

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

Date: November 7, 2022

PARTICIPANTS

- Ana Gonzalez – APD (Adults and People with Disabilities) 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 – All Care Pace Program, Community Outreach Liaison
- Christina Kukuk – Jackson County Community Long Term Recovery Group, Community Resilience Program Manager
- Eleanor Ponomareff – Talent City Council, Council President
- Jennine Greenwell – Jackson County Health and Human Services, Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Lilia Caballero – Cultural Outreach Coordinator, City of Medford Police Department
- Olivia Robinson – AGE+, Community Outreach and Engagement Manager
- Rai McKenzie

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER – Liz J. called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – none.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of October 3, 2022 Minutes – Paul motioned to approve the October 3rd, 2022 minutes as written. Natalie M. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements – Paul Golding reported on the Homeless Task Force meeting he attended last month. The Medford Police Livability Team is now using a model called “Radical Humility” in order to interact with the homeless population. They have been able to lower the number of homeless encampments along the Bear Creek Greenway as well as the number of citations using this model. Paul learned that Access can help with rental assistance for those illegally living in motorhomes/travel trailers parked on the street. The average lifespan of a homeless person is 47 years old.

Director’s report – Constance W. reported.

- Connie attended the USAging Leadership Institute in Mid-October. Around 3 dozen AAA leaders from across the country participated and it was an educational experience.
- The SDS Vaccine Initiative has come to a close. Three booster and flu clinics were held in October. A bilingual booster PSA was aired as was a pre-movie ad segment on boosters in movie theaters in Jackson and Josephine counties.
- SDS has tabled several local events as well thanks to LeAnne and SAC volunteers, Liz J. and John C. They assisted in sharing about the SDS programs including Disaster Registry. LeAnne will be attending a few more events before the end of the year.
- The SDS department received approximately \$200,000 in funding from the state for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work.
- Connie shared that she and Susan Jay Rounds will present on OPAL (Options for People to Address Loneliness) to USAging members at the Innovations Lunchtime webinar. They plan to present a similar presentation at the USAging Engage Series on November 18th as well. They are also considering applying to provide a session on OPAL at the USAging conference next August.
- Several AAA Directors, Connie included, are considering applying to provide a session on Oregon AAA’s and serving LGBTQ+ populations.
- The launching of the two 1115 waiver programs (OPIM and FCAP) is still under negotiation with CMS and the launch date has not yet been finalized. Connie will provide up to date information as she is informed.
- In late October, O4AD learned that the Legislative session will begin in January. This may change depending on the election results. Connie shared with the Advocacy committee a preliminary draft of the Bill of Rights legislation and Connie Saldaña’s group is working on housing bills. Connie will share those bills one they are available.
- SDS is working on State monitoring. SDS will be submitting a review of the grants and financial compliance, a review of ADRC, an assessment of nutrition services and an overview of both health promotions and legal services.
- Connie completed the USAging survey that is distributed every 3 years to every AAA. Connie will share the results of the survey once they are available.
- SDS staff will be participating in team building exercises next Thursday, November 17th.

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

- APD has begun staff training for OPIM and FCAP programs, yet as Connie stated they are still pending as Connie stated in her report.

- They are currently recruiting for 2 manager positions at the Medford Senior Services office and the Grants Pass Senior and Disability Services office.
- Their Case Management units are starting to stabilize, though their eligibility units are quite short staffed.
- They have a new provider incentive program for in-home care agencies and facilities who admit clients directly from the hospital.
- They continue to prepare for the end of the Public Health Emergency which is still rumored to end in January. The biggest change that will happen to clients will be the end of adverse action towards medical cases. No medical cases have been closed for over 2 years now. The other significant change is self-attestation. Documentation will again be required instead of accepting just the client's statement.

Featured Community Based Organization: AllCare Pace Program Overview – Cherie Linnemeyer shared slides on the programs and services they provide.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – “Improving your Diversity IQ” video was played.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Liz J. reported.

- Liz J. extended an invitation to today's guests if interested to reach out to LeAnne T. or Liz J. to have the opportunity to present on their Community Based Organization/Agency. Our featured CBO/Agency for December's meeting is pending.

Action Item: Jewel Brooks Charitable Trust Disbursement

- Recommendation: 60% of the funds to be distributed to Behavioral Health services - RVCOG SDS OPAL program, 20% to be distributed towards Emergency Assistance - RVCOG SDS and 20% to be distributed towards Home Repair/Modifications - Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley. John. C. motioned to recommend the aforementioned distribution of trust funds. Natalie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Connie and LeAnne are working on the new SAC membership orientation coming up in January. Natalie M. stated that a doodle poll will be sent out soon and asked members and guests to please respond so that they are aware of everyone's availability and can plan the date accordingly.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- The group continues to refine common documents including the target list.
- Liz J. drafted an online guest survey for guests that attend SAC meetings.
- Liz J. drafted an online SAC Application.
- They checked in on recruitment efforts. Some members are reaching out and tracking as recruitment is being done. We need additional members from Josephine County.

- They discussed the new member orientation. Natalie asked members to please respond to the doodle poll so that the date of the orientation can be set.
- LeAnne made updates to RVCOG SDS website and posted to Facebook.
- The group continues to work on ways to streamline the work we do in terms of member support and member recruitment.

Council Development – See Communications and Outreach Committee report

Support Services – Nutrition and ADRC Advisory – Natalie M. reported.

- No report this month.

Joint Advocacy – John C. reported.

- Connie gave a report.
- They discussed short term funding 2022-2023 OAA Appropriations.
- They looked at the groups they follow; National Council on Aging, US Aging, O4AD, ODHS, AARP, CIL and League of Women Voters.
- They discussed the Mental Health Access Improvement Act.

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

- They had their organizational meeting.
- They started a new workgroup that will focus on disability parking spaces enforcement.

Home & Community Based Care – John C.

- John asked if anyone is interested in joining the committee. This committee will focus on services provided to consumers living in community and home based care. (Assisted living, skilled nursing, retirement housing and adult foster homes)

PRESENTATION:

“Age Friendly Community”, Dr. Noriko Toyokawa, Assistant Professor Southern Oregon University.

ADJOURN – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.