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

Monday, May 04, 2026, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Virtual meeting

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PARTICIPANTS

- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Mike Stanek – SAC Member
- Ava Walters – SAC Member
- Dave Gross – SAC Member
- LeAnn Peabody – SAC Member
- Ann Marie Alfrey – RVCOG Executive/AAA Director
- Jon Pfefferle – RVCOG Nutrition Program Director
- Monique Clark – RVCOG SDS Program Director
- LeAnne Turnbull – RVCOG SDS Staff
- Luis Ibáñez – RVCOG SDS Staff
- Kerstin Sachse – RVCOG SDS Staff
- Ana Gonzales – APD Deputy District Manager
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison

GUESTS

- Leslie McIntyre – DSAC Member
- Joanna Wilson – DSAC Member
- Luisa Guardione – Options of SO
- Angela Franklin – Options of SO
- Kat Scott – Community Volunteer Network SHIBA Coordinator
- Monica Guterrez – AllCare Health
- Claudia Van Dyke – Ashland/Talen Conference, St. Vincent De Paul
- Silvia Ceron – OREM
- Tyler Johnson – Mid Rogue Foundation
- Nikki Orlaineta – Energy Trust of Oregon

NOT PRESENT:

- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member

- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Rick Dyer – Jackson County Commissioner

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 April 06, 2026, Minutes – Ava Walters motioned to approve the April 06, 2026, minutes as written. Dave Gross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Monica Gutierrez was interviewed by the EC and will be presented to the RVCOG Board for approval on May 27, 2026.
- Interview with Leslie McIntyre and Tyler Johnson is scheduled for May 18 at the EC meeting
- Suggestions to streamline and shorten SAC meeting were discussed with the sample agenda that was sent out. If there is no opposition by the end of the week, we will move forward and try out the new format.
- Officer positions are discussed. Due to changes our current Vice Chair had to resign from the SAC. We are looking for a new Vice Chair and anybody interested, please reach out. Natalie's term ends at the end of June 2027.

ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER TOPICS

- June 1st Meeting will be in person and lunch will be served. There still will be a hybrid option available. Please RSVP to LeAnne Turnbull.
- Joanna Wilson shared about a deaf senior that recently lost her husband and the daughter has kicked her out of the home. She currently has housing, but Joanna is looking for resources she could utilize. Natalie is suggesting contacting DHS and APS. Ana confirms and is recommending ACCESS. Monique suggests OPTIONS counseling. Resources were shared in the chat.

AAA LEADERSHIP REPORTS

AAA Director Report – Ann Marie A. reported

- The year one update of the 4-year Area Plan is coming soon and will be shared with the SAC for review. If there are any input or suggestions, please share.

Nutrition Program Director's report – Jon P. reported

- 184,987 meals were served at the end of Quarter 3. 126,000 were home delivered meals, 58,000 were congregate meals. So far 63,300 Medicaid meals and 2,000 emergency meals were provided. Volunteers are needed for every meal site and every route.

SDS Program Director Report – Monique C. reported

- Todd Diehl, new Case Manager, has started and is doing well. Additional interviews were held and recruitment is still in process.
- Currently 395 OPI-M cases are approved.
- Luis is doing great and is bringing new ideas on how to engage with community.
- Anna May Funds are trying to be leveraged to be used in Josephine County. Both current grants (Jewel Brooks and AnnaMay) are for Jackson County residents only. More information to come on this.
- Newly required OAA policy and procedure changes are being discussed at meetings with the state.
- The monitoring for the ADRC and Family Caregiver program is finished and a meeting with Deb McCuin is scheduled for this week to review the results.

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

- Temporary closure of office on 6th Street. Air testing identified mold. Staff were disbursed at different offices. No opening date at this point, but it will be a few weeks. Signs for clients are in place.
- Eligibility process for long-term care is being changed regarding the financial side. Currently just one board is available to schedule for all services, but long-term care will have its own board to schedule appointments with separate eligibility workers.
- Hiring pause of 6 months currently in place. This was extended from 90 days.
- APD District 8 was selected to be part of the pilot to have all programs under the same umbrella. Currently administrative side is being developed. This will have all administrative on the same hub.

CBO Presentation

Claudia Van Dyke, President, Ashland/Talent Conference of St Vincent de Paul, claudiavandyke@yahoo.com. Followed by discussion.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Person Centered Approach 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ-aDUYqJsY>. Followed by discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – April 20, 2026 - Natalie M. reported

- Two applications were received and interviews are scheduled for May 18.

C&O Committee – April 27, 2026 – Natalie M. reported

- Ideas for Outreach were discussed
- Support Services reports were given
- Next meeting on July 27, 2026.

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – May 18, 2026– Dave Gross

- Agenda in the works
- Monthly meetings are scheduled for now to get ready for legislative session.

HCBC Committee – June 8, 2026 – Ava Waters

- No meetings have been held yet this year.
- One person interested in being part of the committee was received during this meeting

DSAC – Diana Burney

- Accessible parking work group did not meet last month. More information to come at the end of May
- Today's presentation is with the Energy Trust of Oregon
- Still one open membership application

Presentation: Angela Franklin (QMHA, EOLD), Options for SO, Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative, Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist Suicide Prevention Coordinator/Postvention Response Lead

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Followed by discussion.

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm