



**Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division  
Aging Services Advisory Council Meeting**

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

[Via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 969 3403 8072

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Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead
10:50 am	<a href="#">Link to slides</a> Meeting open for sign on	Fellowship	Lynn Schemmer-Valleau
<b>Attendees:</b> Betty Cox, Bill Richard, Dave Daley, Anne Lindsay, Bill Hulley, Scott Moore, April Rohman, Sarah Radcliffe, Lynn Schemmer-Valleau, Joanne O’Connell, Antonio Villarreal, Jessica Gushulak, Cheri Becerra, Robyn Johnson, Commissioner Sharon Meieran			
11:00 (5 min)	Zoom review	Meeting access and shared understanding	Robyn Johnson
11:05 (5 min)	Opening - Land acknowledgement	Honoring community and addressing ongoing systems of oppression	Lynn Schemmer-Valleau
11:10 (10 min)	Opening Connections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please share your name and pronouns</li> <li>● Warm up!</li> </ul>	Reflection, Community and relationship building	ASAC Members
11:20 (5 mins)	Agenda review and meeting purpose	Agree on how to spend this time together	Robyn
11:25 (15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public Comment and Member Updates</li> </ul>		ASAC members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scott - There were 1400 responses to the LGBTQ Older Adult Survey. Scott will be sending out links to our group about the results of the survey. Robyn commented - if ASAC is interested, we could have a presentation of the data from this survey.</li> <li>● Dave - There was a CAT presentation about the Burnside Bridge project. This group has been pushing for the need and understanding of bridge use by older adults and disabled individuals.</li> <li>● Dave - Involved with the Hollywood Hub - which is the removal of Hollywood Transit center. We are working with TriMet on how individuals get up and down on the busses at</li> </ul>			

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street level. There is an ad hoc committee and Dave will share the info from this group.

- Robyn - The OR Department of Transportation reached out about equity on different modes of transit. They are interested in doing a focus group in the region - and would like Robyn's help coordinating this group. They need 8-10 people, and will pay for their time. This is around transit, tolling, and other things. I will send the info on this out to our group and community partners. If there is interest, we will set some time to discuss.

11:40 (20+ mins)	● 21-22 ASAC Calendar Review	Work session	Robyn
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- Robyn - shared screen with calendar for review. Went over the timeline for the coming year. Noting that one of the priorities this group picked, Emergency Management, she is not sure how we want to handle this one, and is asking for your input.
- Dave - wants to know what we learned from the emergencies this year? How can we improve on our response? What could we advocate on to help with this?
- Anne - How does emergency preparedness go along with say ACHP? Could we work this into all things that we learn about? Robyn clarified - you would like emergency management to be an important thing built into all our presentations?
- Scott - asked if public testimony has been a part of ASAC in the past? Robyn - this is under our public comment portion of the agenda.
- Dave - how do the questions that come up in public comment get answered - also how does the information get back to this group? Robyn answered - in these notes. I review the notes and bring forward any issues to be put on later agenda if needed. I also try to put these on one of the slides and go through them as follow up. I am also hoping to have a co facilitator next month to help me with the agenda.
- Anne - at the end of the meeting, it would be good to have at least five to ten minutes to make sure we have all the things we need to bring back for discussion next month.
- Robyn - pulled up the slide to talk about co-facilitation. She is really hoping that having an ASAC member be a co-facilitator will help with what is on our agenda. We will make sure to stop early today so we can talk about our next meeting and what we need to revisit next month. Any member can call or email me - with issues that need to be on the agenda for the next month.
- Scott - It is difficult for me to see the accessibility of public testimony for these meetings. Robyn asked Scott to please tell me more - so I can understand. Scott - this group would really benefit from real stories of what happens with these emergency situations. Robyn suggested members spread the info about these meetings. Get people involved and have them tell their stories. You can also take written testimony and we can read it.
- Dave - has seen meetings be taken over with public comment and no time for the rest of the meeting.
- Robyn - moved us to take consensus. Remember 1 - 5 (1 being do not agree at all). If we

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have mainly 4-5's we will have consensus. We had mainly 4-5's, with Dave being at 3. Dave would like to see how our discussion impacts how answers to questions get back to us.

- Robyn - calendar as it stands is adopted. We will be watching for clear answers to questions.
- Bill - how did we come to a consensus if one person was at a 3?
- Dave - feels like moving forward with consensus is not productive. But I think we need to move forward and see how this works. I feel like there has been a big blank on the feedback loop from staff. But I feel like we need to move forward.
- Scott - I am hearing Dave say his concern is we do not have our old business built into the calendar - we could just make sure that we go over open items in the meetings. Robyn - yes, we will continue to do this.
- Anne - is it possible to rephrase how we agree to use this calendar? I think we just want to monitor how this works. We can move forward and make changes as needed.
- Betty - we need this calendar - we can make changes as needed.
- Robyn - we have a consensus with the understanding things can come up and things will get tabled and may change. It is a living document. We will review the follow-up issues at each meeting. We are agreeing to move forward with the calendar as it is written - as a framework.

