

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

Date: November 06, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

- Connie Wilkerson – SDS Program Director
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- John Curtis – SAC Member
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- Leah Swanson – SAC Member
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff

GUESTS

- Marisa Chiappero, OSU Health Student
- Olivia Robinson – Age+, Community Outreach and Engagement Manager

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Colleen Roberts – Jackson County Commissioner
- Debbie McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Vice Chair

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Paul shared that Central Point took control of a large area by the Greenway for community development.

Additions to agenda – None.

Review and approval of October 2nd, 2023, Minutes – Paul G. motioned to approve the October 2nd, 2023, minutes as written. Noriko T. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

John C. announced that Wynne Whyman, HoH Advocate from Colorado will be presenting information on OTC hearing aids at the DSAC's Southern Oregon Deaf and Hard of hearing Workgroup/Committee on

Nov 15th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

https://journals.lww.com/thehearingjournal/Fulltext/2023/02000/Over_The_Counter_Hearing_Aids_What_Do_Consumers.3.aspx

Paul reported that ACCESS is fully staffed, and he has been asked to be part of the core group for developing guidelines. State funding is expected to be coming soon and plans are being developed for these funds. AARP is offering help for older adults to connect with job opportunities.

Liz followed up with that AARP is funding a project called 'The Rural and Frontier Roadshow' for her to educate and get feedback from people about Senate Bill 99. A final report will be given to AARP.

Director's report – Constance W. reported.

Vaccine Initiative

- Supplies are very limited, and one clinic had to be cancelled.
- New clinics are not scheduled due to supply shortage.
- Information about new dates will be shared as it becomes available.
- For grant purposes, more shots must be administered.

Four-Year Area Plan

- CSSU plans on releasing the outline of Four-Year Plan requirements now just one year in advance. Work needs to be scheduled for assessment and focus groups.
- Draft of Needs Assessment Survey is in process.
- Focus groups will need to be run by SAC members.

The Contract for OAA has been received, but still waiting on the Mental Health contract.

After the OPIM training in October there are more questions than answers. Financials for OPIM project are not fully approved yet. Connie will follow up with Jeremy and Ana.

Classes/Events

- Class schedules have been shared.
- Flyer will be supplied as soon as it is available.

Jewel Brooks

Jewel Brooks funds disbursement was discussed. It is proposed that 80% will be used for OPAL and 20% will be used for emergency requests. This is tied to Jackson County residents only. Connie explained that these funds were chosen because these programs being the top requests.

Paul G. made a motion to approve the disbursement as presented. John C. second. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

- Medical OSIPM, additional benefits for adult people and people with disabilities started redetermination process in April 2023. This resulted in loss of benefits. More detailed explanations will be necessary. The state is pausing financial redetermination and cases are being reopened and benefits are being restored. New reevaluation is scheduled to start back up in March 2024.
- OEP (Oregon Eligibility Partnership) State is transitioning all eligibility processes to OEP to be centralized. Jackson and Josephine County are scheduled to be transitioned in September 2024.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: Video 'Restaurant of Mistaken Orders.' (People with dementia work as servers) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=su34Gx-STQk> Video review & discussion.

Focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fz8ACEu7Lho> - Video review & discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Liz J. reported.

- The Jewel Brooks foundation disbursement was discussed.
- The SAC bylaws were reviewed and continues.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Liz J. reported.

- Disaster Registry was presented.

Council Development – No report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – John C. reported.

- No meeting. Next meeting is November 27th.

Home & Community Based Care – no report.

- This group meets quarterly. Next meeting in January.

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

- Accessible Parking Workgroup. Presentation to RVCOG Board is planned.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Workgroup.
- National Alliance of Mental Illness presentation today.

PRESENTATION:

Family Caregiver program overview, RVCOG, SDS ADRC Lead Melanie Greeley - mgreeley@rvcog.org

Disaster Registry program overview, RVCOG, SDS Program & Advocacy Coordinator
LeAnne Turnbull - lturnbull@rvcog.org

ADJOURN – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:33pm.