



**Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG)  
Senior Advisory Council (SAC)  
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 5, 2024, Virtual meeting

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**PARTICIPANTS**

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison (joined 1:29pm)
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- Leah Swanson – SAC Vice Chair
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff (joined 1:27pm)
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

**GUESTS**

**SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS**

- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Jon Pfefferle – Food & Friends Program Director
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER** – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:31pm.

**GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**Introductions of guests and public comments** – Short introductions of everyone present. No public comments.

## **Additions to agenda**

- A short update of the year 3 update of the Area Plan was given from Ann Marie A. It was recommended to use the provided spreadsheet as an overview. Current RVCOG SDS Budget numbers were used for the update. The documents will be sent out again and the deadline for feedback is Friday, August 09, 2024.
- Ann Marie A. suggested sharing the submittal from the state for the new area plan to encourage more involvement in the whole process.

**Review and approval of June 03, 2024, Minutes** – Liz J. motioned to approve the June 5th, 2024, minutes as written. Eleanor P. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Announcements**

- Sherill Boots was unanimously approved by the RVCOG Board.

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

- Area plan year 3 update is due by August 16<sup>th</sup>
- New 4-year plan is due in March 2025
- A new SDS Service Coordinator was hired. Tara Dickerson started and as of now SDS positions are fully staffed.

Monique C. reported.

- OPI-M first approvals are coming in. The first clients' service plan has been completed. Final rules are still being finished. Currently six approvals are in the process of being completed. Maximum caseload cannot be determined at this point.

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

- For OPI-M APD is the eligibility case manager, RVCOG is the service planning case manager. Some clients are reluctant to work with APD on the eligibility process. These clients are being added to the OPI waitlist.
- OEP transition will start in September with a kickoff meeting. Transition is scheduled to be completed in December.
- Medical renewals have started up again and are estimated to be completed in November. This concludes the medical eligibility review for consumers impacted from available programs during COVID.

## **Review of bylaws**

- Final changes to the bylaws were discussed. Natalie, LeAnne and Ann Marie will add the discussed verbiage in regards of any conflict of interest and email it out by August 9<sup>th</sup> with a response deadline of August 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:**

LGBT Elders and Healthcare Providers Discuss Why Being Treated Respectfully Is Important

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTbSlfP1ebl&t=59s>

Followed by discussion.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Executive Committee** – Natalie M. reported.

- No meeting in July, report from June meeting
- Changes to the bylaws were discussed
- OPI and OPI-M progress was discussed
- Future presentations were planned

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

- Eleanor P. was welcomed as the new co-chair.
- Membership development with focus on consumers.
- Volunteering at outreach events was discussed.
- The idea of a speakers' bureau was revisited for SAC members to serve as ambassadors for the SAC and the services the AAA provides.

**Council Development** – no report.

**SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy** – no report.

**Home & Community Based Care** – no report.

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

- A new Chair and Vice Chair were elected.
- Planning meeting is scheduled for later today.
- Sunstone Housing Collaborative and JCC are planning to host a seminar about accessible housing
- A windshield card is being considered to be developed for disabled parking for information.
- Liz suggested a letter of support from the SAC and RVCOG.

### PRESENTATION:

AAA & APD review and Area Plan updates.

Deb McCuin, Aging and People with Disabilities Community Service Unit,

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Followed by discussion.

**ADJOURN** – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:33pm.