

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM
Date: May 2, 2022

PARTICIPANTS

- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Connie Wilkerson – SDS Program Director
- Darin Fowler – Josephine County Commissioner
- Jeremy Wolf – APD Deputy District Manager
- John Irwin – SAC Vice Chair
- Katie Merola – SDS Staff
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Chair

GUESTS

- Angela Franklin – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist, Josephine County
- Caryn Wheeler-Clay – Jackson County Community Long-Term Recovery Group
- Dwight Wilson – SO Friends of Hospice
- Jennine Greenwell – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist, Jackson County
- John Curtis
- Leah Swanson - Josephine County Public Health
- Sabrina Ballew - Mercy Flights
- Sheila Clough - Mercy Flights
- Noriko Toyokawa - SOU
- Tony Ellis

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Liz James
- Richard Hoskins
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER – Rhonda L. called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Guests were introduced. John C. provided public comment on the county health rankings and roadmap tool he presented last month. He specified his intent was for Senior and Disability Services (SDS) to look at prioritizing the seniors and people with disabilities in Josephine County as they have more pronounced health disparities.

John C. also shared a flyer for the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) picnic.

John C. shared the Go Stay Kit with the group. He mentioned it's a great tool for the deaf and asked if there was a way to help get it into the hands of people that need it, but possibly couldn't afford it. Connie

W. explained how SDS does mail out kits to many consumers. John C. also mentioned that some people might need assistance in getting it filled out.

Additions to agenda – none.

Review and approval of April 4, 2022 Minutes – John I motioned to approve April 4, 2022 minutes as written. Paul G. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements – Paul G. shared about a presentation at the Homeless Task Force meeting from the Medford Police department. He spoke about the Medford Visibility & Code Enforcement team. Paul G. also shared that he was made aware of a housing and homeless summit on June 9, 2022.

Connie W. shared about the Southern Oregon Elderly Abuse Awareness and Prevention Summit. The flier for this event will be sent out to SAC via email.

Featured Community Based Organization: Mercy Flights – Mobile Integrated Healthcare Sheila Clough and Sabrina Ballew shared an overview of the organization's mission and latest initiatives as they pertain to older adults and people with disabilities.

Director's report – Connie W. reported.

- SDS's OPAL program has been chosen for the 2022 USAging's Aging Innovations Award for the Social Engagement category. Susan Jay Rounds who was instrumental in creating this evidence-informed program, Ellen Denninger, (Behavioral Health Specialist) Katie Merola (SDS Supervisor) and Connie W. will attend the USAging Conference in July to receive the award.
- SDS completed and passed the state monitoring process on 3 programs.
- The 4-part OLLI series on SDS programs will begin tomorrow afternoon. They are part of a 10-session class on all of Rogue Valley Council of Governments' programs.
- The RFP for mental health has just opened and SDS will be submitting a grant for behavioral health services.
- Connie shared that she is awaiting notification of whether the SDS has received the \$240,000 Oregon Health Authority grant. It would dramatically revamp the Disaster Registry.
- The 1115 Waiver will launch July 1, 2022 for the expanded OPI program and October 1, 2022 for the expanded Family Caregiver program. Policies for both programs have yet to be released.
- Connie shared upcoming events. She reminded the SAC of the Elder Abuse Summit to be held on June 15, 2022. Also the Statewide Tribal Gathering will be held on June 7th.
- The Ways and Means event was held last week. Connie W. shared that the files with information from the event are too large to send in an email. If you would like to view the files, let Connie W. know and she will get it to you via thumb drive.
- The SAC members and Connie W. will be reviewing the first year of the Four Year Area Plan and preparing the year-end report.
- SAC officers for the upcoming fiscal year will be determined by elections at next month's SAC meeting.

- John C. asked Connie W. if there has been thought of giving a subpage devoted to Advocacy on which to post events. Connie W. said she would look into it. Rhonda mentioned we can add events to the RVCOG SDS Facebook page as well.

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – Jeremy W. reported.

- The SNAP emergency allotments have been extended for May 2022. No word yet as to if they will continue any future allotments.
- Jeremy brought up the OPI expansion project. He mentioned there will be more information coming soon. The local APD/ODHS offices and RVCOG will be coordinating for this project.
- Angela Munkers, the former APD Field Operations Administrator, has retired as of April 30, 2022. The position is currently vacant. Recruitment to follow.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – No report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Rhonda L. reported.

- No report this month.

Council Development – Rhonda L. reported.

- An application has been received from Noriko. The next step will be to interview Noriko.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Connie W. reported.

- Connie read the Committee update email that Natalie had sent her. The SAC was reminded of the targeted outreach list the group has developed. The group plans to integrate other SAC sub-committee members as the work progresses.
- They will meet in May.

Joint Advocacy – John C. reported.

- The Ways and Means event was enlightening and educational.
- They will meet on May 23rd. Contact John C. to attend the meeting.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – Jeremy W. reported.

- The upcoming picnic event was worked on and planned.
- The group met with Mike McCormick (interim APD Director) on April 25, 2022.

Home & Community Based Care – Rhonda L. reported.

- No committee meetings at this time.

Support Services – Nutrition and ADRC Advisory – Rhonda L. reported.

- This group will meet in June.

PRESENTATION:

An Age Friendly Hospital System – “4M Program”

Dr. Steven Hersch
Asante Ashland Community Hospital

ADJOURN –Rhonda L. adjourned the meeting at 2:24 pm.