



Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG)
Senior Advisory Council

Date/Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2017

Location: Jefferson Conference Room, RVCOG, 155 N. 1st St., Central Point

Agenda

- 12:30 Call to Order/AttendanceSandy Theis
- 12:35 General Meeting Business.....Sandy Theis
- a) Introductions of guests & public comments
 - b) Additions to agenda
 - c) Review and approval of November 7, 2016 Minutes
 - d) Announcements
- 12:45 Committee Reports
- a) Executive Committee.....Sandy Theis
 - b) Council Development Pat Jenkins
 - c) Outcomes & Evaluations/Nutrition Jan Shipley
 - d) Communications & Outreach..... Anne Bellegia
 - e) Advocacy..... John Curtis
 - f) Disability Services Advisory Council John Curtis
 - g) Field Office Report..... Kathie Young
- 1:00 Presentation: Advocacy 101.....Don Bruland
- a) Building Productive Relationships with Legislators
- 1:30 Break
- 1:40 Presentation: Advocacy 101 (Continued).....Don Bruland
- 2:15 Action Item
- b) Recommendation of New Member to the Senior Advisory Council - Erika Bekermeier
- 2:25 Other - (Director's Report) Laura O'Bryon
- 2:30 AdjournSandy Theis

Members: Don't forget to complete Volunteer & Expense Report.

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RVCOG is the designated Area Agency on Aging for Jackson and Josephine Counties providing services to seniors and adults with physical disabilities

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Date: December 5, 2016

PARTICIPANTS

- Anne Bellegia – SAC Member
- Bernadette LaLonde – SAC Applicant
- Berta Varble – SDS Staff
- Brooke Fredericks – Guest
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Erika Bekermeier – SAC Applicant
- Evelyn Kinsella – SDS Staff
- Isleen Glatt – SAC Member
- Jacqueline Glynn – SAC Member
- Jamie Callahan – Guest
- Jan Shipley – SAC Member
- John Irwin – SAC Member
- Kathie Young – APD District Manager
- Kimberly Reilly – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Laura O'Bryon – SDS Director
- Lynn Mergell – Guest
- Nancy Randolph – SAC Member
- Richard Hoskins – SAC Member
- Rosalie Caffrey – SAC Member
- Sandra Theis – SAC Chair
- Sue Casavan – SDS Staff

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Cheryl Walker
- Colleen Roberts
- Dallas Bruce
- John Curtis
- Julia Mullins
- Pat Jenkins

CALL TO ORDER - Sandy calls meeting to order.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments - Introductions are made.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of November 7, 2016 Minutes – Minutes are approved as written.

Announcements – Nancy shares that she went for an interview with Lifespan last week, and on Mondays and Friday's she will be working at the 4 hour respite program at the Rogue River Community Center. (Lifespan through ARC of Jackson County)

Anne announces the OLLI winter catalog is out. There are 111 courses this quarter. There are some free public lectures in the catalog as well.

Sandy shares that the Vital Issues forum is coming up in the spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Sandy reports. The committee meets on a quarterly basis, so they did not meet since last month.

Council Development – Sandy reports. Still recruiting for Josephine County. We are still interviewing for new SAC members. Anne mentions that she had emailed some Josephine County OLLI members about the Senior Advisory Council.

Outcome & Evaluations/Nutrition – Jan Reports. The committee discussed the 4-year Area Plan. One of their goals is volunteer recruitment for Food & Friends in Josephine County.

Marketing & Outreach – Anne reports. The committee talked about the OLLI Vital Issues Forum, to be held in the Rogue River room at the SOU Student Union on May 7th, from 2-4pm. They discussed the RVCOG Senior & Disability Services website content. They will also be assisting with the recruitment for Food & Friends Volunteers along with the O&E/N committee.

Advocacy – Laura O'Bryon will have Connie come and report.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – They did not meet.

Field Office Report – Kathie reports. The budget has some drastic cuts, we will have to wait and see how it will pan out.

Michael Cavallaro – Rogue Valley Council of Governments Executive Director.

