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

Monday, March 02, 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

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Ann Marie Alfrey – RVCOG Executive/AAA Director
- Connie Saldana – RVCOG Lifelong Housing Specialist
- David Gross – SAC Member
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- Luis Ibáñez – SDS Staff
- Mike Stanek – SAC Member
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Director
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Leslie McIntyre – DSAC Member
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member

GUESTS

- LeAnne Peabody - Living Well Senior Community Advisors
- Cassie Rose - CVN
- Kat Scott – CVN
- Tyler Johnson – Mid Rogue Foundation
- Monica Guitierrez – AllCare Health
- Stephanie Miller – Hearts for Senior
- Olivia Robinson – Age+
- Jake Petty – FD3

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

- Ava Walters – SAC Member
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Deb McCuin – CSSU Liaison
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member

- Jon Pfefferle – Nutrition Program Director
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Sunshine Redline – SDS Staff

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 February 02, 2026, Minutes – Dave Gross motioned to approve the February 02, 2026, minutes as written. Mike Stanek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER TOPICS

- Dave Gross was appointed by the RVCOG Board at the last meeting and has agreed to Chair the Joint SAC/DSAC Advocacy Committee.
- LeAnn Peabody has applied and is scheduled to be interviewed.

AAA LEADERSHIP REPORTS

AAA Director Report – Ann Marie A. reported

- For the Jewel Brooks fund disbursements of \$80,000 input was requested from SAC members. With this information, RVCOG is requesting 30% for Behavioral Health programs. Programs will include OPAL, PEARLS and BIT workshops. 20% for Home Repair and Modification, 25% for the Emergency assistance fund. The maximum amount for this is being increased from \$250 to \$500. 25% for Transportation Support. This funding is for next fiscal year, but funds for this fiscal year are still available.

Nutrition Program Director's report – Ann Marie A. reported

- F&F kitchen still working on property transfer of Old Public Works building. Environmental assessment Phase 2 came back with no findings. Some electrical issues are still being worked on. The necessary kitchen equipment is still set at \$700K, which does not include the walk in units that are planned for outside.

SDS Program Director Report – Monique C. reported

- New bi-lingual CM Maricella is doing great. The second CM that was scheduled to start unfortunately had to decline. One CM on staff shifted to PT ADRC support and one more CM is on unexpected leave with no return date. Positions are being recruited for.
- Monitoring for ADRC and Family Caregiver has been completed.
- Meetings are being set up to develop policies for Title III and Title VI.

- Other policies required by the OAA are being worked on.
- OPI-M enrolled statewide are approximately 3300 and climbing. Over 350 are managed by RVCOG.

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – Ana G. reported

- Still, there are no final decisions on the State budget. Hopefully more information will be available soon.
- ACCESS Senior Fair, APD will have a booth next month
- Agency with Choice is a new program available in the next few months. Tentative launch is in April. In-home care clients can hire their own HCW under this program.
- OPI-M clients are getting renewed every 2 years and the first anniversary date is coming up. Increased applications were received over the last few months.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies:

Jake Petty, JacobP@jcf3.com, Community Care Coordinator, Fire District 3

Followed by discussion.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We Should Be Caring for Our Elders Like This

Equity Workgroup <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-H0wfTCpSY>

Followed by discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M. reported

- Dave Gross was interviewed. After approval from the SAC, a vote will be held by the RVCOG Board for appointment.
- LeAnn will be interviewed for membership at the next meeting

C&O Committee – Noriko T. reported

- Next meeting April 27th
- Asking for ideas to be sent prior to first meeting.

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – TBD

HCBC Committee – TBD

DSAC – Diana B. reported

- OHA Civil Rights will be today's presentation.

Presentation: Cassie Rose, crose@retirement.org Community Volunteer Network (CVN) Executive Director. Overview of CVN services and opportunities—including national service in Southern Oregon—emerging needs among older adults, and the health benefits of volunteering. Followed by discussion.

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:31 pm