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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 (for report only)
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Jon Pfefferle – Food & Friends Program Director
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Member
- Luis Ibáñez – SDS Staff
- 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 (until break)
- Jamie Gatewood – Fair Housing Council of Oregon
- Olivi Robinsons – Age + (until break)
- Angela Franklin – Options for Southern Oregon (until break)

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS

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

CALL TO ORDER – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:31pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – None

Review and approval of April 7, 2025, Minutes – Liz J. motioned to approve the April 7th, 2025, minutes as written. Paul G. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions to agenda - None

Announcements & other topics

- The June 7th meeting that will have the election of new officers will be held in person at the RVCOG office in Central Point. A hybrid option is available for the ones unable to attend in person.
- Jennine G. shared an event:
OHSU Katie Drago Chronic Pain Medication misuse on older adults.
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/WDzSkcHIS3azSR5DTzXaSA#/registration>
- Angela Franklin shared the upcoming End of Life Resources Fair at GP SRC
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/WDzSkcHIS3azSR5DTzXaSA#/registration>

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

- LeAnne had no confirmation from Laura Mancuso for the presentation today.
- Community Outreach Coordinator started on May 1st, and everyone is very excited to have him. He is still in the training phase.
- 2 additional Case Manager were hired.
- No feedback on the area plan has been received yet, but it is expected any day.

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

- Tomorrow the warehouse in Central Point will be visited by Jon and the kitchen manager from Trio.
- A meeting is planned for Thursday with Fortify to discuss details regarding a temporary location at the Merrick.
- Jon and Monique will be doing an interview on Thursday about services provided by the AAA.
- JOCO SRC has an event with Girls Scout on May 20.
- Ann Marie updated on the ACCESS communication about a possible extension of the lease.
- Resolution from the RVCOG Board is on hold until our legal council is consulted.

Senior Disability Services report – Monique C. reported.

- Luis Ibáñez, the new Community Outreach Coordinator, introduced himself.
- New changes from OAA require ADL to have respite services for the Family Caregiver Program available. This does not apply to the RAPP program, which is not utilized a lot in this area. New flyers were received, and the program will be advertised more.

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

- OPI-M DocuSign is in process to be set up for the required signature on the application. This will hopefully be able to be transitioned to other parts that require signatures.
- A few APS positions are open for recruitment right now.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: CANCELLED

Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley Wellness Resource Center ivwellnessresources@gmail.com

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Disrupt Aging <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYdNjrUs4NM>

Followed by discussion.

Natalie M. shared an article:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/03/health/elderly-treatment-aides.html>

Monique C. shared a video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKeEOMql8QM&pp=ygULa2FzZXkgbW90dGE%3D>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M reported

- Upcoming agendas and presentation were discussed
- New members and community engagement were discussed. The focus was on Home and Community Care as well as qualified AAA services participants.
- The August meeting will have an update from O4AD on the Oregon Legislative session.

C&O Committee – Eleanor P. reported

- Ashland Coop is doing the 'Change for Good' program in May benefitting the Food & Friends Program
- Next meeting in August

Council Development – no report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – Liz J. reported

- The current long session is ending in June
- Attending Advocacy meetings will help with navigating and understanding current bills.
- Hyperlinks are included in the agenda and templates to respond and make comments are being developed.

DSAC – Diana Burney reported

- New DSAC member Paul Golding.
- Accessible Parking Workgroup is still meeting monthly.

- A presentation will be held at the July O4AD meeting.
- Disability Awareness training for ODHS staff is on June 10th.
- New members are being recruited.

Presentation

Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Jamie Gatewood, Assistant Director and Southern Oregon Coordinator
jgatewood@fhco.org

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:36pm