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

Monday, February 03, 2025, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Virtual meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89249620009?pwd=qKymfN131SKQPRswjwyj1fDarOc0ky.1>

Meeting ID: 892 4962 0009 Passcode: 734456 Dial in 1-408-638-0968

PARTICIPANTS

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director/Executive 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
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor (joined at 1pm)
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

GUESTS

- Joe Sanchez – Community Development Manager for Home Instead
- Tyler Johnson – Lead Navigator of Mid Rogue Foundation
- Fanda Bender
- Laura Mancuso - Programs Director for Illinois Valley Wellness Resources in Cave Junction.
- Dr. Bruce Murray - MINT
- Angela Franklin – Options for Southern Oregon
- Olivia Robinson – Age +

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Liz James – SAC Member

CALL TO ORDER – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments –

Short introductions were made.

Review and approval of January 6, 2025, Minutes – Paul G. motioned to approve the January 6th, 2025, minutes as written. Eleanor P. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions to agenda - None

Announcements & other topics

Angela Franklin shared upcoming events of the Wellness Wednesday at the Josephine County SRC. Other workshops in partnership with Jackson County were shared.

General Business – Other topics

- SAC Member Orientation debrief
Jennine G. was very appreciative of all the contacts and was asking about the electronic documents that were available to be sent out.
- A chair for the HCBC Committee is still needed. Please keep inviting community members.
- Draft of the Area Plan was sent out prior to the meeting. Please review and prepare questions and comments prior to the March SAC meeting. SAC Members are required to review the Area Plan

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

- Recruiting more SDS Case Managers at this point. Offers are being made for potential employees. More details to be shared as it becomes available.
- OPI-M requires an increase in staffing.
- The new 4-year area plan has been shared with the SAC members. After reviewing, it will go to the RVCOG board for approval. This Area Plan will be in place from July 1st, 2025 until June 30th, 2029. Section C is giving a lot of information about all the programs.

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

- No updates.

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – Ana Gonzales reported

- OPI-M was the main focus of training Case Managers for the public launch in March.
- OEP district transitioned was completed and is still adjusting to the new format. All eligibility will be handled in one office.
- Re-determination of clients was started in November and resulted in a number of closures due to financial ineligibility for long term care recipients.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agency:

Unhoused older adults-Mobile Integrative Navigation Team (MINT), Dr. Bruce Murray
pbrucemurray@hotmail.com retired Medical Officer/Director for MINT and current volunteer.
Followed by discussion.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

Imagine a world without ageism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hs28FgRxqt0&t=1s>
Followed by discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports will be sent out by email if available.

PRESENTATION:

Will be postponed to a later meeting. LeAnne will reach out to reschedule.
Fair Housing Council of Oregon, Jamie Gatewood, Education and Outreach Assistant Director
jgatewood@fhco.org

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 1:35pm due to inclement weather.