

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM
Date: June 5, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

- Chelsey Kirby – SDS Staff
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Connie Wilkerson – SDS Program Director
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jeremy Wolf – APD Deputy District Manager
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – 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 – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist with Options for Southern Oregon (Josephine County) & Suicide Prevention Coordinator (arrived for the presentation)

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

- Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner
- John Irwin – SAC Vice Chair
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – none.

Public Comments – none.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of May 1st, 2023 Minutes – John C. mentioned that under the second bullet in the HCBC report, it should specify “Medicaid” clients. John C. motioned to approve the May 1st, 2023 minutes with the correction. Paul G. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements – Liz J. shared Cherie Linnemeyer and Eleanor Ponomareff have been approved as official SAC members. Liz J. also shared that July’s SAC meeting has been canceled and the next meeting will be held on August 7th. The meeting in September will be held on September 11th.

Paul G. shared about Just Serve which is a free online service that links community volunteer needs with volunteers. www.justserve.org Paul shared a flyer which LeAnne will be sending out via email.

Director's report – Constance W. reported.

- Last week SDS was informed on the 1115 waiver that the OPI-M and the FCAP programs will be rolled into one and not separate programs. Not a lot of information has been shared. CMS is working with Oregon Department of Human Services and are hoping to have everything wrapped up before the end of the year.
- The RVCOG SDS Elder Abuse Prevention Summit will be held on June 15, 2023 at the Health and Human services building at 140 S Holly St. Medford, OR. Speakers include Wilson Wewa, Tribal Council Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Reynaldo Mireles, Jr., SAGE and Jane Ellen Winedance, Oregon Department of Human Services. Contact LeAnne to register.
- 3 members of staff and Connie will be at the US Aging from July 15th - 19th presenting on OPAL Options for People to Address Loneliness program. They will be discussing the replicability of the program in other areas of the country.
- Connie thanked SAC members for their service over the last fiscal year. John Irwin recently submitted a letter of resignation. Both Liz J. and Connie W. sent John I. a note of thanks for his service on the SAC. LeAnne will keep John I. on the SAC email distribution list for future SAC meeting invites and informational emails.

Action Item: Acceptance of Resignation

- Paul motioned to accept John Irwin's resignation. John C. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – Jeremy Wolf reported.

- Jeremy W. shared they are still working on the "Public Health Emergency Unwinding". They are focusing on medical re-determinations, which will continue through around the beginning of next year. Some local offices are taking proactive measures using lists of individuals receiving Long Term Care services that may be over income or over resource. Employees are calling those individuals in advance to discuss the financial requirements of APD programs ahead of their redetermination dates.
- There have been some updates to the Provider Time Capture system. As of June, the system will no longer allow over authorized hour entries. Local offices are providing trainings on that change.
- With the lifting of mask requirements in health care settings, APD Case Managers will no longer be required to wear a mask while visiting consumers in their homes. They may do so if they would like to or if a consumer requests they do so during a home visit.
- SNAP program update – They have had an increase in electronic fraud. With the passing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, it changed the regulations to allow the replacement of SNAP benefits for households that have been impacted by the increase of card skimming, card cloning or other electronic means of defrauding SNAP consumers of their benefits. These regulations went into effect on May 22, 2023. There are provisions now to allow consumers to report that they have been

defrauded electronically so that they can get some of their benefits replaced through the local office. Liz mentioned that APD should look into the possibility of providing RFID card sleeves.

- Natalie asked Jeremy that with the passing of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, she had read that there are some increased work requirements for people receiving disability or other benefits. How will that affect us on a local level? Jeremy stated that he will share as soon as he knows more.

Action Item: Chair and Vice Chair Election of Officers for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Chair – Liz James

Vice Chair – Natalie Mettler

Paul G. motioned to approve Liz James as Chair and Natalie Mettler as Vice Chair as presented by the SAC Executive Committee. Eleanor P. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Current Officers' Service

- SAC Chair Liz James
- SAC Vice Chair John Irwin
- Communications & Outreach Committee, Natalie Mettler Chair
- SAC/DSAC, Joint Advocacy Committee and Home & Community Based Care Committee, Chair John Curtis

Current officers were presented with certificates. Certificates will be mailed out to the recipients not attending the meeting physically.

