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

Monday, November 03, 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
- Ava Walters – SAC Member
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison (joined 1:10pm)
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Luis Ibáñez – SDS Staff
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member

GUESTS

- Aliah Darling, Veterans Resource Center
- LeAnn Peabody, Senior Advisor
- Luisa Guardione – Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist
- Mike Stanek – Advanced Care Life Services
- Paul Golding – DSAC Member

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member (joined late)
- Deb McCuin – CSSU Liaison
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jon Pfefferle – Nutrition Program Director

CALL TO ORDER – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Everyone briefly introduced themselves

Review and approval of October 06, 2025, Minutes – Noriko T. motioned to approve the October 06, 2025, minutes as written. Ava W. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER TOPICS

Next regular meeting is on December 01, 2025. The member orientation is scheduled for January 29 and is offered in-person with lunch. The next in-person SAC meeting is scheduled for June 01, 2026. All other meetings are virtual. Hybrid options are always available for the in-person meetings.

AAA LEADERSHIP REPORTS

SDS Director Report – Ann Marie A. reported

- No direct impacts from the SNAP issues. Some consumers on RVCOG programs are SNAP recipients. Increased calls on the ADRC line are expected.
- Some communication from ODHS and APD was received, that congregate meals and home delivered meals could be used to supplement SNAP. This is not correct since consumers must qualify for home delivered meals through an assessment.
- The Statewide AAA Tribal Gathering in Cave Junction will be attended by Ann Marie, Monique and Luis.

SDS Supervisor Report – no report

- Temporary funds from State are considered to be released to supplement food banks to help with the SNAP short fall.
- OPI Classic funding is around 24% of the former budget.
- OPI-M staff are working hard. 191 consumers are enrolled and an additional 65 are in progress.
- Susan Jay Rounds and Angela Franklin are currently working on Suicide Prevention Training for Staff.
- The first month as a sole provider for the VDC program is successfully completed.
- Data bases for some programs are being switched. The VDC will be an in-house database.
- Monitoring for the ADRC and Family Caregiver Support Program Services are due at the end of January 2026.

Nutrition Director's report – no report.

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

- APD is no longer determining SNAP benefits eligibility. This is being done through the Oregon Eligibility Partnership.
- No Federal updates have been communicated at this point.
- The Governor declared State of Emergency due to SNAP benefits and was able to release additional funds to food banks.
- Additional authorized hours and mileage for long-term care participants are possible due to SNAP benefits being held to accommodate additional hours necessary to acquire food.
- Budget proposals with a 5% reduction are being prepared for the state. This is required to be considered in the future budget.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies:

Aliah Darling adarling@columbiacare.org GPD Case Manager, Veterans Resource Center will speak about Columbia Care Veterans Programs

Followed by discussion

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Microaggressions <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDd3bzA7450>

Followed by discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M. reported

- Sherill Boots resignation was discussed
- Mike Stanek’s member application was received. He is attending the November meeting as his second meeting. After that interview can be scheduled.
- Upcoming agendas and presentations for the upcoming year were discussed

C&O Committee – Natalie M. reported

- SAC brochure is being updated
- Next quarterly meeting is January 26, 2026

Council Development – no report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – no report

DSAC – Diana B. reported

- Accessible Parking group presentations are being updated.
- SAC/DSAC advisory council chair is still being promoted during meetings
- Still an opening on their committee, please reach out if you are interested.

Presentation: Living Well, Senior Community Advisors, LeAnn Peabody, Senior Advisor,

LeAnn@LWsenior.com

Followed by discussion

AARP Vital Aging at Rogue Valley Country Club is happening this Saturday. Registration is required.

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:29 pm