Michael announces that RVCOG SDS was awarded CDBG funding in the amount of \$840,676 for the new Josephine County Senior Resource Center which will house the Food & Friends congregate meal site for Grants Pass and serve as the central distribution center for the county's home delivered meals and other congregate meal sites.

Adult Foster Home update – Nancy reports. The committee did not meet. Their next meeting will be held on December 20 at 3pm. Nancy reports she received a 14 page response from Duane Stark's (Representative, District 4 – Grants Pass) personal assistant on some questions that Nancy had asked concerning Caregiving Issues.

Nancy shares the differences between background checks for State caregivers (in assisted living and residential facilities) versus in-home care caregivers. Only the state mandates their caregivers to have a full Oregon background check. This includes any elder abuse background checks. The state does not require the agencies for in home care caregivers to get the full background check, only a criminal check. This is something this committee might look into after the new year.

Presentation on "Elderly Social Isolation: Addressing the Needs for the Invisible Senior" – OHSU Nursing Students

SAC focuses back on Advocacy. Connie hands out a list of state legislators. Every session the advocacy committee has members "adopt" a legislator. Members who share the same legislator will work as a team to advocate for SDS services. The O4AD "Day at the capitol" will be on May 17th. Next Advocacy meeting will be next Monday, December 12 from 1pm – 2:30pm. They will discuss the "adopt a legislature" and goals and priorities of the O4AD.

Laura shares that there will be an Advocacy 101 Training on January 12, 2017 and a Legislate Bootcamp Advocacy Training on January 17, 2017. Both trainings will be held in Salem by the O4AD.

Director's Report – Laura distributes a policy proposal to the President-Elect Transition Team from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. (N4A)

Laura shares the O4AD's first take on the governor's budget. She shares 5 main concerns that will affect our programs and services.

- The OPI (Oregon Project Independence) program will be cut down to about 1/4 of the previous budget.
- Closure of the OPI Pilot Program.
- Elimination of the general assistance program,
- Closure of the live-in program,
- Reductions in rates for facilities.

Laura shares other items of concern in the Governor's budget for Intellectual and Developmental Disability services. The program "Family to Family Network" will be reduced by 1.3 million. Eliminating the regional staff. (4.8 million in reductions)

The budget also expends 6 million in funding to Fairview Housing Trust, and makes a one-time investment in ID/D K-Plan programs. 22 million will be added for rate increases for direct service providers. It will continue to protect the eligibility requirements for individuals who qualify for assistance by funding anticipated increases in caseloads and cost per case including general fund backfill or changes in the federal match rate for certain grants.

Laura states if any member has any recommended additions or changes for the Area Plan, to please contact her next Monday by 5pm.

ADJOURN – Sandy adjourns the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Action Item
Recommend Appointment of New Member to the Senior Advisory Council

Recommendation:

Forward recommendation to the RVCOG Board to approve Erika Bekermeier as a Senior Advisory Council (SAC) member effective July 1, 2016.

Background:

Erika has an extensive background in Psychology & Mental Health Counseling as well as managing and implementing numerous programs in the health care field for Employee Assistance Programs and Equal Employment Opportunity issues and concerns. She would like to become more educated about RVCOG and available senior services in the region. She is very interested in supporting and giving back to the community in which she lives.

Issues of concern: She is interested in 1) senior housing, 2) medical needs, 3) senior finances, 4) providing resources and referrals, 5) transportation issues, 6) food and nutrition, and 7) companionship.

Erika also has extensive marketing experience to administrations as well as work groups and hopes her experience might assist in the promotion of local senior services and resources.

**SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES ROGUE VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONTHLY VOLUNTEER REPORT**

Volunteer Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Month / Year: _____

Date	Project / Activity	Donated Time (Hours)	Donated Miles	Donated Other
Totals				

Signed _____ Date _____

ROGUE VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONTHLY VOLUNTEER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST
 This form effective December 1, 2008.

Name / Address / Phone: _____

Month / Year: _____

Date(s)	Project / Destination	Miles Driven	6410	6430	6420	6904	Fund	Dept	Prog	Source	Task
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Totals							20	40	004	073	00

Total Expenses: _____

 Senior Advisory Council Member Signature / Date

 Supervisor's Signature / Date