

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM
Date: February 6, 2022

PARTICIPANTS

- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Constance Wilkerson – SDS Program Director
- Jeremy Wolf – APD Deputy District Manager
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- Katie Merola – 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
- Eleanor Ponomareff – Talent City Council, Council President
- Jennine Greenwell – Older Adult Behavioral Health
- Olivia Robinson – AGE+, Community Outreach and Engagement Manager
- Rai McKenzie
- Stephanie Hooper
- Toni Ellis – DSAC and Advocacy Council member

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- 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. Noriko announced that she plans to have intergenerational discussions between SOU students and Psychology for aging. If interested, please email Noriko at: toyokawan@sou.edu

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of January 9th, 2022 Minutes – Paul G. motioned to approve the January 9th, 2022 minutes as written. Natalie M. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements –

Director's report – Constance W. reported.

- The SAC Orientation was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Jeremy W. and Sharen Y. both joined us for the entire orientation. Connie W. asked the SAC to provide feedback for next year's orientation.
- All of the annual program monitoring has been completed. They will be reviewed by the Community Services and Supports Unit along with a follow up discussion with CSSU liaison, Deb McCuin.
- The Public Health Emergency will officially end effective May 11, 2023.
- The SDS fiscal year 2023-2024 budget creation will begin shortly. We expect little increase in the OAA funding for this biennium; therefore we are researching new funding streams.
- The annual disbursement from Jewel Brooks have been received, however we are holding these funds until next fiscal year once contracts are renewed.
- The first set of test kits have been received and will be mailed out to SDS clients, Food and Friends clients as well as the Central Point library. Since you can only order so many test kits per week, they will continue to roll in and will be mailed out to clients once received.
- Ellen D. and Connie W. will begin teaching the Guided Auto Biography class in March. Each class will be limited to 6-8 participants and held at the Central Point Resource Center as well as the Josephine County Senior Resource Center. Connie W. will send out flyers soon.
- SDS will be unrolling the Chronic Disease Management Education course, Buried in Treasures class and the Powerful Tools for Caregivers class. Staff is completing their credentialing requirements or getting recertified to teach these classes.

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

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government allowed states to provide extra food benefits to eligible SNAP households. Those extra benefits are formerly known as emergency allotments. A recent federal spending bill directed states to begin to phase out certain covid-19 programs and regulatory flexibilities. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 sets a timeline for the state to resume Oregon Health Plan renewals and ends emergency allotments for food benefits program for SNAP households.
- Jeremy W. shared about the changes to the SNAP allotments and how they're trying to prepare clients for that change.
- Medicaid continuous enrollment is ending. Because of this rule ending due to the passage of the federal spending bill, there will be changes coming to medical benefits renewals. Oregon will begin re-determining eligibility for the Oregon Health Plan Medicaid benefits starting April 1, 2023. For those that no longer qualify for OHP, the federal marketplace and Oregon Health Insurance marketplace will contact members to advise them of coverage options to the marketplace including information about financial help to help cover the cost of the health plan.
- Connie W. mentioned Rogue Food Unites. They have a mobile van that provides fresh groceries at 3 local sites 3 days a week.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: Interaction between APD & SDS – Constance Wilkerson and Jeremy Wolf

Connie played a video. “What is Bias and what can medical professionals do to address it?”

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Liz J. reported.

- Liz J. shared the upcoming long presentations and spotlights for SAC meetings.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- The committee looked at membership terms.
- They discussed options for fillable forms that can be used on the RVCOG website.
- There is now a generic email for the SAC. sac@rvcog.org
- They are trying to post SAC volunteer opportunities in more places like <https://baseoregon.org>
- They are looking to strengthen messaging about the SAC at local events including the OLLI open house which typically is held in the summer.
- The committee had a guest from the Jackson County Long Term Recovery Group at their last meeting.

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

Council Development – See Communications and Outreach Committee report

- Liz J. stated that they do have a few applicants in process. Liz J. explained the process of becoming a SAC member.

Action Item: Liz J. stated the SAC Executive Committee’s recommendation that Jennine Greenwell’s application for SAC Membership be referred by the SAC Membership for approval at the next RVCOG Board Meeting. Paul motioned, Natalie seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Joint Advocacy – John C. reported.

- Discussed modeling a booklet that NW SDS highlights their agency as well as their recipients of different services they offer.

Home & Community Based Care – John C. reported.

- The meeting was very engaging. Jeremy invited a few of his staff. If interesting in attending a meeting, please reach out to John C.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – No report.

PRESENTATION:

Age + Housing Initiative - Olivia Robinson, Community Outreach and Engagement Manager, Age+ orobinson@ageplus.org and Stephanie Hooper, President of Age+.

Talent housing Inquiry Form: <https://ageplus.org/housing-and-services/>

All of Age+ Briefing Papers can be found here: https://ageplus.org/aging-education-and-briefing-papers/?doing_wp_cron=1675721673.6553549766540527343750

Walter Zisette, Director of Development, Providence Supportive Housing walter.zisette@providence.org

Update on Medford supportive housing

HB 2800 <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Measures/Overview/HB2800>

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