

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM  
Date: February 05, 2024

## **PARTICIPANTS**

- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- 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
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Vice Chair
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Silvia Ceron - SAC Member

## **GUESTS**

- Angela Franklin – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist (Josephine County) Options for Southern Oregon, Suicide Prevention Coordinator
- Kirk Mickelsen – David’s Chair
- Olivia Robinson - AGE+
- Rick Vann

## **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS**

- Ana Gonzles – APD D8, Interim Deputy Manager
- Debbie McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff

**CALL TO ORDER** – Liz J. called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

## **GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**Introductions of guests and public comments** – Introductions of any attendees were made. No public comments.

## **Additions to agenda**

- SAC meeting format to have a small number of in-person meeting options was discussed. Dates need to be selected at the next EC meeting.
- RVTG is asking RVCOG to submit a letter requesting funding for replacing gas powered vans with electric powered transportation vans for their Valley Lift service. Liz is asking for a vote. John C. made a motion, Paul G. seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review and approval of January 8th, 2024, Minutes** – Paul G. motioned to approve the January 8th, 2024, minutes as written. Natalie M. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Announcements**

John C. announced All In For Health will have their first assessment meeting for evaluating and prioritizing community health improvement. The Data Walk flyer was shared in the chat.

Paul G. shared that he invited his doctor to participate in the SAC. He also shared that road striping with fluor luminescent paint in Germany and Australia is much better than here and

**Director's report** – Constance W. reported.

- Congrats to Monique Clark for being promoted to SDS Supervisor. Also, a new service coordinator will join March 1<sup>st</sup>
- OPIM tentative launch date is early to mid-May. More details to follow as policies are being developed. Local policies are being developed with APD District 8 leadership to be ready for the launch.
- SDS presented at the quarterly O4AD meeting our LifeLong Housing and OPAL projects to inspire other AAAs to replicate the programs.
- Vaccination initiative has concluded and may resume in the Fall
- Event season is starting. Upcoming events are Access Senior Fair, 04/02, Veterans Outreach Event at VA in White City on 02/15, Data Walk following the All in for Health meeting tomorrow.
- Today we will hold the 5<sup>th</sup> Focus group to gather information for local needs.
- Focus groups with Rogue Food Unites and UNETE are scheduled, and Spanish language surveys will be distributed at those events. Survey has been widely distributed electronically; paper version and flyer are available now and being distributed in English and Spanish now.
- Social media announcement is not available in Spanish yet, but the flyer could be used for that.
- RVTG is asking to submit a letter requesting funds to purchase new electric powered vans Liz is asking for a vote. John C. made a motion, Paul G seconded it. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

- OPIM update was given by Connie W.
- OAP transition is scheduled for September. JoCo building is a shared location. Future use of their lobbies will be determined based on future shared eligibility functions.
- News releases from ODHS – replacement of SNAP benefits to replace lost food during natural disasters.

- News releases from ODHS – protection of SNAP/EBT cards from scamming devices, protect PIN number, and be careful with online portal access.
- John commented that Case Managers are currently doing assessments. No information on SAC or DSAC is being distributed during these appointments.

### **2024 Older Adult and Adult with Disabilities Needs Assessment:**

A focus group for the survey was held with the SAC members accompanied by discussion.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee – Liz J. reported.**

- Focus group questions were discussed.
- Upcoming SAC presentations were reviewed.
- Bylaws were finalized besides a few items that need clarification.
- Volunteer hours need to be reported. Connie W. elaborated what would qualify as a volunteer hour. Please reach out to Connie or LeAnne if you are not sure. These hours are important to access federal funding.

### **Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.**

- Outreach efforts from Noriko and Jennine were reported during the meeting. The flyer is very helpful for this.
- Brochure with more details to support this is in the works.
- Noriko is looking for an internship and volunteer opportunity for SOU students graduating with a healthcare administration degree with focus on aging and health concentration.
- Next meeting is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>.which will include the quarterly ADRC and nutrition reports.

### **Council Development – Natalie M. reported:**

- Was included in C&O meeting report.

### **SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy –. John C. reported.**

- Assessment was discussed and a focus group was held.
- ADRC dashboard was presented and explained by LeAnne T. and Connie W.
- O4AD training and publications from partners were discussed.
- A bill from the 2023 legislature that would increase reimbursement from Medicaid to AFH was discussed and it was suggested to support it.
- A link to the minutes was shared.

### **Home & Community Based Care – John C. reported.**

- Sheri reported about leadership change at AllCare
- Staffing reports were given.

- AFH are down to 108 and the number of homes should be increased.
- Between Jackson and Josephine County 890 beds are available in residential facilities
- 827 participants are receiving in home care.
- CORINA care, a homecare registry system to connect participants with caregivers, was discussed.
- More homecare workers are needed.
- SB99 implementation and commission is being developed.
- Minutes are being shared.

**Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – no report.**

**PRESENTATION:**

David's Chair, Kirk Mickelsen [kirk@davidschair.org](mailto:kirk@davidschair.org) , Director of Fundraising and Development

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