

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM

Date: August 2, 2021

PARTICIPANTS

- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Cassie Rose – SDS Staff
- Connie Wilkerson – SDS Program Director
- John Irwin – SAC Member
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Chair

GUESTS

- Avery West
- Bonnie Huard
- Diana Burney
- James Naegele
- Elizabeth Archer
- Joanna Wilson
- John Curtis
- Kerrie Walters
- Rai McKenzie
- Rebecca Arce
- Tony Ellis

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Darin Fowler
- Richard Hoskins
- Rick Dyer

ASL Interpreters and Real Time Captioning was provided during this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – Rhonda called the meeting to order at 12:33pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Introductions by members, staff and guests were made. Public comment - John C stated he would like to emphasize the following topics for upcoming agendas. Experiences around Ageism, discharge planning and hospice treatment.

Additions to agenda – none.

Review and approval of June 7, 2021 Minutes – Liz motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, John I. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –

Rhonda thanked Connie and Cassie for being so great and supporting the SAC.

Director's report – Connie reported.

- Connie shared the PSA SDS has been working on with KOBI to address vaccine hesitancy among older adults. The PSA video is available to view on the rvcog.org website on the SDS department page. The PSA began airing last week.
- Last Tuesday 14 staff attended Service Equity training.
- Samantha and Sean both resigned in July. We hope to continue to collaborate with them as they continue to work in the community.
- Heidi and Connie have worked to develop a new workforce development plan for the SDS department.
- Certain staff has stepped up to take on one or more duties that Sean was doing so that they will be able to open up two Service Coordinator positions.
- They interviewed for a new behavioral health specialist internally today.
- We may take a break from doing “Senior Moments” until we have the staff to do it.
- We are still awaiting our state and OAA funding. It can take a few months to receive and execute those contracts.
- John Curtis had asked if SDS could have a seat on the RVCOG Board. It was explained that only jurisdictions receive a seat on the board; however, they are public meetings and any SAC member is welcome to attend at any time and speak during the public comment period.
- Connie also mentioned that RVCOG staff is using masks again in the office.

Field Office Report – No one available to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – John C. reported.

- Spent time discussing the legislative dialogue event. Cassie put a flyer together for the event. It should be all ready by tomorrow afternoon.
- They discussed recruitment for the SAC. We will be working with Natalie to accomplish our goals for the year.
- They also discussed the upcoming presentations to the SAC.

Council Development – Rhonda reported.

- See Executive report.

Communications & Outreach Support Services – Natalie Reported.

- The committee has not met. Cassie has tracked down past agendas and minutes. Natalie has been reviewing them prior to her first meeting.

- This committee will meet regularly on the 4th Monday of every month from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. The next meeting will be held on August 23rd at 3:30pm via Zoom.
- Their high priority will be recruiting new SAC members.

Advocacy – Liz reported.

- The legislative dialogue event will be held on Friday, September 17th from 8:30am – 10am. At this point, they are looking at having a hybrid event. The room can only accommodate so many people in person, so please be sure to RSVP. Liz thanked Cassie and Connie for all their work and guidance.
- Liz posted a link to the meeting notes in the chat.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MyFQ5D1vau2R4XFF8maqchIKXpvB81lrAHBnKU_Nmio/edit
- They reviewed the last legislative session and discussed the upcoming session. They also talked about their legislative partners.
- Liz shared about the emergency resource directory (#10 in the meeting notes) with several emergency website links. The blue font/underlined items are clickable links.
- The committee has accessibility as a standing item to discuss on a monthly basis. I.e. housing, transportation, etc.
- Liz shared how John C. continues to lead the amazing effort for the Mental Health Access Improvement Act. We continue to find more co-signers for the bill.
- John C. mentioned the idea of forming a national advocacy network is a result of part of the outreach he has done.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John C. reported.

- They did not meet in July.
- They nominated officers at their June meeting.
- They had the first part of the presentation on “Equity and Inclusion”.

Home & Community Based Care – No report.

- Currently not active.

Presentation: “Equity” Part II

**-Rebecca Arce, Office of Equity and Multicultural Services with ODHS
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ADJOURN –Rhonda adjourned the meeting at 2:25pm.