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

Monday, April 07, 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

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director/Executive Director
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison
- 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
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

GUESTS

- Joe Sanchez – Home Instead
- Jill Ewanchuk- Medical Team International
- Tracy Dudek - Medical Team International
- Jane Turville - Medical Team International
- Angela Franklin – Options for Southern Oregon
- Leslie McIntyre – DSAC Member
- Sabrina Ballew – Mercy Flights MIH

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Leah Swanson – SAC Vice Chair

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – None

Paul G. has talked about email fraud being more than usual. AARP is hosting the Fraud Fighter Summit & Expo on April 12, 2025, at the Smullin Health Education Center. The event is free but requires registration at <https://events.aarp.org/FraudFightSOR> or call 1-877-926-8300.

Review and approval of March 3, 2025, Minutes – Liz J. motioned to approve the March 3rd, 2025, minutes as written. Sherill B. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions to agenda - None

Announcements & other topics

- SageCare recertification was sent out by the RVCOG staff. Targeted completion date is June.
- The June meeting with the election officers will be in person at the RVCOG office in Central Point.
- Leah S. is going through a job transition and is unavailable right now, but she is planning on attending the June meeting.
- The City of Talent has a movement from the citizens for a senior center
Talent Senior Center: talentseniorcenter@gmail.com
Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573139795597#>).
If you need more info or have questions, you can contact Natalie M. at natalie.mettler@ashlandoregon.gov

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

- The four-year Area plan was submitted on March 31st. Feedback is expected by the end of April
- HHS reorganization on the Federal level resulted in disbanding the Administration on Community Living (ACL). This administration creates rules and guidance for AAA's that receives funding through the Older American Act. Field offices have been closed. Future funding regulatory is uncertain. After the Executive Director of O4AD met with Representative Benz in Washington DC, the impression was that a lot of representatives were not informed what the OAA is and what cutting the funding will result in.
- O4AD Quarterly Meeting is this week and RVCOG staff will attend and will share information afterwards.
- RVCOG will be at the ACCESS Senior Fair with a booth and a presentation about the Area Agency on Aging

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

- Search for a commercial kitchen is still ongoing. The Merrick kitchen was toured and might be an option for a temporary location. The former Denny's still needs to be visited. The Community Center that is planned to open in 2026 was offered by the City of Central Point.

Senior Disability Services report – Monique C. reported.

- Training and the search for more Case Managers is ongoing.
- OPI-M still has not seen participants being moved over since the public launch. Participants are with the eligibility office first.
- Monique will participate in the USAging Conference and HHS will be presenting.

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

- OPI-M has seen an increase in applicants for services.
- The ACCESS Senior Fair is being held tomorrow at RogueX and APD will be there with a booth.
- Legislative presentations by ODHS, including the APD Director, are available on the APD website. <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/about/Pages/government-relations.aspx>
- Federal updates – APD is in a holding pattern and is awaiting on how changes will impact APD and offered services.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies:

Medical Teams International-Jane Turville jturville@medicalteams.org , Jill Ewanchuk jewanchuk@medicalteams.org and Tracy Dudek tdudek@medicalteams.org

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Equity vs. Equality <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nbA0WoYozc>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M reported

- Upcoming agendas and presentation were discussed
- New Chairs for HCBC Committee and Joint Advocacy Committee are needed
- The June meeting will be in person

C&O Committee - no report

Council Development – no report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – Liz J. reported

- Next meeting is April 28th, 2025
- Current bills in the legislative session and important deadlines were discussed.
- Agendas for the meeting include hyperlinks links to relevant bills.

DSAC – Diana Burney reported

- The accessible parking workgroup is updating material for events and presentations. The collaboration with the DMV is great.

- Disability Awareness training for ODHS Staff is being planned.

Presentation

Mercy Flights Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) program-Sabrina Ballew Mercy Flights Inc. Mobile Integrated Healthcare Manager sabrinab@mercyflights.com

Contact the team directly at 541-858-2637

Secure Email to MIHGroup@mercyflights.com

Or through the portal <https://www.mercyflights.com/mobile-integrated-healthcare/>

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:22pm