



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

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

[Via Zoom](#)

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Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead
11:50 pm	Meeting open for sign-on	Fellowship	All
Attendees: Dennis Lavery, Charmaine Kinney, Alysia Yamasaki, Barb Rainish, Irma Jinemez, Joe Valtierra, Lisa Strader, Erin Pidot, Cynthia Castro, Mark Sanford, Rozalind Darby, Jessica Gushulak, Cheri Becerra, Robyn Johnson			
12:00 NOON (5 min)	Zoom review and accessibility (slides)	Meeting access and shared understanding	Robyn Johnson
12:05 (5 min)	Opening Land acknowledgment	Honoring community and addressing ongoing systems of oppression	Joe Valtierra
12:10 (10 min)	Opening Connections: Please share your name and pronouns	Reflection, Community, and relationship building	Alysia Yamasaki
12:20 (5 mins)	Agenda review Call for public comment	Agree on how to spend this time together	Alysia
Next Steps and Action Items			
12:25 (15 min)	Member updates and public comment What is happening from your seat?	Connection and Community building	DSAC and community members
Next Steps and Action Items - Lisa - Please consider providing feedback to PBOT about where to add accessible parking spaces. Here is the link to the survey below. We are also going to be releasing a report of our progress by March 31st. PBOT Survey - Alysia - can we share the PBOT survey with others? Yes - please share. - Dennis - How do you report private lot issues? Lisa says there is a program - not PBOT - link is below. Private lot issues			

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	- Dennis - attended discussion, put on by PBOT, about Flying with Wheelchairs. Good presentation. I did voice my concerns - and they are being studied at this time. This is frustrating, I would like to see some solutions. Wheelchair and Travel - Robyn - thank you for this information Dennis. This would be a great resource for our statewide O4AD and ASAC and DSAC of Southern Oregon - who has been studying this too. - Barb - asked Lisa about reporting the issue of tents and toilets on sidewalks. Lisa said please report this. There is a link below. Tents and Toilets - Robyn - sent out some material, right before our meeting started, on the ADVSD Service Equity Workgroup Proposal. Plan will launch in April. Will be rolled out in two phases. Phase One - conducting outreach, planning and groundwork for launching an advisory group, will be reporting and gathering input from ASAC and DSAC monthly, meeting through September, and will use the consensus model. Phase two - will launch in October 2022, have significant community representation, meetings will be public, will continue indefinitely, co-facilitation (one community member or partner and one ADVSD staff), and this will be a consensus model. Irma added, this is a requirement of the state, and we appreciate this. We are in the early stages, but should have a plan by September. Robyn will be getting more information out to you.		

12:40 (10 mins)	Area Plan Update - Timeline updates - Next Steps additional areas	Information Sharing, Accountability, and Input.	Robyn
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Next Steps and Action Items

- Our area plan update is due by the end of July.
- During next month's meeting our community services team will bring recommended process for DSAC and ASAC involvement.

12:50 (10 min)	Transportation Advocacy: NEMT info hearing	Advocacy and Next Steps	DSAC and Dave Daley
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Next Steps and Action Items

- Barb - Robyn, Dave, Betty and myself attended the Trimet meeting. We talked about the proposal from ASAC, that DSAC is also supporting. This is the proposal on ridership and cost of LIFT concerning senior citizens, low income, and BIPOC persons. John Gardner,

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Trimet equity person, did not offer anything that they could do at this time.

- Robyn - at the meeting Dave did share our request - and we did try and get answers about what shared values and goals we have. We also requested an analysis of who is using lift services. They told us to take this to the CAT committee and Dave did this.

