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

Monday, January 05, 2026, 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 – RVCOG Executive/AAA Director
- Ava Walters – SAC Member
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison
- Jon Pfefferle – Nutrition Program Director
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Luis Ibáñez – SDS Staff
- Mike Stanek – SAC Member
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Director
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair

GUESTS

- David Gross – AARP Volunteer
- Bridget O'Connor – OHSU School of Nursing
- Barbara Robertson – Oregon Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Deb McCuin – CSSU Liaison
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member

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

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Everyone briefly introduced themselves

Review and approval of December 01, 2025, Minutes – Cherie L. motioned to approve the December 01, 2025, minutes as written. Mike S. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER TOPICS

- Welcoming of Mike Stanek as a new SAC Member.
- Reminder of the SAC/DSAC Member Orientation on January 29, 2026, at RVCOG. Please RSVP to LeAnne if you are planning on attending.

AAA LEADERSHIP REPORTS

AAA Director Report – Ann Marie A. reported

- Attendance is encouraged for the Member Orientation on January 29th. Valuable information about services from RVCOG and APD will be presented.
- RVCOG's OAA funding is part of the CR that will expire at the end of January. New information is not available at this point. There is still a possibility of funding cuts to important programs.

Nutrition Program Director's report – Jon P. reported

- Kitchen is still on hold due to the Phase II Environmental Report being in progress.
- Over 100,000 meals were served as of November 2025. Over 90,000 meals were Home Delivered Meals and 43% of these were to Medicaid service recipients.

SDS Program Supervisor Report – Monique C. reported

- Fee structure for OPI-M is being revised. New format is still being developed.
- Case load is still increasing. 297 referrals are currently enrolled and 88 of them are being processed.
- New VDC program is going great with being a direct contract partner.
- Class schedule is planned for 2026.
- Nicole was the voucher clerk and will be replaced by Maria with Vickie being a backup until the position is filled.

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

- State budget is still in progress and is still not finalized.
- Lisa Wendt is being confirmed as the new Director of ODHS. Goals are being developed. The next months will bring more clarity and updates will be shared.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: Bridget O'Connor, RN, BSN, Faculty in Residence for the OHSU School of Nursing, Ashland Campus. Bridget spoke about the I-CAN program at OHSU on the SOU campus. The I-CAN serves all ages, including older adults. occonnorb@ohsu.edu

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Age doesn't define you <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vIrlL7fiNgw>

Followed by discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M. reported

- C&O Committee is still looking for a chair
- Council Development will be included in the Executive Committee.
- Mike Stanik has become a member after approval from the RVCOG Board.
- Dave Gross' application was discussed, and potential interview will be scheduled.
- The January 29th member orientation was discussed

C&O Committee – no report

Council Development – no report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – no report

DSAC – Diana B. reported

- Synopsis for Volunteer Accessible Parking Enforcement Group is still being developed
- Tabling event opportunities are being searched for.
- DSAC has one open membership spot in the need to be filled.

Presentation: Barbara Robertson, Operations & Policy Analyst 2 (Hard of Hearing Specialist), with Oregon Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services. She presented on assistive tech tools and communication tips.

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Followed by discussion. See below additionally shared information.

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/aging-disability-services/Pages/deaf-hard-of-hearing-services.aspx>
www.accesstechnologiesinc.org

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:21 pm