

**Joint
Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)
and
Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

SSAC Members Present: Mitzi Naucler, Chair; Robynn Pease, Vice Chair/Care Planning Committee Chair; Suzanne Lazaro, Issues and Advocacy Chair; Richard Montgomery, Membership and Nominating Committee (MNC) Chair; Terri Fackrell; Dennis Epstein; Kay McDonald; Bill Turner; and Lee Strandberg.

DSAC Members Present: Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Chair; Allison Hobgood, Vice Chair; Michelle Giammona, MNC Chair; and Joann Cvar.

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Members Present: Dawn Rustrum.

Guests: Holly Bollman, Lumina Hospice; Kindra Oliver, Lebanon Senior Center; Bobby Sutton, Samaritan Health; and Gena Sellers.

Members Absent:

Staff: Randi Moore, Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Director; Kim Cooper, SDS Executive Assistant; and Terri Sharpe, SDS Administrative Assistant.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Additions to the Agenda (DSAC Chair Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald):

DSAC Chair Molnar-Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Introductions were made, including guests.

2. Approval of Minutes:

ACTION: Motion to approve the February 7, 2023 Joint SSAC/DSAC meeting minutes made by Suzanne Lazaro, seconded by Terri Fackrell. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Nominations for SSAC (SSAC Membership and Nominating Committee (MNC) Chair Richard Montgomery)

- **Membership Renewal** - Membership is for a two-year term. Members that are up for renewal are:
 - Mitzi Naucler
 - Robynn Pease
 - Bill Turner
 - Richard Montgomery
- **Chair and Vice Chair** – Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the June 6, 2023 meeting. The SSAC MNC's recommendations for nominations are:
 - **Chair:** Mitzi Naucler
 - **Vice Chair:** Robynn Pease

The floor was opened for other nominations.

ACTION: If anyone wishes to run, they should email SDS Director Randi Moore or SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe with their nominations.

4. Nominations for DSAC (DSAC MNC Chair Michelle Giammona):

- **Membership Renewal** - Membership is for a two-year term. Members that are up for renewal are:
 - Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald
 - Joanne Cvar
 - Allison Hobgood
- **Chair and Vice Chair** – Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the June 6, 2023 meeting. The DSAC MNC’s recommendations for nominations are:
 - **Chair**: Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald
 - **Vice Chair**: Allison HobgoodThe floor was opened for other nominations.

ACTION: If anyone else wishes to run, they should email SDS Director Randi Moore or SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe with their nominations.

5. Approval of 2023 - Revised DSAC Bylaws (DSAC Chair Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald):

ACTION: Motion to approve the 2023 Revised DSAC Bylaws and send them to the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) Board of Directors for their approval made by Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald; seconded by Joanne Cvar. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of 2023 - Revised SSAC Bylaws (SSAC Chair Mitzi Naucler):

ACTION: Motion to approve the 2023 Revised SSAC Bylaws and send them to the OCWCOG Board of Directors for their approval made by Mitzi Naucler; seconded by Suzanne Lazaro. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Monitor and Review Committee (MRC) Report (SSAC/MRC Chair Mitzi Naucler):

The Monitor and Review Committee met on April 5th to review 16 applications for Older Americans Act (OAA) grant funds for the fiscal year 2023-24. \$165,000 was awarded to programs serving older adults and people with physical disabilities. Details on the programs and the amount awarded can be found [HERE](#).

ACTION: Motion to approve the Monitor and Review Committee’s recommendations on the awarded RFQ’s for OAA funding for FY 2022-23 made by Mitzi Naucler, seconded by Robynn Pease. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Care Planning Committee (CPC) Report (CPC Chair Robynn Pease):

The CPC met on March 7th, where they heard from:

- Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center Executive Director Allison Hobgood, who shared information on the center and their long-term growth plans.

- Home, Opportunity, Planning, and Equity (HOPE) Coordinator Julie Arena who shared information on the HOPE program which was formed by Benton County and the City of Corvallis to provide a comprehensive coordinated response from the county, cities, and community partners.
- SDS Director Randi Moore who provided updates on the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), one of the Area Plan's State mandated areas of focus.

For further details, please click [HERE](#) for the March CPC meeting minutes.

The next CPC meeting is scheduled for May 2nd, beginning at 11:00 am and all are welcome.

9. Meals on Wheels Advisory Committee (MOWAC) Report (SDS Director Randi Moore):

The Corvallis Meals on Wheels (MOW) meal site was scheduled to open in April but was put on pause until the new location has been finalized. Currently the meal site is in the Elks building but they are looking at either partnering with the Corvallis Community Center or Cornerstone.

MOW has signed up as a non-profit group to receive bottle and can donations through the Bottle Drop Center. SDS Director Moore asked for input on how to get the blue donation bags (for the bottles and cans) out to people.

10. Issues and Advocacy Committee (IAC) Report (IAC Chair Suzanne Lazaro):

The IAC has not been meeting as regularly as they have in the past due to COVID, the Legislative session, and the Capitol being under construction. However, there are opportunities for attending without physically being there. All bills offer a virtual platform where one can testify or submit a written testimony. For details on how to find your legislator, bills,



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Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (O4AD):

- O4AD advocates for SDS's programs and services.
 - Their Quarterly Meeting in conjunction with Advocacy Day at the Capitol is taking place on April 12th – 13th.
 - The meeting is being held both in person and virtually.
 - Advocates can meet with other advocates across the State.
 - Instead of meeting with Legislators at the Capitol the IAC has opted to meet with their Legislators toward the end of summer in their own jurisdictions.
 - O4AD's priorities:
 - State social services proposals.
 - Policy option packages that impact seniors and people with disabilities.
 - The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) policy and budget and how it affects Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) consumers.
 - Oregon Project Independence – Medicaid (OPI-M) 1115 Waiver Renewal which supports SDS's long-term care and community programs.
 - Workload and Staff impacts.
 - Mental Health Services gaps – O4AD has secured a budget note on this issue.
 - LBGTQ – There has been a lot of data collection and focus groups to move this along.

- Medicaid Redetermination – Redeterminations will begin April 1, 2023.
- Roll out of OPI with Medicaid matching funds.
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) – monitor improvement plan by OHA to improve the quality and safety of services for those within the Medicaid system.

IAC Chair Lazaro encouraged everyone to read the emails being sent out on the O4AD Legislative updates. They are user-friendly and make it easy to learn about the bills and how one can provide testimony and support toward the bills they are interested in.

Joanne Cvar shared that Representative David Gomberg invited the Councils to visit him in Salem and he would show them around.

IAC Chair Lazaro will support those visiting their representatives in their own jurisdiction this summer as well as supporting anyone wishing to go to the Capitol, even if she cannot personally be there.

11. Program Update (SDS Director Randi Moore):

Older Americans Month 2023 Planning:

- As in the past, OCWCOG will ask their member governments to do a proclamation about the Older Americans month.
- SDS is looking into doing outreach through the radio and movie theater ads.
- SDS is reaching out to community centers and senior centers to support an event.

Case Management/Senior Leadership – Internal discussion.

12. Other Business and Announcements:

Holly Bollman shared that the forum on Aging in Rural Oregon will take place next month in Seaside. SDS Director Moore and Older Adults Behavior Specialist Supervisor Lucy Zammarelli will be presenting.

ACTION: Holly Bollman will send the information on Aging in Rural Oregon to SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe to send to the group.

Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care is having a Dine-out event at Common Fields in Corvallis today. During the month of April if anyone asks for a pint from the Pop for Hopes tap, Lumina will get a portion of those sales.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

Meeting Minutes was recorded by Terri Sharpe.