



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

Monday, October 07, 2024, Hybrid meeting

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PARTICIPANTS

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

GUESTS

- Toni Wallick – Home Share Oregon
- Barbara Talbert – Ashland at Home
- Mary McHughes

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director
- Deb McCuin – CSSU Liaison
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Jon Pfefferle – Food & Friends Program Director
- Leah Swanson – SAC Vice Chair
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff

CALL TO ORDER – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:44pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

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

Additions to agenda

Review and approval of September 9, 2024, Minutes – Paul G. motioned to approve the September 9th, 2024, minutes as written. Liz J. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- SOU will host Intergenerational Conversations on December 3rd, 2024, 8:30am to 10:30am. Breakfast will be served.
- AARP Annual vital aging conference is coming up on November 9th at the Smullin Center
- Bylaws were approved at the September RVCOG Board Meeting.
- A new HCBC Committee Chair is needed
- SAC member volunteer opportunities were discussed. The table is added to the agenda and will be updated frequently.
- SAC member orientation is targeted for January 2025 and a poll will be shared to narrow down the date
- Next in person meeting is scheduled for December 2nd and it is considered to visit a local partner. Location still to be determined.
- Paul G. shared about the Homeless Taskforce and his experience in Jackson County compared to Josephine County

SDS Director's report – No report.

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

- APD Director and ODHS Director will both be visiting and will have community partner sessions
- Julie Ormand retired, and her cases have been assigned to other staff members.
- OEP transition with the shared lobby in Grants Pass will transition on October 30, 2024. It will be communicated to inform everyone.
- The transition from OPI waitlisted and high-risk clients to OPI-M is still being worked on. The program will expand in December 2024. The public launch is scheduled for March 2025.

Featured Community Based Organizations/Agencies:

Home Share Oregon – Toni Wallick presented Home Share Oregon

Followed by discussion

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

Diversity & Inclusion: DEI tip of the Week – Inclusive Language and Gender-Neutral Communication

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zg4DDkSiAH0>

Followed by discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- Sac member volunteering was discussed
- In person meetings were discussed
- Future presentations were discussed

Communications & Outreach Committee – Eleanor P. reported.

- meeting was cancelled.

Council Development – no report.

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – Liz J. reported.

- Preparation for the 2025 legislative session were done
- OLIS was introduced and explored

Home & Community Based Care – no report.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – no report.

PRESENTATION:

Ashland at Home

President of the Ashland At Home Board of Directors Barbara Talbert presented about the program.

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Followed by discussion.

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:31pm.