

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

**Date:** May 1, 2017

## **PARTICIPANTS**

- Anne Bellegia – SAC Member
- Bernadette LaLonde – SAC Member
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Cherish Dominger – Options for Southern Oregon
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- John Irwin – SAC Member
- John M - Guest
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Lori Stanton - Guest
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – Guest
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rosalie Caffrey – SAC Member
- Sandra Theis – SAC Chair
- Sean Connolly – SDS Staff-Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Sue Casavan – SDS Staff

## **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

- Bernadette LaLonde
- Dan DeYoung
- Colleen Roberts
- Isleen Glatt
- Jan Shipley
- Pat Jenkins

**CALL TO ORDER** - Sandy 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 April 3rd Minutes** – Minutes were approved as written.

### **Announcements –**

- Anne reminded SAC of the OLLI Vital Issues Forum coming up on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Anne shared that the ACCESS Senior Fair is being moved from the Medford Armory to the Jackson County EXPO. It will now be held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to 4pm.
- Jamie stated that “Team Senior” will be hosting a Senior Fair on September 9<sup>th</sup> in Josephine County.
- Pat announced that there will be a Safety Fair at the Illinois Valley High School on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. She will be passing out Disaster Registry applications.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive** – Sandy Reported.

- The committee met and mostly discussed recruitment of SAC members.

**Council Development** – Pat reported.

- Pat mentioned the action item for today’s meeting. She also shared that they will be scheduling another SAC member interview soon.

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

- They did not meet. Berta shared that the In-Home RFA has been released. All questions received by potentially applying organizations have been received and answered. There are several organizations interested. They will meet with the applicants on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Berta shares that Food & Friends sent out 2 grant applications to the city of Ashland and United Way.
- The Medford Mealsite manager is retiring after being with Food & Friends for over 15 years.
- Bateman (the company that F&F contracts with to provide the meals) has taken over the employment of 2 Food & Friends drivers.
- The Food & Friends meal count is up from last year by around 4,000 meals. Food & Friends is working with the Home Delivered Meal assessment staff. They will look at re-evaluating eligibility standards for meals.
- Laura and Berta clarified the President’s proposed budget that would reflect a cut to the

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding for Meals on Wheels programs. This cut would not affect our local Food & Friends home delivered meals because our meals program is not using CDBG funding. Laura added that she wrote up a media release for the Mail Tribune regarding this issue.

**Communications & Outreach** – Anne reported.

- The committee met today. They discussed the recruitment of Food & Friends Home Delivered Meal delivery volunteers. Bernadette will serve as a liaison between the C&O and O&E/N committees.
- The committee also discussed the new RVCOG website in development.
- Anne explained that they have come up with a new SDS logo to help distinguish the department from RVCOG. Other departments within RVCOG have their own logos as well.

**Advocacy** – John Curtis reported.

- At their meeting, the committee discussed the list of bills shared by the O4AD. The committee has pared that list down to a few dozen bills that they will keep track of. They discussed how to review those bills on [oregonlegislature.gov](http://oregonlegislature.gov). An email was sent out to all SAC members with a tool to track a bill.

**Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)** – John Curtis reported.

- The committee met last month. A group of hearing impaired shared with the committee. They testified that they receive disservice by medical providers. They gave examples. This contradicts the ADA. They plan to write a letter to RVCOG to share what's happening in the community.
- The committee also heard from the chair of the council. The chair shared that the provider time capture program is implementing new electronic means for providers/HCW's to access their timesheets.

**Field Office Report** – Kathie Reported.

- Kathie explained that the work on the activities of ADL she discussed at the November 2016 SAC meeting has been put on hold for now.
- Kathie mentioned that Options of Southern Oregon has teamed up with All Care CCO to deliver Mental Health services.

**Action Item** –

- **Recommendation of new member to the Senior Advisory Council – Rhonda Lawrence.**

SAC votes – motion passed unanimously to appoint Rhonda Lawrence as a Senior

Advisory Council member effective July 1, 2016.

**Adult Foster Home Ad-Hoc Report** – John Reported.

- They discussed background checks and training primarily.
- They discussed the recommendations made last year at the November 2016 meeting. These have not yet been accomplished.
- This Ad-Hoc committee would like to be an official SAC sub-committee.
- Sandy asked to table this discussion and add to a future SAC agenda.
- Sandy requested the committee reports be given more time than 15 minutes on the meeting agendas.

**Presentation: Josephine Community Transit** – Organizational and Service Overview

- Scott Chancey gave his presentation. He is the Josephine Community Transit Program Manager.

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

- Laura passed out examples of the new SDS logo.
- Laura showed SAC the new name badges that are available for use when out in the community representing the Senior Advisory Council. They may be checked out at the front desk at RVCOG.
- Laura handed out 2 advocacy documents; “Four ways to communicate with your legislators” & “how to write your legislator”. Laura urges the SAC to take initiative and contact a legislator regarding any SDS program they feel strongly about.
- Laura passed out copies of the document that was given to the Mail Tribune on the Meals on Wheels initiative.
- A member asked about the Grants Pass Nutrition delivery site progress. Laura responds that renovation on it will begin in the fall.
- A member asked what services could be advocated for? Laura writes programs/services on the board that SAC members call out. (List Attached)

**ADJOURN** – Meeting ended at 2:32 p.m.