

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Date: March 6, 2017

PARTICIPANTS

- Anne Bellegia – SAC Member
- Bernadette LaLonde – SAC Member
- Berta Varble – SDS Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Cherish Dominguer – Options for Southern Oregon
- Connie Saldaña – Staff
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- Jacqueline Glynn – SAC Member
- Jan Shipley – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Paige Townsend – RVTD
- Pat Jenkins – SAC Vice Chair
- Rhonda Lawrence – Guest
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rosalie Caffrey – SAC Member
- Sandra Theis – SAC Chair
- Sue Casavan – SDS Staff

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Colleen Roberts
- Dan DeYoung
- Dallas Bruce
- Isleen Glatt
- John Irwin
- Nancy Randolph

CALL TO ORDER - Sandy calls meeting to order.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments - Introductions are made.

Additions to agenda – John Curtis suggests the council do an advocacy letter writing

exercise & he would like to walk them through the website: www.Oregonlegislature.gov in order to “track a bill” if time permits.

Review and approval of February 6, 2017 Minutes – Minutes are approved as written.

Announcements –

Anne shares that the OLLI Spring Catalog is out. The Spring membership fee is \$75.00 for the quarter. Towards the back of the catalog is an ad for the Vital Issues forum and the Living Well program.

O4AD meeting Summary – Sandy Theis.

Sandy shares the main topics of discussion. One of the presenters; Jane Ellen Weidanz from DHS/APD shared there will be changes to how they describe ADL. They are looking to decrease the number of people that qualify by around 5%. Sandy also mentions a flyer that the NW SAC made for their area representatives to advocate for their most highly threatened programs. The same council also developed business cards for their members to be able to hand out to people they come in contact with. Perhaps we can use something like this when advocating or out among the community so they have contact information.

Laura states that the transition with the ADL changes has no start date as of yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Sandy Reports. This committee meets on a quarterly basis; they did not meet this month.

Council Development – Pat reports. She has received 2 applications. They will be scheduling interviews soon.

Outcome & Evaluations/Nutrition – Jan Reports. The committee did not meet this month, but a small subcommittee met and looked at the RFA's for in home care. They reviewed the contract and will be meeting with whoever applies on May 12th.

Communications & Outreach – Anne reports. The committee discussed the website development. They hope to meet with the new Volunteer Coordinator for Food & Friends at next month's meeting. SDS is working on a logo, different from RVCOG.

Advocacy – John Curtis reports. SAC does a quick letter writing exercise.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John Curtis Reports. The council heard from 2 employees of the city of Medford; they are looking to DSAC to know what the transportation

and accessibility issues are inside the city of Medford. Pathways Enterprises also presented.

Field Office Report – Kathie Reports. One of our community's Assisted Living Facilities is currently under deep scrutiny. Adult Protective Services is investigating the situation.

Developmental Disabilities & Current Challenges – Treven Whitney, Region V Program Manager for Developmental Disabilities Services of Senior & Disabilities Services

Director's Report – Laura reports.

- 1) Laura passes around the final rendition of the REACH OUT program flyer with referral and explains the new pilot program.
- 2) Laura passes out the page of ads from the OLLI catalog with the Vital Issues Forum information and the Living Well volunteer leader trainings information.
- 3) Laura shares that she and Berta had a really good conversation with Senator DeBoer while up in Salem. She encourages the council to reach out to him advocacy wise.
- 4) Laura reads a thank you letter from a current OPI program recipient.
- 5) Laura mentions a couple articles in the Mail Tribune that explain more on the Mental Health services changes in Jackson County. The articles came out on Sunday, February 26th and Friday, March 3rd.

Presentation: Public Transportation Options for Older Adults & Persons with Disabilities

- a) Paige Townsend, Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) Senior Planner, presents on the growing need for public transportation in the Rogue Valley and the resources available to RVTD.

ADJOURN – Meeting ends at 2:27 p.m.