



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

Monday, January 06, 2025, Virtual meeting

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## **PARTICIPANTS**

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jon Pfefferle – Food & Friends Program Director
- 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
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member

## **GUESTS**

- Olivia Robinson – Age+

## **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS**

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Deb McCuin – CSSU Liaison
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

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

## **GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

## **Introductions of guests and public comments –**

Liz J. informed everyone that O4AD is holding a pre-session advocacy training on January 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 12pm. Registration is required. <https://forms.gle/bfz97joabEw6gL2Y7>

Liz J. was able to attend the McGinty conference of the Alzheimer's Association in Portland last year. She reported there will be Mini-McGinty's being held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Jackson County Health in Medford and on the 26<sup>th</sup> at All Care Health in Grants Pass from 10am to 2pm.

Paul Golding reported on Disabled Parking Task Force progress. The current ODL Manual has minimal information about disabled parking in it. He will work with the Disabled Parking Task Force to address this. He also participated in a presentation from DHS about their new searchable resource system. The link is available on the RVCOG website.

**Review and approval of November 04, 2024, Minutes –** Paul G. motioned to approve the November 4th, 2024, minutes as written. Leah S. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Additions to agenda - None**

## **Announcements & other topics**

- Noriko Y. announced that SOU is working with local government to visit different programs for intergenerational conversations. Noriko's class will go to Ashland Senior Center to connect with the program. If there is any interest, please contact Noriko.
- A new HCBC Committee Chair is still needed
- SAC member orientation is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This will be a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance being encouraged. Lunch will be served. Kerstin will talk to a caterer. This is a meeting open to the public, and it will be advertised on the RVCOG website. DSAC is invited as well. RSVP for lunch will be encouraged.

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

- The DSAC meeting for today is cancelled. Sharen Yaeger is retiring on January 24<sup>th</sup>. A hybrid option for the orientation needs to be available.
- Revisions to the new 4-year area plan are continuously being worked on. Once the revisions are finished, it will be shared with the SAC. Once finalized it will go to the RVCOG board for approval. This plan will be in place for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2029.
- The audit has been completed. The Annual Financial Report is still being finalized and will be available on the website. For this group the new Area Plan might be the better resource in regards of information about funding sources.

## **Senior Nutrition Director's report –** Jon P. reported.

- Currently working on his revision to the 4-year area plan.
- The nutrition self-assessment tool is currently being worked on.
- Support from the SAC to the Nutrition Program should be discussed in the future.

**SDS Supervisor's report** – Monique C. reported.

- The OPI-M program caseload is still being worked through. Some questions about which cases are being handled by APD and RVCOG will be clarified with an expected transmittal. At this point over 130 referrals have been made to this program.
- SDS Case Managers are in the process of being hired. Currently several open positions and candidates are being interviewed soon.

**Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report** – No report.

**Featured Community Based Organization/Agency:**

[ryan@althea.systems](mailto:ryan@althea.systems) of Althea and Hawk Networks, internet services for low income and rural communities and service specific to r relevant for older adults and adults with disabilities.

<https://www.hawknetworks.net/fags>

Followed by discussion.

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

Accessibility & Inclusion for All

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAXnE2XzL0k>

Followed by discussion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Chair for HCBC committee is still needed and was discussed
- Member orientation was finalized
- Future presentations were discussed

**Communications & Outreach Committee** – Eleanor P. - no report

- Next meeting will be on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Council Development** – no report.

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

- Last meeting was opened and closed due to the lack of attendees
- Next meeting is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee held on the 4th Monday, 12:30pm-1:30pm Liz James  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85469347683?pwd=OnlzfRGAAbFbjlWTtNVGQLVxldDNMWg.1> Meeting  
ID: 854 6934 7683 Passcode: 931095 Dial in 669-444-9171

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

**Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)** – no report.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Department of Consumer and Business Services, Division of Financial Regulation**

Shannon Romero, [Shannon.romero@dcbcs.oregon.gov](mailto:Shannon.romero@dcbcs.oregon.gov)

Prescription Drug Affordability Board, ID theft, fraud, scams and financial services for older adults.

<https://dfr.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

Followed by discussion.

Shared publications:

Oregon Division of Financial Regulation and consumer publications

<https://dfr.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

<https://dfr.oregon.gov/help/outreach-education/Pages/publications.aspx>

Oregon Prescription Drug Affordability Board

<https://dfr.oregon.gov/pdab/Pages/index.aspx>

<https://dfr.oregon.gov/pdab/Documents/reports/2024-PDAB-Annual-Report.pdf>

<https://dfr.oregon.gov/pdab/Documents/reports/PDAB-upper-payment-limit-report-2024.pdf>

<https://dfr.oregon.gov/pdab/Documents/reports/PDAB-Consumer-Report-2024.pdf>

**ADJOURN** – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:02pm.