

**Joint
Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)
and
Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

SSAC Members Present: Mitzi Naucler, Chair; Terri Fackrell, Vice Chair; Kay McDonald, Care Planning Committee (CPC) Chair; Lee Strandberg; and Holly Bollman.

DSAC Members Present:; Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald, Chair; and Michelle Giammona, Membership and Nominating Committee (MNC) Chair.

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Members Present: Dawn Rustom; Jasper Smith; and Sandy Potter.

Guests: Gena Sellers, Mimi Chen; Naomi Hirsh, Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care; and Scott Kruger, Benton County Government.

Members Absent: Allison Hobgood, DSAC Vice Chair; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Lazaro; and Bill Turner.

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

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Additions to the Agenda: *(SSAC Chair Mitzi Naucler)*

SSAC Chair Mitzi Naucler called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Introductions were made, including guests.

2. Approval of Minutes:

ACTION: Motion to approve the August 6, 2024 Joint SSAC/DSAC meeting minutes made by Lee Strandberg, seconded by Kay McDonald. Motion passed unanimously.

3. SSAC Approval of Mimi Chen's SSAC Membership Application (SSAC Members Only): *(SSAC Vice Chair Terri Fackrell)*

ACTION: Motion to approve the SSAC membership application of Mimi Chen and send it to Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) Board of Directors for approval made by Terri Fackrell, seconded by Lee Strandberg. Motion passed unanimously.

4. DSAC Approval of Gena Sellers's DSAC Membership Application (DSAC Members Only): *(Membership and Nominating Committee (MNC) Chair Michelle Giammona)*

Due to a lack of a quorum, this agenda item will be tabled to the December 10, 2024 Joint SSAC-DSAC meeting.

5. Monitor and Review Committee (MRC) Update: *(Program Director Randi Moore)*

The Monitor and Review Committee resumed the Older Americans Act Contract review visits. On August 13th Program Director Moore and MRC member Richard Montgomery

conducted two monitor and review visits at Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center and Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care.

- Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center (CDDC):
 - CDDC is seeing a lot more older adults and people with disabilities using their services.
 - The Dentist office across the street from the CDDC is providing dental services for CDDC's guests.
 - CDDC's biggest issue is space with hopes of having a bigger center in the near future.
 - The MRC feels strongly that the money they use to support the CDDC is being used to provide support to older adults and people with disabilities who are facing homelessness.
 - The MRC will continue to grant the CDDC money when funds are available.
- Luminous Hospice and Palliative Care:
 - The MRC met Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteer, Transitions, and Caregiver Support Coordinator Naomi Hirsch who works with the Family Care Givers and strongly supports the Powerful Tools for Caregivers class. Ms. Hirsch is interested in becoming a Council member.
 - Amy Baird, the past Director of Lumina Hospice has left, and Katelyn Cooper is currently the Interim Director and Operations Director.
 - Lumina Hospice uses all the OAA grant money towards supporting Family Caregivers.
 - The MRC will continue to support Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care.

6. Care Planning Committee (CPC) Report: (SSAC Vice Chair Terri Fackrell)

The Care Planning Committee met on September 10th where they heard from:

- Agency Deputy Director, Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Ashley Carson Cottingham, who gave an update on the Ombudsman program.
- Adult Protective Services (APS) Program Supervisors Kate Hall and Cybil Stockman who gave an update on APS. Highlights included:
 - The Increasing number of investigations APS saw with a significant bump in numbers in April. The number of investigations is increasing with a significant bump in April.
 - Information on how long it takes to resolve cases.
- Program Director Randi Moore who went over the State's mandated areas of focus for the 2025-29 Area Plan and her recommendation for additional areas of focus per the results of a survey sent out months ago to the Councils.

ACTION: Motion to approve the 2025-29 Area Plan areas of focus to include:

- Older Native Americans;
- Information and Referral Services and Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC);
- Family Caregivers;
- Health and Promotion (wrapping in Behavioral Health);
- Nutrition Services;
- Legal Assistance and Elder Rights Protection;
- Financial Wellness (wrapping in Housing and Transportation); and
- Emergency Planning

made by Terri Fackrell, seconded by Lee Strandberg. Motion passed unanimously.

For more details click [here](#) for the CPC meeting minutes.

