



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

Monday, November 04, 2024, Virtual meeting

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

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PARTICIPANTS

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- 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
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Sharen Yeager-APD Staff (joined 1:20pm)
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

GUESTS

- Olivia Robinson – Age+
- Joe Sanchez – Home Instead
- Dee Anne Everson – United Way

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- John West – Josephine County Commissioner
- Leah Swanson – SAC Vice Chair
- 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 – Everyone introduced themselves. No public comments.

Olivia R. gave a brief update on AGE+:

- Housing- The Talent Senior Apartments are about halfway occupied. A second accessible, affordable housing development for folks 55+ are underway in Talent. This development will not prioritize fire survivors.
- Digital equity- We are working with Jackson County Library Services and another local CBO (TBD) to create a pilot program on digital literacy and education to improve healthcare equity for those unable to access telemedicine for older adults. Please reach out to orobinson@ageplus.org with questions.

Liz J. shared a link of a presentation from the O4AD

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N56UaIjgSBvYZ6SZApq20m6YGt3oxzHz/view?usp=drive_link

Natalie M. shared about the AARP Vital Aging conference taking place this Saturday at the Smullin Center in Medford. Registration is required and can be done on the website.

<https://local.aarp.org/aarp-event/vital-aging-conference-2024-tznnfq45ycm.html>

Additions to agenda - None

Review and approval of October 07, 2024, Minutes – Paul G. motioned to approve the October 7th, 2024, minutes as written. Liz J. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- A new HCBC Committee Chair is still needed
- SAC member orientation is scheduled on January 29th, 2025. This will be a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance being encouraged.
- The December meeting is being cancelled and next SAC meeting will be January 6th, 2025
- No volunteers needed for any events at this point

SDS Director's report – Ann Marie A. and Monique C. reported.

- Needs assessment data is still being compiled to be used in the new area plan. The due date was extended to the end of March. Area plan still needs to be approved by the RVCOG Board.
- A proposal was submitted to OWN to share grant money for the purpose of supporting the PEARLS program. Also to frame a new position to be more involved in community and outreach for underserved populations.
- Care transition services in conjunction with hospitals are needed to help navigating all involved programs to help with being able to activate all available services. Options counseling will be utilized for that. Especially focusing on everyday activities that will ensure a good transition and have the participant be more successful once discharged.

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

Senior Nutrition is fully staffed effective tomorrow. All meal sites are staffed, and transitions are going great. Spring Mailer is showing a decline in donations. It was discussed at O4AD that nutrition programs statewide are showing these signs. Waiting on OPI-M clients impacting the program.

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

- APD contracts directly with hospitals to provide case management to get patients established more quickly.
- APD also has diversion and transition coordinators will help with placement in care facilities for long term care if qualified.
- With the OEP transition the lobby in Grants Pass is now one shared lobby.
- ODHS Director held community partner engagement session on October 22, 2024.
- Foster home wage and rate study was requested in 2023 and was recently finished. Burns & Associates has information on their website.

AFH wage and rate study information: <https://www.healthmanagement.com/burns-reports/or-dhs-wage-and-rate-study/>

- New webpage has launched for reporting and looking up regulatory actions

Regulatory page: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/licensing/apd/Pages/updates.aspx>

The purpose of this page is to inform the public about these regulatory actions. Information on all other sanctions, including other license conditions, civil penalties, and survey history can continue to be found on the [ODHS Licensed Long Term Care Compliance website](#).

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

AARP NASA Astronaut Peggy Whitson Breaks Records | Disrupt Aging

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dS7hRY6oFUU&t=26s>

Followed by discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M. reported.

- Member orientation was finalized
- In person meetings were discussed and the December meeting was cancelled.
- Future presentations were discussed

Communications & Outreach Committee – Eleanor P. reported.

- Meeting interval will be moved to quarterly
- Next meeting will be on January 27, 2025
- General discussion about sharing information and be more approachable.

Council Development – no report.

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy – Liz J. reported.

- Preparation for the 2025 legislative session was done.
- A link to the agenda from the October meeting was shared
https://docs.google.com/document/d/18nP_JvD3T1sj4uHvs-sJbWjzgfKQaCII/edit?usp=sharing&oid=116587074718708148707&rtpof=true&sd=true
- More information was shared on how to submit information to the legislators
- SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee held on the 4th Monday, 12:30pm-1:30pm Liz James
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85469347683?pwd=OnIzfRGAAbFbjlWTtNVGQLVxldDNMWg.1> Meeting
ID: 854 6934 7683 Passcode: 931095 Dial in 669-444-9171

Home & Community Based Care – no report.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) – Sharen Y. reported.

- Recruitments are being addressed.
- Early stages of planning a disability awareness seminar.
- ODHS programs are expected to attend.

PRESENTATION:

United Way

CEO/Executive Director Dee Anne Everson

Review of UW programs and update on wheelchair charging stations. <https://wheelchaircharging.com/DeeAnne@UnitedWayofJacksonCounty.org>

Followed by discussion.

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:13pm.