

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM
Date: January 08, 2024

PARTICIPANTS

- Ana Gonzles – APD D8, Interim Deputy Manager
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- 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
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Chair
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Vice Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member

GUESTS

- Angela Franklin – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist (Josephine County) Options for Southern Oregon, Suicide Prevention Coordinator
- John Pfefferle, Food & Friends Program
- Kellie Owens, Food & Friends Program

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner
- Debbie McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – No introductions. No public comments.

Additions to agenda –no additions.

Review and approval of December 4th, 2023, Minutes – Natalie M. motioned to approve the December 4th, 2023, minutes as written. Leah S. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Natalie M. spoke about her new role as interim Senior Services Superintendent in Ashland. Information about the newsletter was requested.

You can email Ashland Senior Services Division/Ashland Senior Center at seniorinfo@ashland.or.us. You can also view current and past newsletter issues at <https://www.ashland.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=18261>

The subscribe button for the newsletter is on the website.

Director's report – Constance W. reported.

- State monitoring for OPI, FCG, FCG Program for Kinship and ADRC are submitted.
- The final draft of the assessment survey for the next Area Plan is almost finished.
- Three focus groups are scheduled. Food & Friends will be scheduling additional focus groups. The input from these focus groups and the survey will assist in crafting the new Area Plan.
- Still awaiting information about the launch of OPIM
- The Mental Health funding was received in December.
- Oregon Health Authority awarded additional funds to the Disaster Registry program.
- Contracts with the local CCO are being developed with the help of the Oregon Wellness Network to be able to participate in fee for services for the diabetes prevention program, chronic disease self-management program, OPAL, and PEARLS
- We will be holding listening sessions with SAC and DSCA members once the questions are developed. Initial dates were planned for January, but still awaiting questions.
- Several positions are open in the SDS department at RVCOG.
- ADRC dashboard has a new look with lots of data
https://adrcoforegon.org/consumersite/connect/data_dashboard/

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – Ana G. reported.

- A Housing Navigator was hired. This person will help clients on the long-term care list that face a homeless situation with finding new housing. As well as helping and assisting people with navigating other housing issues.
- Joel Walkup, Case Manager Supervisor from the Grants Pass office is on extended leave and a temporary rotational position is being created.
- No update on OPIM yet. January 30th is the next meeting scheduled.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: Food & Friends, John Pfefferle, Nutrition Program Director, jpfefferle@rvcog.org, Kellie Owens, Nutrition Program Analyst, kowens@rvcog.org
Followed by discussion about the program.

Focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izmkRYbq2Sg>

Video review & discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Liz J. reported.

- Meeting was used to fine tune the survey.
- Bylaws will be addressed in the next meeting.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- No meeting in December, January 22nd is the next meeting.

Council Development – Natalie M. reported:

- County commissioners liaison changed back to Rick Dyer.

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – no report

- No meeting in December. Next meeting is in January.

Home & Community Based Care – no report.

- This group meets quarterly. Next meeting in January.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – no report.

PRESENTATION:

Overview of LGBTQIA2S+ Older Adults and SB 99, Oregon Bill of Rights in Long-Term and Community Based Facilities for LGBTQIA2S+ and persons living with HIV, Liz James
Followed by discussion.

ADJOURN – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:32pm.