7. Issues and Advocacy Committee (IAC) Report: *(Program Director Randi Moore)*

The IAC is quickly ramping up with the Legislative session starting at the beginning of the new year. The IAC will have to be well-educated and ready to advocate for:

- Workload,
- Caseload numbers – that they are clear, concise, accurate and transparent, and
- The development of the funding streams.

The Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (O4AD) will be developing toolkits for local advocacy groups to use to reach out to their Legislators.

8. Meals on Wheels Advisory Committee (MOWAC) Report: *(Program Director Randi Moore)*

Due to illness, MOW Program Supervisor Bernadette Handley was unable to make the meeting. Her report can be viewed [here](#).

Program Director Moore gave a brief update on the MOW program:

- A contract has been reached with the Siletz Tribe to have Meals on Wheels (MOW) return to the Siletz meal site which is scheduled to open mid-October.
- MOW – Sustainability:
 - The contracts for all the meal sites are coming up for renewal, many site locations are asking for increased rates.
 - MOW has always operated on the edge of long-term sustainability.
 - COVID funds helped for a period, but those funds ended September 30, 2024.
 - Increased fundraising and grant writing will be a goal of the next few years.

ACTION: SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe will email MOW Program Supervisor Bernadette Handley's MOW's report after the meeting.

9. SDS Program Updates – Area Plan Update for FY2024: *(Program Director Randi Moore)*

Program Director Randi Moore reported:

- The O4AD Directors retreat last week focused on Emergency Planning.
- The Administration on Community Living (ACL) Administrator Louise Ryan from Region 10 (which includes Alaska, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon), spoke at the retreat.
- While in the area, Ms. Ryan visited North End Senior Solutions (NESS) and the Newport 60+ Activity Center, both recipients of OAA funds, giving Ms. Ryan a glimpse on how the OAA dollars are being spent to support our communities.
- With the 2025-29 Area Plan areas of focus decided, staff will start getting the need assessments out.

10. Other Business and Announcements:

The Monitor and Review Committee's review with the Grace Center was rescheduled to Thursday, October 10th, starting at 9:30. The Corvallis Community Center (C3) will be rescheduled at a later date.

Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteer, Transitions, and Caregiver Support Coordinator Naomi Hirsh shared that she started a six-week Powerful Tools for Caregivers class that starts on September 26, 2024. The classes will meet at 10:00 am on Thursdays at Lumina Hospice. She will send the flyer to SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe to send out.

Ms. Hirsh also shared that Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care received a grant from the Siletz Tribe to put on four Caregiver luncheons in which they are doing in collaboration with C3. The first luncheon was a success. The next luncheon is scheduled for November 19th, and Vicki Schmall, the author of Powerful Tools for Caregivers will be there. The luncheon will seat up to 40 people and Ms. Hirsh extended an invite for others to attend. She will send the flyer to SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe to send out as well.

ACTION: Naomi Hirsh will email the Caregiver Support flyer and the Caregivers Fall 2024 Caregiver Luncheon flyer to SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe who will send to the group.

Holly Bollman shared the Mennonite Village is having their Acting Aging Wellness Fair this Friday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. There will be over 30 vendors, health screenings, and food trucks. She will send the flyer to SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe to send out.

ACTION: Holly Bollman will email the Active Aging Wellness Fair flyer to SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe to send to the group.

DSAC Chair Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald shared that NESS is offering their Savvy Caregiver class which is a five-week class that will meet every Monday from October 28th – November 25th. The class is for people wanting to communicate more efficiently, not just with people living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, but with everyone. She will email the flyer to SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe to send out.

ACTION: DSAC Chair Jan Molnar-Fitzgerald will email the Savvy Caregiver flyer to SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe to send to the group.

Scott Kruger shared that he is the Environmental Health Program Manager for Benton County. If there are any vendors in Benton County that need inspection they should get in contact with his office.

SSAC Vice Chair Terri Fackrell shared that C3 strives to have a close relationship with Benton County's Environmental Health in order to keep everyone safe at the Center and Mr. Kruger has been a big help. They received a 100% on their last inspection.

CPC Chair Kay McDonald reminded everyone of the Behavioral Health and Aging Annual Conference taking place on October 16th – 17th at the Ford Alumni Center in Eugene. A flyer has already been sent but she'll have SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe resend it to the group.

ACTION: As a reminder, SDS Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe will resend the Behavioral Health and Aging Annual Conference flyer to the group.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.
(This is the 2nd Tuesday of the month due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday)

Meeting Minutes was recorded by Terri Sharpe.