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

Monday, June 02, 2025, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Hybrid meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89249620009?pwd=qKymfN131SKQPRswjwyj1fDarOc0ky.1>

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### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Ann Marie Alfrey – SDS Program Director/Executive Director
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Eleanor Ponomareff – SAC Member
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Jon Pfefferle – Nutrition Program Director
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- Leah Swanson – SAC Vice Chair
- Luis Ibáñez – SDS Staff
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Supervisor
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Paul Golding – SAC Member
- Sherill Boots – SAC Member

### **GUESTS**

- Glory Barrios
- Ava Walters
- Karen Larson
- Joe Sanchez – Home Instead
- Fran Fields
- Michelle McGregor – Advanced Life Care Services
- Olivia Robinson – Age +

### **SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Deb McCuin – CSSU Liaison
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Liz James – SAC Member

- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member

**CALL TO ORDER** – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:46pm.

## **GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**Introductions of guests and public comments – Guests briefly introduced themselves**

**Review and approval of May 05, 2025, Minutes** – Paul G. motioned to approve the May 05, 2025, minutes as written. Sherill B. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **SAGECare Training**

In 2023 all RVCOG SDS staff completed the training. This earned RVCOG the Platinum Badge. Renewal is due this year. Jon P. asked everyone to complete the training. Please use the link that was sent out.

### **OAA Advocacy letter**

It was discussed to send out a letter to Members of Congress from the SAC.

Eleanor P. moved to authorize the SAC Chair to draft a letter with SDS Support staff to be sent out. Paul G. seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Letter to include the importance of funding for Senior Nutrition. Monique C. shared an update from USAging. OAA programs will not be split, and it was suggested that the letter should focus on protecting the funding. Eleanor P. suggested adding all levels into the letter to show people care.

### **Kim Hunt, NW SAC, legislative updates**

Kim Hunt is hosting weekly legislative updates on Fridays via Zoom. As a SAC member you can request to join as well as getting the weekly updates. Please contact Natalie if interested.

## **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Paul G. reported that DSAC is holding an informational meeting with Oregon DHS on June 10<sup>th</sup>. This is to explain disabilities and the work the DSAC does. The parking workforce is doing now tabling events. Still lacking the availability of enough disabled parking spaces as well as the necessary enforcement.

Education about this topic needs to take place.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER TOPICS**

No meeting in July. Next scheduled meeting is on August 04, 2025.

**SDS Director's report** – Ann Marie A. reported.

- Administrative Staff has slightly changed within RVCOG. The new staff member is scheduled to start on Monday to take over Chelsey A.'s position.
- Recruitment for Case Managers is still ongoing. With the implementation of OPI-M, more staff are necessary. A brief explanation of OPI Classic and OPI-M was given. Deanna H. and Tandy P. have

started, and William B. is scheduled to start mid-June. Maybe instead of additional Case Managers, a Case Aid is being considered.

- The four-year Area Plan feedback came back and was addressed. New submission was sent out on Friday. Tracked changes document will be sent out to SAC.
- RVCOG is hosting a SO Tribal Meet and Greet in July. Collaboration with tribal members on Title III and Title VI funding. There is no established reservation in our service area and participants are not associated with a tribe in our service area. Services are in need to be developed.

#### **Nutrition Director's report – Jon P. reported.**

- 234,000 meals have been served so far. It is projected that 270,000 to 280,000 meals will be served by the end of the Fiscal Year.
- 33% of meals served are for Medicaid participants
- Still recruiting for a Jackson County Outreach Coordinator.
- Costs for a temporary location for the kitchen at the Merrick have still not been communicated.
- A lease agreement from ACCESS is expected to be received on July 1<sup>st</sup> to extend the current lease for the kitchen to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- Adjustments had to be made due to the loss of the COVID funding.

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

- OPI-M is starting to see increases in applicants
- Case Managers are still learning about new services and requirements.
- Program is being advertised.
- SDS and SSO offices are planning to combine the service delivery. August is the targeted completion date.
- Actively recruiting for Case Management Supervisor in Grants Pass

#### **Election of Officers**

- SAC Chair – Natalie Mettler. Leah S. made a motion to nominate Natalie M., Cherie L. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- SAC Vice Chair – no nominations

#### **Recognition of Current Officers**

Current Officers were recognized for their services.

- SAC Chair – Natalie Mettler
- SAC Vice Chair – Leah Swanson
- SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Chair – Liz James
- C&O Chair – Eleanor Ponomareff

#### **Appointment of Incoming Committee Chair**

- EC Chair – Natalie Mettler
- C&O Chair – Eleanor Ponomareff
- SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Chair – no appointment
- HCBC Chair – no appointment

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Executive Committee – Natalie M. reported

- Upcoming agendas and presentation were discussed
- Updates from legislation were discussed.

### C&O Committee – Eleanor P. reported

- Looking for a new project
- Next meeting will be held in August

### Council Development – no report

### SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – no report

### DSAC – no report

**ADJOURN** – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm

**Due to schedule changes during the meeting, Diana Burney missed the time given for the meeting to give her report. It was emailed to SDS Staff Support after the meeting to be shared with the SAC.**

Hi - I'm Diana Burney, the ODHS APD District OS2 for Jackson and Josephine Counties and the acting liaison to the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC). I don't really have anything new to report, but here is what I have –

- Sharen Yeager's position has still not posted yet, hopefully we will hear something soon.
- We are holding our annual officer elections and will have a new chair and vice chair by 7/1/25.
- Our June meeting was cancelled and our July meeting was moved to the second Monday, 7/14/25
- Accessible Parking Workgroup –
  - We are still working on the presentation for the July O4AD meeting
  - We are still working on getting materials to start tabling at Walmart and other appropriate places.
- Disability Awareness for D8 ODHS Staff Event is coming up quick, 6/10/25
  - Still lots to do, but it is going to be great.
  - As of this morning, we have **76** people signed up - **32** virtual & **44** for the in-person presentation, including presenters.
- And lastly, we are always recruiting for more members for the DSAC.

I also noticed that the link for the DSAC meeting in the agenda is the wrong one. The correct one is - <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1602745296?pwd=4R8BmfTPcwuDVwCPsuLYuJv3HdaqQb.1>

That is all – Happy Monday 😊

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