



Aging & People with Disabilities (APD)  
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Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)  
in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging  
Monday, June 1, 2026  
Virtual Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS & CHECK IN** – Called to order. This is a regular meeting of the DSAC. All DSAC meetings are open to the public. Visitors are welcome. This meeting was recorded. ASL Interpreters were provided.

**DSAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cody Guinn (chair)  
Denyce Gavin  
George Adams  
James Naegele (vice chair)  
Joanna Wilson  
Kerrie Walters  
Roxanne Franklin  
Sharen Yeager

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:**

Leslie McIntyre  
Katy Callies

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

**GUEST:**

Betsy Miller, Ombudsman

**STAFF:**

Jeremy Wolf, Deputy District Manager  
Ann Marie Alfrey, Rogue Valley Council of Governments Executive Director  
Diana Burney, APD SE Medford  
Trevor Gaither, APD SW Medford

**CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:**

What would you do first if you acquired One Million Dollars?

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- George is setting the Valley Lift Committee up again to see what comes next after the vote in May.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

n/a

**APPROVAL OF MAY 2026 MINUTES:** Minutes are unanimously approved as presented. (Kerrie, George 2<sup>nd</sup>)

### **CALL FOR DSAC OFFICER NOMINATIONS:**

- Today is the deadline for DSAC office nominations, so please get them to Diana before the end of the day.
- Is anybody interested or not interested in being nominated?
  - Cody would like to step down as chair and would be okay with the vice chair position.
  - George is okay being nominated for either position.
  - Sharen is not interested in being nominated.

### **BUDGET SPEND DOWN:**

DSAC has \$3,364.72 in their budget to spend before the end of June. Diana and Trevor will work on an order for more DSAC swag, T-shirts, a 6' tablecloth, sling bags, etc. that will be placed by the end of the month. We will be ordering all the items that we have in the past and will look at adding pens with black ink, flashlights and can koozies. We talked about hats but agreed they would be too expensive. We were hoping to spend some money on the PSA, but the deadline is too tight, and we need to reach out to the communication department in Salem so they can provide their input. We talked about putting ads in the paper, via the Rogue Valley Vibe (magazine) or daily courier for more members, but we will pursue that after June. Kerrie has a contact with Rogue Valley Vibe and thinks it will be around \$300 to advertise with them. We have an ad template that we used in the past that can be updated and used. A motion was made by Sharen for us to spend as much of the remainder of the budget as possible with the branding order. Kerrie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **DO WE WANT TO TAKE JULY OR SEPTEMBER OFF THIS YEAR:**

Denyce made a motion to keep the July meeting and take September off. Kerrie seconded and the vote was unanimous.

### **FUTURE PRESENTERS:**

- RVCOG will review the annual updates to the four-year area plan in August.
- Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley took on the recycled ramp project. They haven't presented to us since 2022, so it would be good to get updates on their programs. Kendall is their contact person.
- RVCOG has other programs like ADRC and OPIM that they could talk about.
- Medford / Jackson County public safety / parking enforcement, Sharen is looking for a contact person.
- Oregon Eligibility Partnership (OEP)

## **UPDATES & NEWS:**

### **Jeremy –**

- The DSO office at 28 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street is now permanently closed and most staff have relocated to the SSO office at 2860 State Street, including those that work with the home care workers. Financial eligibility can be done at any office, and vocational rehabilitation has moved to the ODHS office in White city. In three to five years, ODHS might be getting a new building to house all of Jackson County ODHS staff.
- New SNAP and Medical requirements where people need to work some hours per week to receive SNAP benefits is starting next year, that is the Able-bodied Adults Without Dependence (ABAWD) program. OEP can provide more information. There is an exemption form that can be completed and submitted. The form will be attached to the minutes. This link can provide more details - <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/food/Pages/snap-time-limits.aspx#exemptions>
- It was reported that ODHS APD phones are not being answered, and calls are not being returned. Jeremy will discuss it with the management team.

### **Ann Marie –**

- The Oregon Project Independence Program Medicaid (OPIM) has about 400 current approved consumers. The original classic program had between 40 – 50 approved consumers. They lost a few case managers, if you know of anybody that might be qualified, they can apply at [rvcog.org](http://rvcog.org).
- The senior nutrition program / Food and Friends continue to hum along, but there are concerns with funding now that the COVID money is gone. Their new kitchen is making progress. They are working with Meals on Wheels America to get a grant for the refrigerator / freezer units and they are working with the city of Central Point for CDVG funding for the renovation and equipment.

## **INFORMATION SHARING:**

- Accessible Parking Workgroup –
  - We are working on a Public Service Announcement (PSA)
  - Parking Mobility has an app that citizens can report parking wrongdoers. <https://www.parkingmobility.com/>
- SAC / DSAC Joint Advisory Council –
  - Dave wasn't able to attend today, but there was a good turnout at the last meeting, and the minutes have been forwarded out to everyone.
- George's Updates –
  - George is referring a neighbor to the DSAC and giving her Diana's information to more information. Her name is Linda.

- Home care worker commission – they may have two more commissioners soon (Linda and Tara) and they are looking for more members. There is an option to be paid for the volunteer work.
- Look for emails today regarding Medicaid division rulemaking notice, federal fair housing basics webinar, and delivering an affordable home care guarantee for American families. Please review and share your opinions.
- One system – there are 10 people on the committee making decisions about getting program notices as they are or to send them together at Monday's meeting. They are looking for committee members.
- Roxy asked about ombudsman type resources for people that are not in a licensed long term care facility. Betsy gave the following resources –
  - ADRC
  - Department of Justice
  - Adult Protective Services (APS)
  - APD case managers
  - Governor's advocacy office
  - Homecare workers have their own union that has their own advocacy arm.
- Announcements and Upcoming Events –
  - The Medford Multicultural Fair is coming up in September; do we want to participate? Not currently. RVCOG will be there and would be happy to share our information for us. APD hasn't confirmed that they will be attending the event.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 4:26

**NEXT MEETING:** July 6, 2026, 2:45 – 4:30

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