

Meeting: Senior Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting – via ZOOM
Date: May 06, 2024

PARTICIPANTS

- Ana Gonzles – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member (Joined at 1:30pm)
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Chair
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Vice Chair
- 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
- Carol Conlin, JoCo Resident
- Sherill Boots, Executive Director Rogue River Community Center

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Jon Pfefferle – Food & Friends Program Director
- Leah Swanson – SAC Member
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Everyone introduced themselves. No Public comments.

Additions to agenda

- None.

Review and approval of April 01, 2024, Minutes – Paul G. motioned to approve the April 1st, 2024, minutes as written. Jennine G. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- Nominations are being accepted for the election of Officers. Elections will be held at the June 3rd Meeting.
- Liz J. speaks about the Older American Act and what it was established for.

SDS Director's report – Ann Marie Alfrey reported.

- Recruitment for the SDS Program Director still in progress, second round interviews to be reviewed and posting is still open.
- OPI-M is scheduled to start June 1st, 2024.
- RVCOG budget committee met in April and the budget was recommended to go to the RVCOG board for approval at the May meeting.
- Liz is requesting to see the budget for the SDS department. Eleanor is inquiring about discretionary funds and would like to see a comparison to other counties.
- Little jurisdictional funding support outside of the Food & Friends Program.
- The current and upcoming 4-year plan should provide a lot of information and is accessible on the RVCOG website <https://rvco.org/home/sds-2/areaplan/>
- Liz J. is requesting the Service Equity plan to be shared with the SAC.
- Eleanor P. is asking about Immigration Status playing a role in services being accessible. More research is necessary on this. Funding guidelines have to be followed, but other options might be available.

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

- APD and RVCOG are working closely together on the OPI-M launch on June 1st, 2024. Waitlisted and high need consumers will be prioritized from June through December and then current OPI clients as they renew.
- March 2025 is targeted to be the public launch to include new clients that are not waitlisted.
- OEP transition in Sept-Dec to combine eligibility across programs, major changes for Josephine County office.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies:

Presentation from the Rogue River Community Center, Sherill Boots, Executive Director, office@roguerivercc.org
Followed by discussion.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

When More People Speak Up, More People Listen; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1nJqpggzR0>
Followed by discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Liz J. reported.

- Upcoming elections were discussed.
- The bylaw edit is almost completed and will hopefully for review available at the next meeting.
- Upcoming presentation schedule were reviewed.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- Publicity material continues to be reviewed, a single bifold is the favored product. Final edits are being made and material will be presented to the SAC before printing.

Council Development – No report.

- Returning guests were welcomed and continued efforts to recruit additional members are being made.
- Liz mentioned that we are lacking representation from Long Term Care providers of any kind. Cherie L. will speak about this at the Adult Foster Home Conference on April 8th/9th at the Expo in Central Point.

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – no report.

Home & Community Based Care – no report.

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

- New officers are being elected.
- New member recruitment
- Invitation from State Independent Living Council to share at community event in Grants Pass
- Accessible Parking Workgroup is looking for financial supports and has connected with the DMV for some cooperation.

PRESENTATION:

Employment Resource Connection (ERC), assists APD client's hiring home care workers Jean Peters, ERC Consultant jean@haslonline.org and Debby Reaza, ERC consultant debby@haslonline.org
Followed by discussion.

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