12:00 (5 mins)	Break	Rest and Refresh	ASAC members
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12:05 (30 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Transportation program overview and update</li> </ul>	Information and shared understanding	ASAC Members
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- A slide show was presented by Lynn and Joanne. Please keep in mind, this is a narrow scope in the grand scheme of the budget - for transportation costs.
- Our goal is to serve the most vulnerable first.
- This funding goes out via contacts to our community partners.
- There is a transportation assessment that our community partners do. This is for folks who are 60 or over / or who are disabled. The assessment is done yearly.
- Our community partners also seek out other funding to help with transportation.
- In addition - the county also has a contract for clients with Medicaid - for NEMT ( Non-Emergency Medical Transportation)
- Went over the budget breakdown.
- The county is not required to provide funds to contribute to transportation. We choose to do this.
- In 2021 we provided rides to get vaccines with some of our funds.
- Scott - what happens to funds not used? Joanne explained - Funds are budgeted for a 2-year period. Funds allotted to the first-year budget that are not 100% expended may be

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rolled over to the second year. The only funds that never roll over from any year to another year are the county General Funds. So, for transportation, the following funds can rollover into the second year are Older Americans Act, Foster Grandparent, and Oregon Project Independence - Expansion Funds.

- About 1000 people per year get services from these funds.
- Dave - did we fix the issue with Hop Cards and passes not working - where clients cannot buy up on their cards? Answer is that there are still issues. Dave stated he needs to know about these issues so he can pass this information onto TriMet. Robyn did let everyone know that staff that had been working on these issues is no longer employed with TriMet, and no one else has been reassigned their duties. There will be more on this discussion as we discuss NEMT next month.
- Scott asked about what else is being prepared to talk about NEMT next month. Robyn there is info from the area plan - besides other things.
- Scott - hopes to be working together to make policy and funding requests. Robyn agrees.
- Betty asked Joanne if there is any talk about reducing TriMet Lift costs? Joanne has not heard any discussion on this, but would love to see that happen. TriMet lift is the most expensive fare.
- Dave - He shared a draft - 4 months ago - concerning some issues. There has been no response from county staff. He had a meeting with Commissioner Meieran - and she was excited about the idea. One of the issues - was exactly what Betty is talking about with the lift costs. Robyn - we just have not had time to talk about it yet.
- April asked about how district center partners were chosen - she does not see any homeless services day centers on this list, and with the aging of our unhoused populations, I'd like to advocate to expand this list if possible. Lynn answer: District Centers are procured via the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and that procurement is coming up for bid in 2022. District Centers service designated districts. (The five districts are: West Side, N/NE, SE, Mid County and East County) and contract with ADVSD AAA to serve as the hub of Older Americans Act programming for older adults in that district. They provide the full menu of services: Case Management (for OAA, OPI and Family Caregiver Support Program) Information and Assistance and Information and Referral, Focal Point programming and activities, transportation scheduling and coordination. These contracts are for five years. For the purposes of this funding for transportation scheduling and coordination and distribution of the benefit (tickets, passes, rides) we budget it within the District Senior Centers and Enhancing Equity Partners. Transportation scheduling and coordination is NOT procured separately--it's not a large enough budget to warrant its own procurement process.

12:35 (15 min)	ADVSD Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opening plans</li> <li>● ARP Funds</li> </ul>	Information sharing	Lynn
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicaid Package update</li> <li>ACHP Rules Review Committee</li> </ul>		
We will send these out to all by email -			
12:50 (10 mins)	Closing - Check out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What went well today?</li> <li>What could be adjusted for next time?</li> </ul>	Sharing and improvement	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scott – co-facilitator for next month.</li> <li>Dave - can we see how the rules work for recurring monthly appointments for NEMT? This would take a lot of time. Instead, Robyn will see if we can get a written update - and discuss at the next meeting.</li> <li>Bill - discuss bicycle facilities discussion</li> </ul>			
1:00 pm	Adjourn!		All

### Upcoming Meetings:

- October 19, 2021 11am -1pm

**Common acronyms used in ASAC Meetings** - While we strive to avoid acronyms and jargon here are some you may hear in ASAC meetings

- ADVSD - *Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division* - a division of Multnomah County Department of Human Services
- APD - *Aging and People with Disabilities* - a work unit of the Oregon Department of Human Services
- BIPOC - *Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color*
- DCHS - *Department of County Human Services*
- DSAC - *Disability Services Advisory Council*
- LTSS - *Long Term Services and Supports*
- O4AD - *Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities*
- ODHS - *Oregon Department of Human Services (also called as DHS)*