

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM  
Date: March 04, 2024

## **PARTICIPANTS**

- Ana Gonzles – APD D8, Interim Deputy Manager
- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jon Pfefferle – Food and Friends
- 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
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff

## **GUESTS**

- Angela Franklin – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist (Josephine County) Options for Southern Oregon, Suicide Prevention Coordinator
- Angela Jensen OABHI Josephine County
- Shannon Hauberg, Josephine Community Library District
- Sherill Boots, Executive Director Rogue Rive Community Center
- Sudhir Gautam

## **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS**

- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER** – Liz J. called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

## **GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**Introductions of guests and public comments** – Introductions of any attendees were made. Liz requested information to be provided in the chat. No public comments.

Sherill Boots, Executive Director Rogue Rive Community Center, invited by Cherie L. introduced herself.

## Additions to agenda

- SAC meeting format to have a small number of in-person meeting options. A Doodle Poll will be sent out for input of SAC members for optional dates. EC will select date options at the next meeting.
- Review of current SAC Member terms, Natalie expressed interest in extending her term. Annual elections to be held on June 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

**Review and approval of February 05, 2024, Minutes** – Paul G. motioned to approve the February 5th, 2024, minutes as written. Leah S. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## Announcements

The Homeless Task Force is in the process of changing the charter to go to a continuum of care outline to improve transparency and responsibility with the care of participants. COC board of directors is currently working on several projects and funding options. With new bylaws and updated charter better communication and a reconnection between both groups will be achieved.

Paul G. is reporting that David's Chair is expanding operations into California and Washington. Please see their website for more information <https://davidschair.org> . A big fundraiser will take place in October.

**SDS Director's report** – Ann Marie Alfrey reported.

- Staff changes
  - Team Meeting on Thursday for recruitment input. SAC members are being asked to participate in the interview process.
  - Monique Clark took over the role as SDS Program Supervisor. With being the former Service Coordinator Lead, she is well fitted for the role and is doing phenomenal.
  - It was asked if systemic issues might need attention. Recent audit confirmed that there are no internal issues and public entity runs smoothly.
  - John C's resignation was to members concerning. Ann Marie A. reached out after his email but did not get a response.
- Ashland Senior Services refers a lot of clients to SDS and Food & Friends. Updates on status of major programs in regards of staffing, funding, and waitlists might be helpful. Small presentations on different programs to learn about capacities might be helpful.
- Organizational chart for AAA was explained. **OPIM** received the CMS approval and will officially launch mid-May. This will be a soft start. **Food & Friends** never had waitlists. **OPI 60+** currently has 19 participants on the waitlist and RCVOG is working hard to connect these to services. **OPI 19-59** had 5 clients on the waitlist at the end of January. All are expected to be added by the end of March. All other programs like VDC and Options counselling are being delivered. Susan and Ellen are our Behavioral Health specialists and are also overseeing PEARLS and OPAL. Waitlists on these highly specialized programs are a little longer.
- New SDS service coordinator Corina Luna-Grant started March 1<sup>st</sup> with a vast amount of experience. Another candidate will be interviewed soon.
- Area Plan update transmittal has not been received yet.

- The needs assessment survey for the area plan is still being entered. 697 were online and a few are still coming. LeAnne communicated hard deadline being March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The new area plan will be in effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. This information will be used to inform the new 4-year area plan.
- Cherie L. informed everyone that Allcare Health is pledging 2.7M in grant money this year to several programs and offers partnering.

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

- OPIM update was given by Ann Marie A. Tentative June 1<sup>st</sup> rollout date. Some training will be scheduled between AAA and APD
- Housing navigator is just one person at this point. APD trying to prove that more positions are needed. This position works with houseless long term care clients that are already established and have a APD Case Manager. The navigator works with people very closely to find out what are the barriers to finding a home. As a next step, it is planned to be expanded to ‘at risk’ to become houseless. This is planned for June/July. A resource database is in planning to be built.
- OEP program manager is taking over all eligibility work from APD and Self Sufficiency. The transition is planned for September to be finished in December. The goal is to have eligibility workers in all state offices to be able to determine eligibility.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Staff changes were discussed.
- Terms and elections were discussed.
- The Advocacy and HCBC committees need new chairs.

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

- Quarterly reports from ADRC and Food & Friends were given at the last meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The brochure is still being updated but is in consideration to be eliminated due to maybe being an outdated media. Please email Natalie with any feedback [natalie.mettler@ashland.or.us](mailto:natalie.mettler@ashland.or.us)

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

- Still working on engaging interested community members to help with programs.

**SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – Sharen Y. reported.**

- No meeting last month
- In need of new DSAC liaison.

**Home & Community Based Care – Cherie L. reported.**

- Next meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>

- Sudhir introduced himself. He is an Ashland based Technologist with lots of volunteering experience in Hospice and Long-term care ombudsmen. He is passionate about elderly care and wants to bring in tech to help problem solve. Interested in serving on a committee that would use and profit from his expertise. Natalie will send out an introductory email to interested members.

**Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)** – Sharon Y. reported.

- Accessible parking workgroup will present at the RVCOG Board Meeting in March
- Area plan focus group was held last month
- DSAC needs to update marketing material to attract more members.

**PRESENTATION:**

Josephine Community Library, Library services for adults and seniors  
Shannon Hauberg, Outreach Specialist [shauberg@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:shauberg@josephinelibrary.org)  
Followed by Q&A

**ADJOURN** – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:31pm.