



Aging & People with Disabilities (APD)
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Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging
Monday, August 3, 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 (vice chair)
Denyce Gavin
George Adams (chair)
Joanna Wilson
Kerrie Walters
Leslie McIntyre
Roxanne (Sage) Franklin
Sharen Yeager

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Katy Callies

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GUEST:

James Naegele – Advocate
Silvia Ceron – ODHS OREM Social Services Liaison
Riah Safady, JCC Health Equity Manager
Kayla – Affordable in Home Care Administrator
Kim – Affordable in Home Care

STAFF:

Ana Gonzalez, APD Deputy District Manager
Ann Marie Alfrey, Rogue Valley Council of Governments Executive Director
Diana Burney, APD Medford AS1
Trevor Gaither, APD Medford AS1

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS:

What is your favorite candy?

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Denyce – shout out to Joanna for relaying the message of how hard things are for people with disabilities. Is there a new law about getting pain medication now? If you haven't spoken with a care coordinator with your

insurance, you may want to. Your case manager can also make a referral and/or assist with speaking with your CCO.

- George – sent out a power point and video about Medicaid work requirements.
- Denyce – somebody she knows had been scheduled for a long time for an important medical procedure in Portland, but a box was marked wrong somewhere during an interview and his medical coverage and procedure was cancelled. How can they get that corrected so they can get his procedure rescheduled timely. Talk with his case manager or the supervisor of the case manager. Ana Gonzalez would be happy to help, contact her, although she might have to refer to OEP for financials.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Agenda approved (Dencyce, Joanna 2nd)

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2026 MINUTES: Minutes are unanimously approved as presented. (Sharen, Denyce 2nd)

BUDGET SPEND DOWN 2025-2026: We spent \$3,867 of our \$4,000 budget. Trevor will be sending T-shirts out to those that asked for new ones. We ordered the reusable hand warmer, notebooks with pens, cooling towels, pens with the stylus on the end, pocket flashlights, push pop balls, drawstring bags and a 6' tablecloth. Photo included at the bottom of the minute.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING PRESENTATION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY of Jackson County:

Sharen – the housing authority is interested in learning more about our accessible parking and would like us to give a presentation to them. A Power Point exists already and will just need a little update. A motion to authorize the Accessible Parking Workgroup to do the presentation. (Sharen & Kerrie 2nd)

CANDIDATE FORUM SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, 9:00 – 11:00

Sharen – does Ann Marie have what she needs from the DSAC for the forum? She doesn't need a slide deck, just the DSAC info that we would like to share. It is current state and federal public representative and candidates that are running. Representative Marsh will be attending, as will Denise Krause. The meeting is hybrid, please let LeAnn know if you will be attending. We have a lot of knowledge and advocacy in SAC & DSAC. Send an email to Diana, Ann Marie and/or LeAnn with the things / initiatives you are working on so it can be included.

RVCOG REVIEW OF ANNUAL UPDATES TO THE FOUR-YEAR AREA PLAN:

Ann Marie Alfrey discussed the four-year area plan and will send a draft of the document to be shared with the minutes that show all the edits and will send a finalized document after the state approves it. The plan describes the services that they offer, who they partner with in the community, what they plan to do, and how they plan to spend their money. It went into place July 1, 2025, and is good for four years (June 30, 2029), but they are required to do an annual update each year.

UPDATES & NEWS:

Ana –

- Agency With Choice can start receiving Oregonians in their program. They are a provider that can work with Oregonians on managing their in-home care with a home care worker (HCW), which includes hiring, training, scheduling issues, etc. It is an option with long-term care, not a requirement. It is a resource for those that struggle with those things and provides some one-on-one time regarding HCW coordination.
- The scheduling process for long-term care (LTC) financial appointments has changed at the back end. If you receive LTC, you work with the case manager (CM) to meet eligibility requirements for LTC Medicaid and you work with the Oregon Eligibility Partnership (OEP) to meet the financial requirements. A few weeks ago, LTC received their own scheduling board with OEP, so that only experienced LTC eligibility workers will be working on the LTC financial appointments, as they are much more complicated than other financial appointments.
- The Disability Services Office (DSO) at 28 W 6th Street in Medford is officially closed. The workers are officially working at the Senior Services Office (SSO) at 2860 State Street in Medford, which is now just the Aging & Persons with Disabilities (APD) Medford office. Emails & phone numbers will start to be consolidated soon with auto responses. If you are hearing of any challenges, please let Ana know.
- The ODHS six-month hiring pause has ended and APD will be hiring two case managers in Medford and two case managers in Grants Pass.
- Ana Gonzalez, APD D8 Deputy District Manager, is covering for Jeremy Wolf, APD D8 District Manager, until he returns in a couple of months / next year.

Ann Marie – nothing more to add

INFORMATION SHARING:

- Accessible Parking Workgroup –
 - Denyce received a placard recently, it came with the DMV brochure, and she found it to be very informative.

- Cody spent half an hour to an hour at Costco monitoring the accessible parking spots and made good connections with a lot of people.
- Cody went to the Jackson County Sheriff's office, and they do not have any programs for citing parking violators, as they felt it was too unsafe to have volunteers writing citations. He will be going to the Medford and Central Point Police Departments to see if they have any active volunteer programs for issuing accessible parking citations.
- SAC / DSAC Joint Advisory Council –
 - ABAWD (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents) Medicaid work requirement issue is a hot topic. Don't assume you are losing benefits; there is a lot of information on the internet as well as a form that can be completed.
 - Training for advocacy is coming soon.
 - They are gearing up for next legislative session next year.
- George's Updates –
 - HR9364 – Facilitating Access to Service and Timely Repairs for Wheelchairs Act or FAST Repairs for Wheelchairs Act will remove pre-authorizations for wheelchairs for Medicare equipment.
 - S.247 Choices for Increased Mobility Act – check it out.
 - Olmstead Act – the Department of Justice (DOJ) will no longer enforce key disability rights guidance, which may impact in-home care in the future.
- Announcements and Upcoming Events –
 - Reminder that we will not have a meeting next month due to the holiday.
 - Silvia – There is a red flag warning for coming up this week with temperatures over 100 degrees. Be sure to have an evacuation / preparedness plan ahead of time. You do not need to wait to be evacuated, if you feel unsafe, leave. Also, if you know it will take you longer to evacuate, you might want to leave at level two instead of three.
 - Riah has updates that she will send to Diana to forward out.
 - George received recognition for his advocacy.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:36

NEXT MEETING: October 5, 2026, 2:45 – 4:30

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