



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

Monday, September 9, 2024, Virtual meeting

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**PARTICIPANTS**

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Jon Pfefferle – Food & Friends Program Director
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Leah Swanson – SAC Vice Chair
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

**GUESTS**

- Sudhir Gautam – Technologist

**SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS**

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison (joined 1:29pm)
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff (joined 1:27pm)

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

**GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**Introductions of guests and public comments** – No introductions. No public comments.

## **Additions to agenda**

**Review and approval of August 05, 2024, Minutes** – Lea S. motioned to approve the August 5th, 2024, minutes as written. Liz J. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Announcements**

- Bylaws were not approved. No quorum at the RVCOG Board Meeting.
- In-person meeting will be 10/07/2024 at the RVCOG Office in Central Point. Cherie L. will provide food.
- Senior Health and Wellness Fair on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Health and Human Services Building with presentations for aging adults.

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

- Both SDS Service Coordinator new hires are doing well and are still in training. One SDS Service Coordinator is currently out on leave.
- OPI-M soft launch is still progressing in cooperation with APD. First approvals are coming back, and clients are being onboarded.
- Preliminary survey results are being reviewed and will be utilized to draft the next 4-year area plan.
- Jon P. returned from leave. The program ran smoothly in his absence. The Volunteer Coordinator position is currently open for recruitment.
- Six referrals are being sent to APD each week. Still trying to discern why clients are not enrolling. Classic OPI clients are still being processed. There is a case-by-case assessment for placement in the most optimal program for the client. Even if that means to be on a waitlist.
- Alex A. will be teaching Powerful tools for Caregivers Class with Melanie.
- Melanie passed her database curator exam.

## **Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report** – Jeremy W. reported.

- For OPI-M APD is the eligibility case manager, RVCOG is the service planning case manager. Program is going through the soft launch. Public launching phase
- OEP kickoff meeting is on September 12, 2024. Grants Pass office is consolidating to a single shared lobby. Completion is still targeted for December.
- Medical redeterminations are being finalized. Should be completed by the end of the Year.
- Julie Ormond will be retiring at the end of September.
- APD will have presence at the Greater Multi-Cultural Fair in September.

## **Featured Community Based Organizations/Agencies:**

Monique C. presented on the OPIM (including FCG) and OPI (classic) funding and services.

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

Diversity & Inclusion: Age <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= mae0usykcY>

Followed by discussion.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Tools to organize SAC member presence at events were discussed

**Communications & Outreach Committee** – Eleanor P. reported.

- The presence of SAC members at the event will be addressed at the next EC meeting.
- Quarterly reports from the ADRC and the Senior Nutrition Program were received.
- ADRC will have bus passes available
- Food & Friends was successful with all funding requests.
- Volunteers are needed at every meal site. Volunteer recruitment is at an all-time low.

**Council Development** – no report.

**SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy** – Liz J. reported.

- No meeting was held yet.
- Meetings will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.
- Legislative session is coming up.
- SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee held on the 4th Monday, 12:30pm-1:30pm  
Next meeting September 23rd,  
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Meeting Agenda  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SiLkDCgLjiGhv38TG4g2D-1lww9Ttlml/edit?usp=sharing&oid=116587074718708148707&rtpof=true&sd=true>

**Home & Community Based Care** – Jeremy W. reported.

- No meeting was held
- Adult Foster Home Wage rate study is still in progress
- Next scheduled meeting is October 18th

**Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)** – Jeremy W. reported.

- Agenda planning and budget planning.
- Accessible parking work group is continuing to advocate
- Local mental health programs were discussed
- Different Medicare plans and different types of advantage plans and how they play into each other were talked about.
- They will be present at the Greater Multi-Cultural Fair in September to recruit members.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Artificial Intelligence impact on our aging populations**

Sudhir Gautam will present a brief introduction to what AI is and where we're at with the latest developments. We will go through a few specific use cases of AI's impact on our aging populations. Sudhir is a technologist who has worked on several mobile applications and is currently building an AI-based solution for aging care planning. He also volunteers in the community, most recently at a local hospice and an assisted living facility and various community projects through Medford Rotary.

Followed by discussion.

**ADJOURN** – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:36pm.