

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM
Date: October 02, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

- Connie Wilkerson – SDS Program Director
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- Leah Swanson – SAC Member
- Liz James – SAC Chair
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Vice Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member

GUESTS

- Angela Plowhead – NWSDS
- Ana Gonzales – APD
- Olivia Robinson – Age+, Community Outreach and Engagement Manager

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner
- Debbie McCuin – OHA CSSU Program Analyst
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – No public Comments.

Public Comments – none.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of September 11th, 2023, Minutes – John C. motioned to approve the September 11th, 2023, minutes as written. Natalie M. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

John C. announced that Sharon Yaeger from District 8 has invited John to inform them about how our DSAC informs the work of APD at District 8 and assist them with community engagement. No definitive date has been set yet.

Director's report – Constance W. reported.

Connie W. shared information about the impact of a potential government shut down:

- Social Security benefits will continue uninterrupted during a shutdown. However, field offices will not be available during the shutdown.
- Medicare and Medicaid direct services to current beneficiaries should continue uninterrupted. No one should hold off on seeking needed medical care. 1-800-Medicare and the Medicare.gov website (specifically Medicare Plan Finder) will continue to operate as normal.
- Older Americans Act programs and services will continue to be delivered at the state and local levels during a shutdown depending on the length of any shutdown.
- SNAP benefits would continue uninterrupted for the month in which the shutdown occurs. If it continues past the beginning of the next month, financial impact for the beneficiaries is expected.

Director's conference at Salishan:

- With the help of the organization Pregame O4AD approximately accomplished 80% of the plan and the Executive Team will work on the remaining 20%
- Several other AAAs have expressed interest in the DEI work from our SAC.

Other SDS info:

- The first year of the 23-25 SDS biennium budget still has not been received.
- State mental health grant has not been received yet.
- Plans to launch OPIM continue.
- Legislative dialog was a great success and was well attended.
- Vaccine project is well underway, and several vaccine clinics are available in the area.
- 25-29 Area Plan is due in March 2025 and assessments, surveys and focus groups will be formed soon and efforts are made for surveys to be available online.
- Year one updates to our SE Plan are due at the end of October.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Connie, Monique, and Katie will be attending the two-day training on October 25th at the O4AD Business meeting. The SAC breakout session will be held October 24th online.
- Connie will attend the Annual Tribal Gathering on October 16 and 17 as well.

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – Jeremy not present – Report was given by Ana G.

- Two new APS managers are starting. This brings managerial staff to 5 across both counties. Currently more than 30 investigators are on board.
- A policy change is now not just facilities giving the right to appeal decisions coming from investigations, community investigations are now having the same possibility.
- Still waiting to hear the official start date for OPIM, with being expected late this year or early next year.

- Agency has focused heavily on community engagement including outreach for recruitment.
- Lots of work going into customer service survey
- Tribal Navigator meet and greet is scheduled for October 16 – 18 in The Dalles, Oregon.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: NWSDS SAC - Angela Plowhead, capacsolutions@gmail.com

Angela shared about her work for NWSDS. Presentation slides are enclosed in the minutes.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) – The National Center to Reframe Aging:” Frame of Mind: Reframing Aging from Them to Us.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMUnMAzEUew>

Video review & discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Liz J. reported.

- Connie W.’s report reflected the Executive Committee meeting very well.
- A review of the SAC bylaws is on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- The committee continues to work on the SAC brochure.
- Digital storage options for all publicity material are being worked on.
- Discussion for strategizing recruitment to fill gaps in Council membership to represent the medial field was kicked off.

Council Development – No report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – John C. reported.

- Legislation in congress focused on emergency preparedness for seniors and people with disabilities.
- Behavioral health funds that were targeted for senior population lapsed and went back to the state and SAC/DSAC was asked to provide input in this matter.

Home & Community Based Care – no report.

- This group meets quarterly.

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

- Great discussion about the case managers' work and role as client advocates.

PRESENTATION: NWSDS - SAC member Amador Aguilar, enlace3c@gmail.com was scheduled to present “Sensitive representation/terminology of client populations” - Presentation was cancelled.

ADJOURN – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm.