

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

Date: January 9, 2022

PARTICIPANTS

- Ana Gonzalez – Adults and People with Disabilities, Medford SSO Branch Manager
- 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

- Angela Franklin – Josephine County Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist and Jo County Suicide Prevention Coordinator
- Cherie Linnemeyer – All Care Pace Program, Community Outreach Liaison
- Christina Kukuk – Jackson County Community Long Term Recovery Group, Community Resilience Program Manager
- Dwight Wilson – Celia’s House/Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice
- Eleanor Ponomareff – Talent City Council, Council President
- Jennine Greenwell – Older Adult Behavioral Health
- Lilia Caballero – Medford Police Department - Community Outreach Coordinator
- Olivia Robinson – AGE+, Community Outreach and Engagement Manager

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Members, Staff and Guests introduced themselves.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of December 5th, 2022 Minutes – Paul G. motioned to approve the December 5th, 2022 minutes as written. Noriko T. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –

SAC Members were reminded by Liz J. to turn in their volunteer time and expense reports for each month.

Liz J. announced that the upcoming SAC orientation will be open to guests and potential members as well as existing members. The orientation will be held on 1/31/2023 10am – 1:30pm in the Lewis Conference Room at Rogue Valley Council of Governments.

Christina K. announced that they will host another Wildfire Recovery Fair on January 21, 2023 from 2-5pm at 1st Phoenix Community Center. They also launched the long term recovery plan effort, Rogue Reimagined. Christina K. shared the Rogue Reimagined Survey link: <https://www.roguereimagined.org/>

Olivia R. shared a link. <https://www.ijpr.org/show/the-jefferson-exchange/2023-01-03/wed-9-am-talent-a-site-for-a-new-housing-approach-for-seniors> Age + will host their Ageless Awards on April 20th. Olivia R. shared the link with details: https://ageplus.org/ageless-award-and-luncheon/?doing_wp_cron=1673297983.5279090404510498046875

Director's report – Constance W. reported.

- The Public Health Emergency will end on April 1, 2023. Connie W. mentioned she will share more information as she learns more of the impacts it will have on the clients and programs.
- Several people (staff and SAC members) gathered to celebrate the passage of the Mental Health Access Improvement Act.
- Connie W. forwarded the O4AD legislative priorities for the 2023 session. Connie W. will have LeAnne resend the priorities with revised modifications.
- RVCOG SDS will receive \$92,256.75 from the Jewel Brooks Charitable Trust after the 31st of May. Around \$55,000 will be used for OPAL; around \$18,000 will be used for Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley and around \$18,500 will be used for emergency assistance through the local Aging and Disability Resource Connection.
- The next project on the vaccine initiative will include distributing 4 at home COVID test kits with information on the multivalent boosters along with other generalized COVID information. Food & Friends clients along with the Central Point library requested some of these packets as well.
- Connie W. shared that all but one of the state monitoring reports has been completed.
- Connie W. also shared that they applied to the Oregon Department of Transportation for additional transportation vouchers. They will share them with other agencies in the same service area who serve older adults and/or people with disabilities.
- RVCOG SDS also intends to apply through US Aging for additional vaccine money released through the ACL.
- RVCOG SDS plans to participate in the United Way Transportation Summit in May. More details to come as the agenda is developed.
- The Elder Abuse Prevention Summit has been scheduled for June 15th. The focus this year will be on underserved populations including Native Elders and LGBTQIA+.

- RVCOG SDS submitted 2 proposals to US Aging for this summer's national conference. One on serving LGBTQIA+ populations and one about the behavioral health OPAL program. Connie W. will keep the council posted on whether or not they will be presenting on one, both or neither of them.
- Connie W. will be meeting with All Care at the end of January to discuss how RVD OG SDS serves their clients and the possibility of sharing 1 employee for health related programming. Connie W. also plans to discuss reimbursement for the services already provided to All Care's clients.
- Staff is participating in 2 learning series in a concerted effort to improve service delivery.
- Connie W. opened up discussion for future SAC meeting schedules to be in-person, hybrid or remain meeting virtually. Several members provided their input. Liz proposed that the council revisits this discussion at next month's SAC meeting.

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

- Ana explained that the APD staff is in the waiting period for the Public Health Emergency to end which is expected as of April 1, 2023.
- The OPI-M and FCAP programs are still pending approvals through CMS.
- The staffing issues are improving across most classifications. They are continuing their outreach efforts.
- The emergency SNAP allotments are ending in February 2023.
- Ana shared information on the impact of COVID to their numbers: Enrollment in the Oregon's Medicaid system, Oregon Health Plan (OHP), has risen considerably, from about 1 million members before the pandemic to about 1.4 million members today. More people in Oregon report having health care coverage today than ever before in the state's history.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: Jackson County Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative 2023 Plan/Update

– Jennine Greenwell, Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist, Jackson County Health and Human Services GreenwJM@jacksoncounty.org

Three event flyers/Eventbrite links were shared. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-ms-frame-work-age-friendly-system-of-care-tickets-495388649787> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/functional-cognition-tickets-495624675747>

Paul shared that Senator Wyden announced that four school districts including District #4 Phoenix-Talent Schools will receive close to \$20 million in competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Education to hire additional licensed mental health providers.

Liz J. invited meeting guests that have an interest in being a featured CBO at a future meeting to email LeAnne T. with the presentation summary and title.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Liz J. reported.

- LeAnne T. shared the online SAC application - https://rvcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/SACApp_10.2022.pdf
- The committee looked at the upcoming agendas. They identified presenters for upcoming meetings.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- They continue their ongoing work to develop outreach tools and messaging and cultivate opportunities to recruit members. Their next meeting will be held on January 23, 2023.

Support Services – Nutrition and ADRC Advisory – Quarterly meeting – no report.

Council Development – See Communications and Outreach Committee report

Joint Advocacy – Liz J. reported.

- The 2023 legislative session will formally begin on January 17, 2023.
- Connie will send out the updated O4AD 2023 legislative priorities list.
- Liz J. listed bills the committee plans to follow during the long legislative session.
- Liz J. stated that any legislation with a budget won't get moved until the Governor's budget comes out. It is expected to come out February 1st.

Home & Community Based Care – Liz J.

- The first quarterly meeting will be held on January 20, 2023 from 1-2pm.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – No report.

PRESENTATION:

Housing Authority of Jackson County overview and projects on the horizon – Jason Elzy, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Jackson County Jason@hajc.net

Angela Franklin shared in chat: For those of you who support Josephine Co, we will have our 1st Older Adult Health and Wellness Coalition meeting of 2023 Thursday Jan 26th 2-3pm I will be presenting on The Compassionate Presence Pilot Project, supporting older adults in Josephine county experiencing loneliness/emotional distress while having an 18 months or less prognosis/terminal diagnosis.

Join us by zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92995576044?pwd=bHAzVGhUaGVhU1F4S2h0bENwNDdHdz09>

ADJOURN – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.