

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM  
Date: August 1, 2022

## **PARTICIPANTS**

- Ana Gonzalez – APD/ODHS Staff
- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Constance Wilkerson – SDS Program Director
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- Leah Swanson – SAC Member
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Chair
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Member
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member

## **GUESTS**

- Cherie Linnemeyer – PACE Program Marketing Coordinator and Outreach Community Liaison
- Connie Saldaña – Lifelong Housing
- Jennine Greenwell – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist, Jackson County

## **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

- John Irwin
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner
- Darin Fowler – Josephine County Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER** – Liz J. called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm.

## **GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**Introductions of guests and public comments** – Cherie and Jennine introduced themselves.

**Additions to agenda** – none.

**Review and approval of May 2, 2022 Minutes** – John C. motioned to approve June 20, 2022 minutes as written. Natalie M. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Election of SAC Officer for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 – Liz J.**

Liz J. motioned to appoint John Irwin as SAC Vice Chair, John C. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Announcements** – None.

**Featured Community Based Organization: None this month.**

**Director's report** – Constance W. reported.

- Connie presented the SDS year one update to the Area Plan. She discussed staffing & budget changes, unexpected additional programs, projects and events. Accomplishments were also shared.
- She shared updates on the ADRC, Nutrition Services, Health Promotions, Tribal partners, Family Caregiver Program, Legal Assistance and Elder Rights Protection Activities.
- Connie shared an update on the Behavioral Health programs. She shared a photo of Katie, Ellen, Susan and Connie at the US Aging Conference in July receiving the US Aging's 2022 Innovations Award. Staff won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize and \$800 for this juried award.
- Oregon Project Independence updates were shared.
- Connie provided an update on the OPIM and FCAP programs.
- She also shared additional projects not included in the original Area Plan such as the Vaccine Initiative and the Service Equity Plan.
- Connie shared a few items not accomplished in year one.
- Additional programs offered by SDS – Lifelong Housing, Disaster Registry and Emergency Assistance Grants.

**Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report** – Ana G.

- The APD Director (Mike McCormick) stepped out of his role and Nakeshia Knight Coyle has taken the position of interim APD Director. Recruitment is underway for a permanent APD Director.
- Angela Munkers has stepped out of the role of APD Operations Manager, and Christy Shipman is the new APD Operations Manager.
- APD has hired new local managers.
- The Federal Public Emergency was extended for 90 more days. APD continues with some of the temporary COVID policies. Staff is also continuing to accept attestation. They are not able to close medical cases during the emergency period.
- The State Plan Personal Care Expansion Program was implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- They also implemented the Healthier Oregon Program on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It waives the citizen requirements for certain age groups.
- Ana also shared about the OPIM and FCAP that is still waiting for final approval. Currently, Ana shared that she is hiring 6 case managers right now. Hiring has been challenging district wide.
- The group discussed potential hurdles with the new expanded programs.

**Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)** – “Accenture Inclusion and The Power of Diversity” video was played.

**Committee Assignment Updates**

Natalie M. agreed to assist on the quarterly Supportive Services subcommittee. John C. agreed to Chair the Joint Advocacy and the Home and Community Based Care Subcommittees. For now, Council Development work is being done by the C&O Committee.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive** – Liz J. reported.

- The group focused on Connie's presentation (Area Plan one year update) and the video.

**Council Development** – See **Communications and Outreach Committee** report

**Communications & Outreach Committee** – Natalie M. reported.

- The group reassessed their priorities based on the membership and leadership changes.
- They had some success with recruiting new members. They plan to develop recruitment procedures.
- The group continues to add common language on marketing materials.
- They are also working to optimize the Facebook account giving staff and members the right level of access. Whether or not the group continues to use Facebook is still to be decided.
- The group followed up with some outreach efforts (ie OLLI Open House & Josephine County Senior Resource Center event this Saturday).
- Connie W. asked Natalie M. to share the flyer for the Saturday event with the SAC after today's meeting.

**Joint Advocacy** – John C. reported.

- Connie reported and shared about the trip to Austin, TX.
- They had reports from several of their Advocacy partners.
- They discussed the joint Ways and Means Committee presentation from months ago. They shared ways they can advocate between now and the next legislative session.
- John C. shared an update and explained the Mental Health Access Improvement Act.
- The Lifelong Housing program was discussed.
- John C. explained what Hearing Loops are.

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

- The DSAC did not meet last month.

**Home & Community Based Care** – No report.

- No committee meetings at this time.

**Support Services – Nutrition and ADRC Advisory** – No report.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Housing Initiatives:** Connie Saldaña

**Legislative Priorities:** Nicole Palmateer Hazelbaker

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