

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Date: April 1, 2019

PARTICIPANTS

- Berta Varble – Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- Jean Carroll – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Member - via phone
- John Irwin – Guest
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Linda Joens – Josephine County Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Linda Serra – SAC Member
- Liz James – Guest
- Maig Tinnin – SDS Staff
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Chair
- Pat Jenkins – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Vice-Chair
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rodney Schroeder – APD Deputy District Manager
- Sandra Theis – SAC Member

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Darin Fowler
- Jamie Callahan
- Jim Bachman
- Rick Dyer

CALL TO ORDER - Nancy called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments - Introductions were made.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of February 4th, 2019 Minutes –

- Chelsey mentioned that the website in the Advocacy report, 3rd bullet was incorrect. It should be: archive.org/details/roguetv. Pat moved and Sandy seconded the approval of the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –

- Isleen Glatt mentioned that the Ashland Community Center is closed due to structural issues. One of the television stations used a picture of the Ashland Senior Center in their news report to inform viewers of the community center being closed. This may cause some confusion to those watching to think that the Senior Center might be closed, which is **not** true. She asked the SAC members to clarify to anyone that might have misunderstood the news.
- Liz James thanked RVCOG for being a sponsor for the first Southern Oregon LGBTQ+ Health and Wellness Summit for health care professionals to attend. Today is the last day to register. It will be held on May 9th and 10th at the Jackson County Health and Human Services building in Medford.
- Linda shared that Options for Southern Oregon will be holding a Buried in Treasures workshop in Josephine County as well. Linda will bring a flyer to the next SAC meeting. The workshop will be held in May.
- Linda also shared about a program called “Double Up Food Bucks”. Those on the SNAP program can get vouchers to use at the local growers markets. Basically if they spend \$10 at the growers market, they will receive another \$10 (double the amount) to spend there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Nancy Reported.

- Nancy shared that they reviewed presentations for next year.
- They also reviewed funding which will be presented to the Council in the near future.
- They are changing their meeting months. They will still be meeting quarterly, just during different months. Meeting months will be January, April, July, and October.

Council Development – Pat Reported.

- See Action Item on agenda for today’s meeting.

Support Services/Nutrition – Sandy Reported.

- They did not meet. The meeting was canceled due to the Access Senior Fair.

Communications & Outreach – Rhonda Reported.

- Sandy Divine presented a few exercises used in the Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop. They had a short overview of the 6-week program and discussed what the future looks like in terms of having additional classes.

Advocacy – John Curtis Reported.

- They met with Molly McCarthy; Senator Wyden’s Aide. They chose not to have a regular Advocacy meeting.
- They discussed the Mental Health initiative.
- Discussed a need for reauthorization for OAA funding and some programs that are administered by RVCOG SDS.

- John asked SAC members what advocacy they have followed up on. A few SAC members gave updates of their own advocacy actions taken.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John Curtis Reported.

- They had a presenter who discussed the laws regarding parking for the disabled/handicapped.
- At their next meeting, Sean Connolly will present on the Dementia Training that the SAC had at the February meeting.
- The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Medical Workgroup will be meeting next week. The Justice Workgroup will be scheduling their next meeting soon.

Home & Community Based Care – Nancy Reported.

- They discussed a website you can view to see different facilities including Adult Foster Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Facilities and Residential Care Facilities and any violations they might have. Nancy had typed up a report after looking at the website.
- They talked about the Quality Measurement Council. The council will put out a pilot data system this year. From October through December residential memory care and assisted living facilities will document injuries, falls, and different metrics into the system. In January 2020, all facilities will be using a new software system. They should have an annual printed report by July of 2021.

Field Office Report – Kathie reported.

- Kathie shared that for many years the hospitals and the APD office have been trying to figure out how best to facilitate the movement of clients sooner. Because of Legislative approval, the hospitals can now employ APD staff. They have decided to hire a ½ time Case Manager to work for Rogue Regional Medical Center and a ½ time Case Manager to work at Providence. These employees will work their other half time at an APD office to stay connected to APD. The contracts are currently being drafted and the hope is for the draft contracts to be ready by May sometime. With that, they hope to have the employees ready to work in June, perhaps July.

Director's Report – Laura reported.

- Laura shared about the upcoming Afternoon Tea which will be held at the Jackson County Health and Human Services building on April 18th at 1:30pm. She handed out the flyer. The topic will be "Navigating Medicaid and Medicare Healthcare Systems."
- OLLI's spring term has begun, but there is still time to sign up for classes for only \$75 this term.
- Laura handed out a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) flyer. They are offering a public workshop and open house and a City Council Public Hearing.
- Laura thanked the Senior Advisory Council for their participation in advocacy for Senior and Disability Services and in the Council's sub-committees. If interested in a committee, contact the Chair to find out more information.
- Laura handed out the current Buried in Treasures workshop flyer. This is the third round of classes. There is a waiting list for these classes.
- Laura mentioned her access to a software system called Trackbill. Laura shared progress on two bills. (SB1030 and SB1035)

- Under the President's proposed budget cuts for the year 2020, there are some significant issues that will affect the population that we represent. Laura mentioned some of the specific projected cuts.
- Connie Saldana received a phone call from a developer who plans on developing 12 units in Ashland. They would like these units to be Lifelong Housing certified. Also, in the Mail Tribune an article stated that a new cottage housing project will be constructed in Ashland. All cottages are designed to meet the Lifelong Housing certification. Connie is involved with a committee of 17 people nationwide with the goal of taking Lifelong Housing as a branding into a marketplace creating exposure across the nation.
- Berta sent out the Senior Needs Assessment Survey via email last week for review. SAC gave input.

ACTION ITEM

- New SAC Member Recommendation – Liz James - Isleen Glatt makes a motion to appoint Liz as a Senior Advisory Council Member. Linda Serra seconded the Motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- Pat Jenkins is resigning as Council Development Chair. SAC elections will be held at June meeting.

PRESENTATION

- **Jackson County Veterans Services Office** – Stephen Bobian, Community Program Coordinator.

OTHER

- **Veteran's Directed Program** – Maig Tinnen, SDS Service Coordinator.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.