Action Item: Appointment of Incoming Committee Chairs for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

- Communications and Outreach, Council Development, and Quarterly ADRC and Nutrition Advisory Committees, Chair Natalie Mettler
- SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee, Chair John Curtis
- Quarterly Home Community Based Care Committee, Chair John Curtis, Co-Chair Cherie Linnemeyer
- Senior Advisory Council Executive Committee, Chair Liz James

Paul G. motioned to approve the incoming committee chairs. Eleanor P. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – “Whitopia” by Rich Benjamin – Ted Talk Discussion & video review.

Leah S. shared the Oregon remembrance project, from sundown to sunrise
<https://www.oregonremembrance.org/>

John Curtis shared a link in the chat. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHASurvey23>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Liz J. reported.

- Liz J. mentioned that the committee reviewed the slate of officers for SAC candidacy for the June SAC meeting.
- Connie W. gave an update to the committee.
- Liz J. shared the upcoming 15 minute spotlights and 30 minute presentations. The committee reviews upcoming meetings.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- LeAnne T. shared the SAC flyer on screen. The idea of this flyer is to spread awareness of the Senior Advisory Council. Natalie M. mentioned to the Council that it contains the SAGECare logo as well as various contacts for more information. Now that the flyer has been finalized, members can request copies to share. Natalie M. asked for volunteers to help put flyers out into the community.
- Their next step is to work on the SAC brochure that will share even more information.
- Natalie M. shared that although the SAC is now meeting via hybrid format, the Communications and Outreach committee will continue to meet via Zoom.

Support Services – Nutrition and ADRC Advisory – Quarterly meeting

- Natalie M. suggested if the SAC wants information on the presentation to let LeAnne T. or Chelsey A. know and either one can provide the meeting minutes.
- Natalie M. mentioned that Food & Friends along with staff and management at RVCOG has completed SAGECare training in April earning a Platinum Credential. This credential represents that RVCOG has put in the work to better serve the LGBTQ+ seniors in the community. The training included BIPOC senior members of our community as well.

Council Development – See Communications and Outreach Committee report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – John C. reported.

- They discussed Disabled Person Parking Permits. The question was posed, how many Permits have been issued in both Jackson and Josephine Counties. RVCOG SDS sent a letter to the Oregon DMV requesting that information, only to receive a letter stating that type of information would cost almost \$2,000. John C. stated that they will try other means to get that information.
- They discussed the Forum on Aging which was held in May.
- They talked about frustrations with the Oregon Legislature even though they now have \$1.85 Billion to spend.
- They talked about the implementation of the Mental Health Access Improvement and sharing with other AAA's that Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and family therapists are now recognized providers for the Medicare program.
- Paul G. gave an update on the Homeless Task Force.

- They also discussed the NWSDS presenting at an upcoming SAC meeting. They also talked about networking not only with NWSDS but also other AAA's, SAC's and DSAC's to try to create better advocacy.

Home & Community Based Care – John Curtis reported.

- Cherie L. agreed to Co-Chair the committee meetings with John C. They will be working on the agendas possibly templating them.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – Sharen Yeager reported.

- Sharen Y. shared about the upcoming Accessibility and Resource Fair. It will be on June 29th from 11am – 2pm, in the HASL (Center for Independent Living) building in Grants Pass.
- They will also be electing their Chair and Vice Chair.
- A subcommittee is working on accessible parking. They are brainstorming ways to make a positive effect in Jackson and Josephine Counties to help adherence to accessibility parking laws.
- The Deaf and Hard of Hearing meets monthly. They are doing good work, making changes.
- The DSAC meets on the first Monday of every month from 2:45 – 3:30pm. Liz J. asked for a link to add to the agenda if Council members want to attend. Sharen Y. will provide the link.

Paul G. shared that he participated in the disability forum in May. He learned from a few disabled persons that attended the forum that they are being underserved in the local community. He thinks there is a lot more to learn. Paul G. gave an instance in which the ER entrance at Asante is not very accessible for those that are disabled.

PRESENTATION:

Year Two of the 4-year Area Plan – Connie Wilkerson

Action Item: Approval of the 2 year update.

Paul G. motioned to approve the 2 year update, Noriko T. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.