

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM
Date: June 20, 2022

PARTICIPANTS

- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Constance “Connie” Wilkerson – SDS Program Director
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Member
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Rhonda Lawrence – SAC Chair

GUESTS

- None

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Jeremy Wolf – APD Deputy District Manager
- John Irwin
- Richard Hoskins
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner
- Darin Fowler – Josephine County Commissioner

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – none.

Additions to agenda – none.

Review and approval of May 2, 2022 Minutes –Liz J. motioned to approve May 2, 2022 minutes as written. Natalie M. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements – Paul G. asked when consumers call in to the ADRC, if they get asked by staff if they know of someone else that needs assistance as well? Connie W. explained that ADRC staff is only allowed to provide information to the caller only. If someone else needs assistance, they can make a separate phone call since REAL+D data is now being collected during each phone call. Connie W. suggested the ADRC staff give a presentation to SAC explaining the intake process.

Paul G. also shared that AARP is offering a four-part virtual town hall series for Oregonians statewide between the months of June and September. These events include: Livable Communities: Housing and Transportation, Financial Resilience: Age-Discrimination, Retirement Consumer Protection, Creating an

Age-Friendly State, and Caregiving and Long-Term Care. Liz J. posted the website with the information on these town halls in the chat. <https://states.AARP.org/oregon/toward-an-age-friendly-oregon>

Election of New SAC Officers for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 – Rhonda L.

Natalie M. motioned to appoint Liz James as SAC Chair for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Paul G. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Recognition of Outgoing Chair – Liz J.

Liz J. recognized Rhonda Lawrence for her position as Chair.

Featured Community Based Organization: None this month.

Introduction of LeAnne Turnbull, Program & Advocacy Coordinator

Constance Wilkerson

Director's report – Connie W. reported.

- Katie M., Ellen D., Susan J. and Connie W. will attend the US Aging Conference in July held in Austin, Texas. The staff will receive the US Aging's 2022 Innovations Award in the category of Social Engagement.
- The Senior & Disability Services department completed the 4-part OLLI series on SDS programs.
- SDS was one of four organizations to be awarded a mental health grant from the state. SDS is awaiting news on the exact amount of a five year grant.
- SDS also has been awarded \$80,000 for the Disaster Registry grant. It is not enough to engage in the technology upgrade; however LeAnne T. will be leading the outreach project to underserved populations to increase their awareness of this service and to enroll new clients.
- The 1115 waiver will not be launching on July 1st as expected. Policies for Oregon Project Independence Medicare (OPIM) and Family Caregiver Assistance Program (FCAP) are being developed. The new launch dates are August 1, 2022 for OPIM and FCAP by October 1, 2022.
- Connie and Katie attended the Statewide Tribal Gathering on June 7th.
- The Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Summit was a success. 97 people participated this year.
- The Service Equity Plan was approved by the state with a few edits.
- SDS is currently renewing contracts for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.
- Food & Friends has a new Office Specialist, Lexie Pope.
- The Central Point Senior Center is being purchased by RVCOG and will be used by Food & Friends for Congregate and Home Delivered Meals. will be sending a new
- Food & Friends is piloting a program in a few cities of cold plate meals through the month of June.
- Food & Friends is currently working on annual contract renewals.
- Food & Friend recently received a United Way grant for \$12,500.

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – No report this month.

- State offices are closed on June 20th for Juneteenth.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – Accenture Inclusion and the Power of Diversity video was played.

- SAC members asked that this video be reshown at the August meeting to give those who were not in attendance today an opportunity to see it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Rhonda L. reported.

- The group discussed the election of officers and upcoming presentations for SAC meetings.

Council Development – Rhonda L. reported.

- Noriko and John Curtis are both officially SAC members effective June 1,2022.
- SAC approved Leah Swanson as an applicant and the RVCOG board will vote at the next meeting.
- Richard Hoskins was recognized for his service on the SAC and Advocacy committee.
- John Curtis suggested that members reach out to Richard, as a way for him to stay connected and John provided his contact information.
- Rhonda mentioned she had lunch with Cherie Linnemeyer with All Care who is interested in becoming a SAC member.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- With more new members the group may want to refocus their strategy.
- No decisions were made as Rhonda was the only member in attendance besides staff.

Joint Advocacy – Liz J. reported.

- Liz J. shared that it has been a pleasure to chair the Advocacy committee this last year.
- John C. will step up as Chair for this committee.
- Liz J. shared the meeting notes into the chat. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u4-X-Y27H6Z8mfQbH9w88pNF-RRhFkl2sFZ0pUY-VJg/edit>
- The meeting notes show the standing structure they use for every meeting.
- John C. shared information and an update on the Mental Health Access Improvement Act.
- Talk about local issues – end of life issues gaps and needs. Having a voice at the table every month.
- Connie W. stated that Senator Merkley sent a thank you for the information on why the Older American Act (OAA) funding needs increased.
- Connie Saldaña is working with Representative Pam Marsh on some upcoming housing legislation.
- Rhonda suggested discussing the difference between lobbying and advocating at a future Advisory Meeting.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – John C. reported in Jeremy’s absence

- John shared photos from the DSAC Outreach Membership Drive picnic event held in June.
- The SAC discussed spreading the word about Hearing Loops and who to share the information with.

Home & Community Based Care – Rhonda L. reported.

- No committee meetings at this time.

Support Services – Nutrition and ADRC Advisory – Connie W. reported.

- See Director’s Report.

PRESENTATION:

Year One Update to Area Plan

Constance Wilkerson

Connie W. presented the updated changes to Year One of the Area Plan.

Q&A’s and Approval of Year One Update

Liz James

John C. motioned to approve the revised year one of the RVCOG SDS Area Plan. Paul G. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

ADJOURN – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm.