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

Monday, June 01, 2026, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, In-Person & Virtual meeting
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Meeting ID: 892 4962 0009 Passcode: 734456 Dial in 1-408-638-0968

PARTICIPANTS

- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Ava Walters – SAC Member
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- LeAnn Peabody – SAC Member
- Monica Guterrez –SAC Member
- Leslie McIntyre – SAC & DSAC Member
- Tyler Johnson – 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
- Sunshine Redline – RVCOG SDS Staff

GUESTS

- Joanna Wilson –DSAC Member
- George Adams – DSAC Member
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison
- Tina Brannon- Siskiyou Community Health Center
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Brandon Peterman – Hearts with a Mission
- Luisa Guardione – Options of SO
- Silvia Ceron – OREM
- Nikki Orlaineta – Energy Trust of Oregon
- Leah Swanson – All Care
- Betsy Miller – Deputy Ombudsman
- Kimberly Boehm – Affordable At Home Care
- Barrie George – APS
- Kim Casey – APS

- Diana Bennington – Community Volunteer Network

NOT PRESENT:

- Dave Gross – SAC Member
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Mike Stanek – SAC Member

CALL TO ORDER – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:39 pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – skipped the introductions for time, no public comments

Review and approval of May 04, 2026, Minutes – Ava Walters motioned to approve the May 04, 2026, minutes as written. Tyler Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER TOPICS

- Have tentatively scheduled a Legislative Candidates Forum for September 18th. Talk to Legislators about the work the SAC does and to hear from them about what they might be doing for our service population & to educate them.
- Welcome new SAC members –
 - Tyler Johnson - Mid Rogue Foundation which advocates issues facing older adults and adults with disabilities through involvement on rules, advisories, committees and presenting to legislative bodies.
 - Leslie McIntyre – member of the Disabilities Services Advisory Council, serves on the All-Care Community Advisory Council, the SO Healthy Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee, the Technical Advisory Committee and is a member of the Governor's Commission on Home Health Care.
 - Monica Gutierrez – AllCare, is a certified community health worker, an advance area planning facilitator, a member of the board of Kairos, is the AllCare board liaison for the Mid Rogue Foundation, serves on the ESSO Health Equality Coalition and is an active liaison with the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce.

AAA LEADERSHIP REPORTS

AAA Director Report – Ann Marie A. reported

- Will be starting on the annual renewal of the 4-year Area Plan. It is due to the state at the end of July. Does not require a full review by the SAC and DSAC but would like to bring back to both of those advisory bodies a check-in of what we thought we might accomplish or our goals for the four-year period. What goals might have changed and new goals. Snippets of updates will be sent.

Nutrition Program Director's report – Jon P. reported

- As of end of April Food & Friends Meals on Wheels has served and delivered over 200 thousand meals.
- 187,000 of those are Home Delivered meals, delivered by our volunteers. 19,500 of those are Congregate meals. 77,700 Home Delivered meals were for Medicaid services, which is about 41.4% of our home delivered meals at this time. Served over 2,000 emergency meals this winter and are currently averaging about 996 meals being served and delivered daily.
- Seeking volunteers in Central Point, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Medford, Rogue River, Talent and White City
- Recruiting for an Office Specialist III Home Delivery Coordinator in the Grants Pass office.
- Working with the City of Central Point to do an intergovernmental transfer of a property to transition a warehouse into our production kitchen.
- Submitted last week a Meals on Wheels America Infrastructure Impact Pilot Grant for \$250,000 to help cover the cost for the 2 outdoor walk-in units, one freezer one refrigerator to be on site.

SDS Program Director Report – Monique C. reported

- This is the first week that we have had less than 5 people referred to us for OPIM. Have been getting upwards of 40 clients a month.
- We have the ability to do some local approvals for ancillary services that are under \$500. Things like durable medical equipment, that local offices are now able to approve.
- At around about 400 clients at this point.

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

- Permanent closure of office at 28 West 6th Street in Medford, due to those same facility building concerns that closed it temporarily. The State will issue a Press release soon, if it hasn't already gone out. Staff have moved to 2860 State Street Medford location. Handling phone calls and processing mail during this transition to try to minimize impact. Closure also includes 24 West 6th Street.
- Other buildings that are close by, Self-Sufficiency and Oregon Eligibility Partnership on Market Street.
- Anyone wanting to interface with their Case Manager, APS, Home Care Workers things like that will typically come into our APD building. Jackson County has multiple buildings for different programs; they are working towards a king of shared services location in Jackson County.

Presentation – Adult Protective Services, Barrie George and Kim Casey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Monthly 3rd Monday 1-3pm - Natalie M. reported

- Agenda planning shortening this 2-hour meeting to a 90-minute meeting which will be fully implemented in August.
- Interviewed 3 new candidates and made recommendations and the RVCOG Board appointed them who are joining today.

C&O Committee – Quarterly, 4th Monday July 27, 2026 – Noriko T. reported

- Brainstorming for annual goals.

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – Monthly 3rd Monday 2:30-3:30pm – Dave Gross

- Not present - no report.

HCBC Committee – Quarterly 2nd Monday, June 8th, Sept 14th, Dec 14th – Ava Walters

- What's working well, where are the gaps and what's not working well. Bring your lived experience

DSAC – Monthly 1st Monday 2:45pm - Diana Burney

- The Accessible Parking Work Group is hoping to film a public service announcement about the misuse of accessible parking.
- Has one vacant membership. Working on our annual voting chair and vice chair.

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:12 pm