



Aging & People with Disabilities (APD)  
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Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)  
in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging  
Monday, October 7, 2024  
Virtual Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS & CHECK IN** – Called to order. This is a regular meeting of the DSAC. All DSAC meetings are open to the public. Visitors are welcome. This meeting was recorded.

**DSAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bonnie Huard  
Cody Guinn  
James Naegele (chair)  
Katy Callies  
Kerrie Walters  
Leslie McIntyre

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

Denyce Gavin  
George Adams (vice chair)

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

**PARTICIPANTS:** N/A

**GUEST:**

Janell White, ODHS Medicaid Policy Analyst

**STAFF:**

Jeremy Wolf, APD District Manager  
Diana Burney, APD District Office Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS** – How do you prepare for fall and/or what do you look forward to?

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2024 MINUTES** – Minutes are unanimously approved as presented. (Kerrie, Katy 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## **APD EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (EPD) PROGRAM, Medicaid Policy Analyst Janell White**

Janell's Power Point presentation will be included with the minutes. Here are a few notes that are not in the Power Point –

- SECA is self-employment tax.
- ABLE accounts are not counted for any programs, including this one.
- EPD is a state program that is allowable by the Federal programs. Funds come from both state and federal.
- On the Participant Fee slide, the most common income / fee is highlighted.
- It is an OHP+ program.
- Continuous Eligibility was enacted this year, which gives 24 months of medical coverage, even if eligibility status changes in that time.
- Janell is happy to answer any questions that come up.

## **BIG EVENT IDEA –**

James, Sharen, and Diana discussed at the agenda building meeting that the DSAC could do a seminar on disability awareness for APD, Self Sufficiency, Child Welfare and Vocational Rehabilitation staff in the spring or summer of 2025. In the future there is a possibility to expand the training to community partners and possibly the public as well.

Leslie, James, and Katy offered to help with the planning. Kerrie is a definite maybe. It was mentioned that others might be able to assist the planning group in the future as well.

## **UPDATES & NEWS**

### **Jeremy –**

- Oregon Project Independence Medicaid (OPI-M) update – APD is continuing to work on local processes until the official start date in March of 2025.
- Oregon Eligibility Partnership (OEP) transition update – the Grants Pass Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) specific lobby will be closed as of 10/30/2024. The current Self Sufficiency lobby will be converted to welcome people for all programs including APD. The entrance is just around the corner in the same building. Multiple signs are being ordered to make it easy to find. Support staff will be available to help as well.
- The Adult Foster Home (AFH) rate and wage study has been occurring and it is opening for public comment for the next few weeks. If you are interested, Diana can send it out, but you may have already received it.

Burns Associates is the contractor conducting the study. Jeremy is happy to answer any questions you may have.

- Julie Ormand officially retired on 09/30/2024. Mickie Miner will be moving from her current supervisor position into that position and along with Patrick Vejar, will supervise the case managers in that office. That office will now only have three APD managers instead of four with the OEP transitions and staff and managers shifting around.

## **INFORMATION SHARING**

- Accessible Parking Workgroup – Since funding of the windshield cards hasn't been confirmed from any sources yet, Kerrie printed 1,000 of the windshield cards for \$87.00 at Got Print and will drop some off at the Grants Pass APD office to be shuttled to Diana for distribution to members and others. They are also going to get some testimonials that can be shared about experiences with accessible parking issues.
- Greater Medford Multicultural Fair recap – Cody, Kerrie and Sharen attended the event to represent DSAC, sharing tables with APD. Some good connections were made, not only with the public, but also with other partners too. Most of the branded items that were brought out were given out and the booth looked amazing.
- Does anybody have any idea for presentations for next month's DSAC meeting? Diana mentioned that Krista Palmer might come back to recap the findings from the survey that was presented to this group last month.
- Kerrie's friend mentioned to her that they saw a sign in a Talent neighborhood that said that there was a Deaf or Hard of Hearing Person in the Neighborhood. Kerrie will try to get a picture of it to see if it says who posted it. The committee has mixed feelings about that kind of signage.
- 10/24/24 – Spinal Cord Injury Connection of Southern Oregon is doing a wheelchair maintenance workshop in Talent from 5:00 – 7:00pm at 109 Talent Ave from 5pm-7pm. Anybody with a wheelchair can receive the services, it doesn't have to be from a spinal injury. There are not any flyers at this time, but Cody will share when he receives some. Cody shared this link to get more information.

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2FWMWSignUp&sa=D&ust=1728773760000000&usg=AOvVaw03tmZYWnmWHYL8oD5HG1dI>

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – Meeting adjourned at 4:00

**NEXT MEETING** – November 4, 2024, 2:45 – 4:30

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