



Aging Services Advisory Council - Minutes

Thursday, August 6, 2020 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Meeting info: Zoom meeting ID: 987 8052 5521

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Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead	Next Steps and Action Items
2:30 - 2:35 pm	Zoom Meeting reminders	Successful muting		
2:35 - 2:45 pm	Opening and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name ● Pronouns ● Ice Breaker 	Collegiality	Robyn Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendees Dave Daley, Robyn Johnson, Meghan Lewis, Semion Gurvich, Max Micozzi, SB Gurvich, Maria Park, Lawrence Macy, Taylor Potter, Betty Cox, Renee Hunzinger, Katie Shriver, Cheri Becerra, Erin Grahek, Irma Jimenez, Robyn Johnson
2:45 - 2:50 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review agenda ● Approve previous minutes ● Review previous action items, if any. 	Approve minutes and agenda	Robyn and all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes approved ● Agenda approved
2:50 - 3:00 pm	Meet Irma Jimenez, Interim Director ADVSD	Relationship building	Irma Jimenez and All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worked with us for 25 years ● Has done Case Management, Adult Protective Services work, and management ● Formed many relationships with community

				<p>partners over the years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See's and understands the need for connection with our community service committees ● Dave - commented while attending O4AD meetings it is clear to him that the Triple A's advisories seem to know much more than our advisories do. The best advisory committees he has worked with get information before decisions are made, instead of after. Irma acknowledged. She hopes we will do better and that is something that we should bring up with our consultant ● Irma co facilitates meetings with managers of color with the county. She is very involved in this work. We are looking at our mission, vision and values - especially where it impacts people of color
3:00 - 3:20 pm	Advocacy Request	Racial equity and diversity	Robyn Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An email went out 8/5 concerning requests for Advocacy ● Max - We have very little time to gather info and do any advocacy work. O4AD's website is not helpful, I could not figure out how to contact them, print is small, and there were no updates. Max hopes we can have the opportunity to give testimonials ● Robyn - lobbyists sometimes do not understand what is most important for us to have from them. Example is talking points. We will ask Irma to carry these comments forward ● Erin went over the 3 areas for potential cuts

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1.4 million cut from mental health screening and intervention programs that serve older adults, including funding for the PEARLS intervention 2. 1.1 million from American Act program supports and services 3. 50% cut to recent investments for equitable staffing levels for case managers and Adult Protective workers. This cut would also reduce our ability to draw down matching federal dollars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Max - asked if matching funds for medicaid could be affected and Erin said we could potentially lose our matching money. This impact is would affect number three above ● Robyn - advocacy can be as easy as cutting and pasting these three potential cuts and asking that they are not cut. Please reach out, we are here to help you with answers and tools ● Erin - O4AD, as well as ADVSD leadership, is pushing the advocacy of these three potential cuts
3:20 - 3:40 pm	Update: ADVSD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cares Act funding updates ● Virtual Senior Center ● Budget updates 		Erin Grahek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Families First Act we received \$470,000 for maily nutrition services. This will be allocated to our nutrition partners for the costs they have been incurring. We are telling our nutrition providers to feed their people. We are working with our partners to make sure this gets done. We have spent all of this money. ● Cares Act we received 1.5 million. We went before the Board of Commissioners in early June and

received approval to use this money until September of 2021. We have used 1/6th of these funds for last fiscal year. The rest will be used for this fiscal year. \$933,000 will go for nutrition. Currently working on an allocation model for this money. Culturally specific partners will receive a larger share, due to the pandemic hitting them very hard. 3B has some money, about \$300,000, and its use is very broad. There is \$134,000 in 3E for Family Caregiver Services. We are hoping to use some of the money in those last two areas to build a virtual senior center. Senior Centers may be closed for a long time. Technology may be one of the few ways we can still engage with these folks.

- Dave commented it is impossible to work on all these things when we only have a meeting every other month, many agree we should be meeting once per month.
- Erin would like to acknowledge the commissioners gave us a bit more money to help with the virtual senior center. They advocated other areas to shift money for this use. We must use this money before the end of the calendar year. This money will also help with limited Adult Protective Service Staffing concerning elder abuse.
- There are some folks where virtual senior centers will not work. Such as folks who have literacy and language barriers. We may use some of the

				<p>money for newspapers for radio shows. We may be able to help with printing costs, payment of air time, art kits or giving family caregiver support.</p>
3:40 - 3:50 pm	Public comment & announcements	Hold space for the public to address ASAC or for members to share other information	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Semion would like to invite anyone to the studio who would like to present issues to our seniors. Please contact Semion. ● Max - Much of SAGE has moved to Virtual connection. SAGE has partnered with AARP and they have helped with technical assistance and with some funding. Max wants us to know older adults learn and listen so well. They also want us to be aware that some of the clients may not have the minutes needed to use their phones for zoom meetings. Please try and make sure they get a number where they will not be charged. SAGE also has a technology volunteer who has been helping out for quite a while. https://seniorplanet.org/ is a great place for ideas on how to engage our seniors. There is also lots of opportunity for sliding scale internet fees. ● Betty mentioned that some seniors need more than just internet learning. They would benefit more from the art and/or craft kits ● Dave says online exercise is also good. Erin mentioned the exercise video that a few of our interns and the county created together. Cheri sent that video to all in attendance on Friday August 7th

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAYA's youth advocates have been really helping with engaging people online. Cookings and questions and answer sessions with candidates have gone well. Their meal program is also moving along well. NAYA received a grant for a lending library for cooking equipment
3:50 - 4:00 pm	Meeting wrap up and next agenda	Confirm date	Robyn Johnson	
4:00 pm	Adjourn		All	

Important dates:

Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting, September 3, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Next ASAC Meeting - October 5: ASAC, 2:30 - 4:00 pm