

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

Date: June 03, 2024

PARTICIPANTS

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Jon Pfefferle – Food & Friends Program Director
- 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 (joined

GUESTS

- David Vining – Carina Care

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Ana Gonzles – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER – Liz J. called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

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

Additions to agenda

- New membership

Review and approval of May 06, 2024, Minutes – Jennine G motioned to approve the May 06th, 2024, minutes as written. Cherie L. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- No meeting in July for summer break. Next meeting August 5th, 2024, additional dates need to be added to the calendar for the rest of the year. LeAnne will send out invitations for the upcoming meetings.
- Area Plan year 3 updates are due by August 16th. SAC is to review the updates, please watch for email in July with the information. The SAC Chair and the Director of the AAA will have to sign the updates. Jon P. completed the updates for Senior Nutrition Program for the year 3 update of the Area Plan and the review of the Service Equity Plan, which is part of the new 4-year plan. Ann Marie and Monique will complete the SDS portion of it and share it with the SAC to review. At the August 5th meeting we will have time set aside for a final discussion.
- Liz J. shared the Executive Committee interviewed and unanimously recommends Sherill Boots, Executive Director, Rogue River Community Center for SAC membership. Liz asked for a SAC vote to approve that recommendation. The SAC unanimously approved the recommendation. Ann Marie A. shared she will submit the recommendation to the RVCOG Board for approval at the June meeting.
- Leah shared about the cooperation between Public Health and United Way to install Wheelchair charging stations for Josephine County. Jon P. asked to be added to the list for the Josephine County Senior Resource Center.
- Cherie shared the news about the amount of grant money that is available from All Care for different programs. A lot of opportunities for different programs.

SDS Director's report – Ann Marie Alfrey reported.

- Sherill Boots will be presented in the June 26th meeting.
- The SDS Service Coordinator that was due to start in June, is unfortunately not starting. Two more candidates were interviewed, and job offers will be prepared for both.
- OPI-M internal start was today, and a list with high need consumers were shared between the three APD offices. Jeremy will go into more detail.
- RVCOG is in preparation for the fiscal year end with the help of the newly hired Finance Director.
- Jon added that Food & Friends is anticipating the impact from OPI-M in July.

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

- APD and RVCOG offices worked together for the launch of OPI-M. Waitlisted and high need consumers are prioritized for now, followed by 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. The biggest impact is expected for the Grants Pass office by combining the lobbies.
- Medical renewals have started up again with an estimated finishing date of February 2025. This concludes the medical eligibility review for consumers impacted from available programs during COVID.
- There are future considerations for acquiring a building in Medford to combine several offices.

Election of Officers.

- Chair Natalie Mettler was voted in unanimously.
- Vice Chair Leah Swanson was voted in unanimously.

Recognition of Current of Officers' Service.

- SAC Chair Liz James, SAC Vice Chair and Communications & Outreach Committee Chair Natalie Mettler were recognized by several SAC members and the continuous engagement is greatly appreciated.

Appointment of Incoming Committee Chairs by Natalie M.

- The Executive Committee is made up of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the SAC and the chairs of the subcommittees.
- Eleanor Ponomareff was appointed as the Co-Chair for the Communications & Outreach, Council Development, and ADRC & Quarterly Nutrition Advisory Committees. The second Co-Chair position is vacant. Natalie will stay on to help until filled.
- Liz James was appointed as SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee Chair.
- Cherie Linnemeyer was appointed as the Home & Community Based Care Committee Chair

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

Gender Identity and Pronouns <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3Fh60GEB5E>

Followed by discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Liz J. reported.

- The bylaw edit is almost completed. Goal to have recommendations ready for review at the August SAC meeting.
- Update to the current Area plan and information on new area plan were discussed.

Communications & Outreach Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- The single bifold is finalized and Natalie shares it with the SAC. Copies are available at the SDS Office.

Council Development – Liz J reported.

- Community members that are served by the programs are favored to be part of this committee.
- Natalie added that every SAC member needs to be an ambassador. SAC@rvcog.org is a communication email that can be used to send interested people our way.
- Jon offered to have the new brochure available at meal sites for recruiting purposes.
- Natalie will share the digital file with everyone to be able to print as needed.

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – no report.

Home & Community Based Care – no report.

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

- Two new applications for membership will be voted on in today's meeting.
- DSAC met with a DMV program analyst. And as a result, DMV website modified with information that was learned at the DSAC meeting. Different training opportunities were discussed.
- DSAC presentation on Friday to State Independent Living Council.
- Liz and Natalie attended last month's meeting to share information from the SAC/DSAC joint advocacy meeting.

PRESENTATION:

Carina Care presentation. Carina is an optional tool for all Medicaid and Oregon Project Independence (OPI) consumers to quickly and easily match with providers to meet their needs.

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Followed by discussion.

ADJOURN – Liz J. adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm.