• A PSA for the Stop RX Greed initiative was held at Lone Pine pharmacy. 4 local pharmacies were there along with Senator Wyden. The Senator advocated for stopping pharmaceutical companies from overcharging consumers. Laura was able to give a 7 minute presentation.
• We were one of three Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (AAA’s) in the State of Oregon that participated in a federal Administration for Community Living (ACL) grant application to expand our dementia support services. Laura is optimistic. However, we won’t hear back for a couple of months.
• We will be launching the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) in Josephine County in October.

**Action Item: New SAC member recommendations** – Paul Golding and John Irwin

• Nancy motioned to recommend that the RVCOG Board appoint Paul Golding and John Irwin as Senior Advisory Council members effective July 1, 2019. Liz James seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Josephine County Senior Resource Center update** – Michael Cavallaro provided an update.

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.