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

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

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**PARTICIPANTS**

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director/Executive Director
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Jon Pfefferle – Food & Friends Program Director
- Kellie Owens
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor (joined at 1pm)
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

**GUESTS**

- Angela Franklin – Options for Southern Oregon
- Olivia Robinson – Age +

**SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS**

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- Leah Swanson – SAC Vice Chair
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Paul Golding – SAC Member

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

**GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

## **Introductions of guests and public comments – None**

**Review and approval of February 3, 2025, Minutes** – Liz J. motioned to approve the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, minutes as written. Eleanor P. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Additions to agenda - None**

## **Announcements & other topics - None**

## **General Business – Other topics**

**SDS Director’s report** – Ann Marie A. reported.

- A new Case Manager has been hired and is currently training. Recruitment for additional Case Manager is still ongoing.
- ACCESS sent a 6-month termination notice for the commercial kitchen that is being used for food preparation for Food & Friends. A new location is needed by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Senior Nutrition Director’s report** – Jon P. reported.

- No additional updates.

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

- OPI-M is now open to the public.
- New staff are being hired for the OEP transition. The lobby is being redesigned to better accommodate everyone. With the changes reduced waiting time for clients is being noticed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee – Natalie M reported**

- Search for HCBC Chair is still ongoing
- New potential members are being identified.
- Future presentations were discussed

**C&O Committee-Eleanor P. reported**

- No meeting

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

- The legislative session is in progress and several bills are being reviewed.
- Agendas for the meeting include hyperlinks links to relevant bills.
- Templates are being developed to make it easier for people to participate.
- Correct procedures to support bills were being discussed. Some bills might not be suitable for a government entity to support due to conflict of interest.

**DSAC – (Diana Burney) – Jeremy W. reported**

- Recruitment efforts were discussed.
- The accessible parking workgroup is preparing for upcoming presentations.
- Senior Fair participation was talked about.
- A training event to raise Disability awareness is being planned.

## **Public Hearing for the new 4-year Area Plan**

### **Natalie M. opened the public hearing at 1:02pm**

Liz J. shared her comments:

- The term “seniors” to be replaced with “older adults” where possible.
- A-3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph is being requested to be reworded. Aging population to be better represented instead of just Boomer generation.
- A-5 - Residents with living with HIV requested to be added to the first paragraph to raise awareness and to reflect Older American Act lingo.
- B-2 9. – The statement that Oregon has the highest percent of LGBTQIA2S+ population per capita in the US was requested to be added.
- B-3 – It was suggested to add a brief description of the role of the listed program directors.
- C-1 - Correct statement about SAC attending SageCare Training.
- Add specific outreach efforts for LGBTQIA2S+ population engagement
- Ensure AARP is listed as a community partner in the plan.
- C-1.2 – Update food packaging compliance statement to clearly indicate current compliance.

**Natalie was seeking permission to extend the public hearing to 2:30pm. Liz J. made a motion and Eleanor P. seconded the motion. SAC was in full support. Public hearing extended to 2:30pm**

- Questions about the Behavioral Health Programs were discussed.
- Suggested additions to the partner list were discussed. Community partners that are non-profit organizations are preferred.
- Food & Friends Funding Sources and Congregate Dining attendance was discussed
- Grab & Go option will be sunset at the end of this fiscal year. Program might be modified to accommodate consumers in need but will need State approval.
- Rogue River Community Center has a van for transportation and transportation agreement to be revisited.
- Ann Marie mentioned that some of the used lingo in the Area Plan is required and will not be able to be changed.

### **Natalie M. closed the public hearing at 2:30pm**

Please send any additional feedback or questions to RVCOG staff. The Area plan will be presented to the RVCOG Board on March 26, 2025. Liz requests the final draft to be sent out to the SAC prior to the board meeting. The board packet will include the final draft and will be sent out to everyone one week prior to the Board Meeting.

**ADJOURN** – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:33pm