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

Monday, October 06, 2025, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Virtual meeting

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

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PARTICIPANTS

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director/Executive Director
- Ava Walters – SAC Member
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member (joined late)
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison (joined for report)
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jon Pfefferle – Nutrition Program Director
- Kathleen Iriawan – APD D8, Supervisor
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member

GUESTS

- Leslie McIntyre - DSAC
- Stephanie Miller – Hearts for Seniors
- Kendyl Kaplan - Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Luis Ibáñez – SDS Staff
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

CALL TO ORDER – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Everyone briefly introduced themselves

Review and approval of September 08, 2025, Minutes –Eleanor P. motioned to approve the September 08, 2025, minutes as written. Jennine G. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER TOPICS

Natalie M. received the resignation from Sherill Boots as a SAC Member. Other commitments are not allowing enough time to be fully committed.

AGE + has scheduled a ribbon cutting for 600 S. Pacific Highway in Talent for October 16 with folks gathering around 8.30 AM, and the ceremony at 9 AM, done by 10 AM.

AAA LEADERSHIP REPORTS

SDS Director Report – Ann Marie A. reported

- VDC will now directly contract with the VA in White City effective October 1st. With this transition, RVCOG will no longer be contracting through Multnomah County and will no longer lose 20% admin fee to the County.
- Still open recruitment for a bilingual case manager. No applicants to interview yet. Currently we have six case managers working on VDC and OPI-M. OPI-M volume continues to grow.
- O4AD Quarterly Business Meeting is happening on Tuesday and Wednesday this week in Salem. Jon, Monique, and Ann Marie are attending.

SDS Supervisor Report – no report

Nutrition Director's report – Jon P. reported.

- As of the end of August, we have served and delivered 41,154 meals for first 2 months of the 1st quarter.
- Early projections for FY end indicate serving ~247K meals, putting us on target for our goal of 250K.
- 39% of HDMs are for Medicaid/OPI-M participants. *Note that Medicaid participants are allowed up to 2 meals per day.
- Avg. 769 HDM participants a month for the first 2 months of the quarter.
- Avg 326 congregate participants a month.

Volunteer Needs

- Home Delivery Drivers

- Ashland, Cave Junction, Central Point, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Medford, Rogue River & White City.
- Meal Site Volunteers
 - Ashland, Cave Junction, Central Point, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, & Medford.

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – Kathleen I. reported

- Disability and Senior Services Offices have merged and both offices will serve Seniors and Disabled Adults. Signage is in the process of being changed for both offices to reflect that. Offices will also house the employees for the Oregon Eligibility Project.
- OPI-M case load is still growing, and processes are being streamlined. Relationship with RVCOG is greatly appreciated.
- Federal SNAP changes are around work requirements for consumers. Utility deductions, energy assistance, and benefits for non-citizens might be also impacted
- It might be beneficial to invite the Oregon Eligibility Project Supervisory Team to learn more about the changes to SNAP.
- Current Federal shutdown is not impacting APD at this point.
- New Case Manager Supervisor in GP is co-managing the Grants Pass Case Management Team.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: Hearts for Seniors, Stephanie Miller, Regional Director, stephanie.m@hwam.org
Followed by discussion

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Ageism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7d6ceHwBOw>
Followed by discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M. reported

- Upcoming agendas and presentations for the upcoming year were discussed
- A new applicant is in the process and will be interviewed in November. More members are needed to join. Please share with interested people.

C&O Committee – Eleanor P. reported

- No meeting was held. Meeting will be held this month

Council Development – no report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – no report

DSAC – Diana B. reported

- Accessible Parking Workgroup had a presentation Employee Parking Transit Coordinator from Houston. Presentations for RVCOG and City Councils are in the process of being developed

- Tabling events
- Petitions are being signed
- Still an opening on their committee, please reach out if you are interested.

Presentation: Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley. Kendyl Kaplan, Executive Director, kendyl@rbtrv.org, <https://rbtrv.org>

Followed by discussion

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:28 pm