

**Meeting:** Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

**Date:** September 11, 2017

## **PARTICIPANTS**

- Anne Bellegia – SAC Member
- Bernadette LaLonde – SAC Member
- Berta Varble – SDS Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Cherish Dominger – Options for SO
- Jamie Callahan – SAC Applicant
- John Curtis – SAC Member (via phone)
- John Irwin – SAC Member
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Linda Serra – Guest
- Pat Jenkins – SAC Vice-Chair
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Member
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rosalie Caffrey – SAC Member
- Sandra Theis – SAC Chair
- Sue Casavan – SDS Staff

## **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

- Colleen Roberts
- Dan DeYoung
- Erika Bekermeier
- Isleen Glatt
- Nancy Randolph

**CALL TO ORDER** - Sandy called the meeting to order.

## **GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**Introductions of guests and public comments** - Introductions were made.

### **Additions to agenda –**

Berta sent an email to the SAC regarding an additional Action Item to be presented by Lauren Champagne today.

**Review and approval of August 7, 2017 Minutes** – Minutes were approved as written.

**Announcements** –

- Anne mentioned OLLI catalogs are available from her or in the RVCOG lobby.
- Laura commended Jamie and her team on the success of their first “Southern Oregon Senior Resource Fair” which was held in Grants Pass on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive** – Sandy Reported.

- The committee met to discuss a recruitment item.

**Council Development** – Pat reported.

**Action Item:** Recommendation of New Member to the Senior Advisory Council – Jamie Callahan  
Sac voted. Motion passed unanimously to appoint Jamie Callahan as a Senior Advisory Council member. Recommendation will now be forwarded to the RVCOG Board.

**Outcome & Evaluations/Nutrition** – Rosalie Reported.

- Rosalie shared that United Community Action Network (UCAN) has discontinued their guardianship program. However, they are going to be providing Respite Volunteer Services.
- There will be training on LGBTQ Veteran’s Issues in October.
- They did some editing on SAC recruitment materials and will review those edits at next month’s meeting.
- They would like to change their committee name to “Support Services” which will be presented at the Executive committee.
- They looked at their schedule. The ADRC portion of their meeting will be held in the months of February, April, August and November. The Nutrition portion will be held in March, June, September and January.
- Laura and Kathy are working with the hospitals to come up with a job description for a hospital funded position to do Medicaid eligibility. They are also interested in a guardianship position.
- They also discussed the Ashland Senior program. F&F is still using the Ashland Senior Center.

**Communications & Outreach** – Anne reported.

- The committee discussed support for Food & Friends. They still hope to coordinate with Jon Pfefferle (new F&F Volunteer Coordinator)
- They also continued their discussion on the RVCOG website.

- They talked about the Ashland Senior Center. Anne will be on their Ad-Hoc committee.
- They also talked about how they can augment the personal ambassadorship for the community.

**Advocacy** – John Curtis reported.

- The committee primarily discussed the upcoming meeting with legislators in October.
- They also talked about the Oregon Administrative Rulemaking process. A sample of a notice is handed out as well as a checklist for SAC to identify what program(s) they would like to follow.
- John will email the sample notice electronically as the hyperlinks needed are on that page.
- The SAC was reminded that if you do make a comment, it is considered a personal comment. You are not representing RVCOG and/or the SAC.

**Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)** –

- The guest speaker at their meeting was Joseph Lowe. He gives support to DSAC and spoke at length about how to develop Disability Services Advisory Councils. He mentioned that they have sample bylaws and other documents being used by some of the more active DSAC's throughout the state.
- John mentioned that there is an award given by the DSAC to businesses in our Jackson/Josephine County area. These businesses go the extra mile to make life more livable for persons with disabilities. Dutch Bros has been nominated.
- John reminded SAC that the hearing impaired community is having difficulty getting interpretive services for their appointments with medical providers. At the DSAC meeting in October, they are hoping to get suggestions on how to improve this.

**Home & Community Based Care** – John Reported.

- They addressed what their role and focus should be. They proposed to review the Oregon administrative rules and work through them as they relate to care based settings. They hope to become more educated as to what the agency they are supposed to be advising is responsible for.
- Anne mentioned she doesn't think the average consumer knows the difference between residential care, assisted living and nursing homes. Richard mentioned perhaps taking some of the language from Jamie's website to use on our website would help define those differences.

**Field Office Report** – Kathie Reported.

- Kathie reported that as the fires encroached into more populated areas, they have been making noontime fire conference calls with the central office. They have been making

phone calls to consumers to make sure they have a fire safety plan in place.

- Laura gave a shout out to Kathie and her management team. Their attention and commitment to the population was great, with the added responsibilities related to the regional fire situation.

#### **Director's Report – Laura reported.**

- Laura proposed having a joint SAC/DSAC meeting in November or December for orientation. SAC will propose the month of November to DSAC. The hope is to schedule the orientation from 1pm – 4pm.
- Laura reminded the SAC of the Elder Abuse conference with Paul Greenwood and Dan Norris. It will be held on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:15am – 4:30pm at the Smullin Center. Registration is open 9/15. This is a free conference for professionals. Lunch will be provided. Laura handed out flyers.
- Laura shared of another upcoming Veteran's Conference with several presenters, including speaker Nathan Bohme. He is the LGBTQ Veteran's Coordinator for the state. This conference will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Smullin Center. Sue will send out the flyers electronically as soon as they are ready.
- Laura shared that they are also working on an Aging Services Partners Afternoon Tea. It will be held in the fall.
- Laura hands out a National Advocacy Alert from the N4A. This is a good time to advocate for OAA amendments that are being reviewed at a federal level.
- The Southern Oregon Veterans Stand-Down and Employment Fair which was scheduled to happen this Wednesday; has been cancelled due to poor air quality.
- Laura handed out flyers for a Stream Clean Up event along the Bear Creek on September 23<sup>th</sup>, co-sponsored by RVCOG.
- Laura shared that she and Ellen Waldman will be teaching an OLLI class together this fall titled "Let's Talk about Aging – Topics to Consider".
- Laura reported that she attended the VA SORCC Mental Health Summit. Laura handed out a guide on Mental Health Services for Veterans and Families.
- Laura reported that she will be attending a O4AD annual retreat to look at strategic planning later this month.

Richard shared National Alliance of Mental Illness is having their annual "March 4 Hope" on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Pear Blossom park in Medford.

#### **Action Item: Update SDS RVCOG Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Policies and Procedures**

- Anne motions to change the Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Policies and Procedures (P&Ps) to set the Maximum Units of Service for Oregon Project

Independence (OPI) – 60 and older clients at 25 hours per month and to “grand-father” in a handful of clients (approximately 10) who previously received 34 to 43 hours, that had lost those hours and still need those hours at the 34 to 43 hour maximum.

Laura reminded the SAC that there will be a joint SAC/DSAC Meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. See agenda for next month’s meeting time(s).

**ADJOURN** – Meeting ended at 2:11 p.m.