1:00 (5 mins)	Break	Rest and Refresh	All
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1:05 (40 min)	Public Guardian Program Overview	Information Sharing, Shared Understanding	Mark Sanford
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- Welcome Mark Sanford, Senior manager of our Public Guardian Program. He has been with the county since 1986, started in PG in 1990, and has been manager of PG for 13 years. This program just celebrated its 50th Anniversary.
- Introduced Rozalind - new Public Guardian staff member.
- PG provides court ordered protection to adult victims of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, while enhancing personal choice and quality of life.
- Most of our referrals come from Multnomah county APS, area hospitals, DCHS case managers, community agencies.
- We petition the court, and serve as Guardian and/or Conservator based on court adjudication. This is a lifelong appointment - unless the consumer's capacity is restored.
- We are available 24/7 everyday of the year to respond to urgent calls.
- Guardian legal relationship with decisional authority for an incapacitated adult (living arrangements, healthcare decision, restricted access for protection) with authority to manage finances under \$10,000. A Conservator is used if financial management concerns anything over \$10,000..
- Our consumer must be over 18, Multnomah county resident, no family or private sector resource help available, and at a high risk for abuse. All other less restrictive alternatives to address the situation must be exhausted before we do this.
- Robyn emphasized free will - we can offer and advocate, but it is - in the end - up to the consumer to decide to let us help them.
- Alysia - how many people want to serve in this capacity? Mark says most of this work is done by family and friends. If the person has significant resources - they can hire private Guardians. Then there is us.
- This involves a considerable legal process. It involves filing a petition, mandatory notice to interested parties (including the person who is the subject of the action and a number of advocacy agencies, court visitor appointed by court to investigate and confirm that requirements are met, objections and appointment of counsel, mediation, hearings and ongoing court monitoring (via annual reports, etc.).
- Our funding is 1.4 million per year, and it comes from the County General Fund.
- We have 11 staff in our area. We also have support from DCHS business services.

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	• We had 125 referrals (meaning that enough required information was provided to make an eligibility determination) last year and over 500 consultations involving individuals with diminished capacity. 40% of the referrals are diverted to less costly and restrictive alternatives. • We serve 180 people per year in this program. Service population is currently 78% white, 12% black, 6% American Indian or Alaskan native plus some unknown or declines to disclose. • 35% have dementia, 29% have mental health issues, 21% have intellectual developmental disabilities, 4% have substance abuse issues (contributing to permanent impairment), and other irreversible impairment. • 79% live in community based situations and 21% live in nursing facilities. • PG info regarding planning for incapacity (Get A Life Plan), a project Mark has been involved with to work upstream for planning and prevention to avoid guardianship/conservatorship. Materials are also being translated into different languages (Spanish currently available on webpage) and will be used in a larger outreach effort working with the County Communications Office for outreach to this community.		

1:45 (10 min)	ADVSD updates • Older Americans Month • Member recruitment • Legislative wrap ups • SNAP Changes	Information Sharing	ADVSD Staff
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Next Steps and Action Items

- Robyn - May is older Americans Month and we will have a proclamation in front of commissioners.
- Robyn - We are working on new member recruitment information. We look forward to sharing these with you.
- We will send out legislative emails as soon as we receive them.
- Robyn - SNAP benefits - the state is anticipating that the emergency allotments will be ending within the next few months. We will have some information to send out to you - I am hoping soon.
- Joe - The state will be contacting each household about the change to SNAP benefits. They are also developing some FAQs about the shift back to their base allotment - and how they can supplement.
- Joe - in our branches we are communicating this to our clients as we have contact with them.

1:55 (10 mins)	Next meeting proposal (slide)	Agree on next steps and process	Robyn
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Next Steps and Action Items

- Adult protective services presenting next month
- Service equity discussion
- Member recruitment and outreach materials discussion

1:57-ish	Closing and checking out • Something that worked well or could improve; or • 1-2 words describing how they're feeling leaving the meeting (No slide)	Sharing and improvement	TBD
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Next Steps and Action Items

- Alysia - hard to know when to ask questions during a presentation. - Robyn will build in slides for questions during the presentation.

2:00 pm	Adjourn!		All
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Upcoming Meetings:

- March 24, 2022

Common acronyms used in DSAC 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)*