



**Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division
ASAC Meeting**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

[Via Zoom](#)

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Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead
10:50 pm	Meeting open for sign-on	Fellowship	All
<p>Attendees: Dave Daley, April Rohman, Lawrence Macy, Scott Moore, Leslie Houston, Tuong Vy Le, Robyn Johnson, Jessica Gushulak, Cheri Becerra, Erin Grahek, Susan Madar, Mark Sandford</p>			
11:00 (5 min)	Zoom review and accessibility (slides)	Meeting access and shared understanding	Robyn Johnson
11:05 (5 min)	Opening- Land acknowledgment	Honoring community and addressing ongoing systems of oppression	Erin Grahek
11:10 (10 min)	Opening Connections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please share your name & pronouns 	Community, and relationship building	Scott Moore (standing in for Bill Richard)
11:20 (5 mins)	Agenda review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for public comment 	Agree on how to spend this time together	Scott
11:25 (10 min)	Member updates and public comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is happening from your seat? 	Connection and Community building	ASAC and community members
<p>Next Steps and Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robyn - How would we like to approach next steps on the LGBTQ adults survey? April - Nice to see the data at statewide level where the data can be used to help bring up needs in different areas. Loved break out panel. Robyn - reminder, we have good information on this subject in our Area Plan. Scott - small group discussed struggles with clients wanting to know why we would ask about their gender. How can we let people know why we need this information? SOGIE - stands for Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression. Dave - Valuable information in this survey. In our panel we discussed helping rural america understand why we need this SOGIE info. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robyn - would we like to bring this to our next meeting for more discussion or have an AD HOC group? ● Dave - I feel that we could use this report to check if we are doing these things in our Area Plan Process. ● Robyn - will check in with Nathan, our Data Analyst, to see we could dive into this more deeply. ● Scott - this info is also helpful in having conversations concerning elder abuse. ● Robyn - will ask APS to speak to elder abuse, specifically concerning LGBTQ elders, if possible. ● Leslie - Gatekeeper program is a great way to reach people. ● Erin - we do still have folks who can help with gatekeeper work. As we move into our next COVID phase, I am hoping we can get back to this program. ● April - Could be advocate for incorporating the LGBTQ culturally-specific component into the existing elder abuse training? ● Erin - I will contact Amber Kern Johnson at Hollywood Senior Center, they were working on Elder Abuse training. 		

11:35 (15 mins)	Area Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Timeline updates ● Next Steps additional areas 	Information Sharing, Accountability, and input.	Erin and Robyn
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Next Steps and Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robyn will be sending some information out. 			
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11:50 (10 min)	Transportation Advocacy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trimet ● NEMT 	Information sharing and Advocacy	Dave Daley
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Next Steps and Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dave - myself, Robyn and Betty Cox met with Trimet. ● Dave - chatted with Director Edwards and staff, seem to have their support concerning our ask about increasing access to low income and older folks to the Lift Program. ● Dave - did meet with Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson and a staff representative of Commissioner Meieran about the Trimet and lift issues. 			
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12:00	Break	Rest and Refresh	All
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12:05 (30 min)	Public Guardian Program Overview	Information Sharing, Shared Understanding	Mark Sanford

Next Steps and Action Items

- Welcome Mark Sanford, Senior manager of our Public Guardian Program. He has been with the county since 1986 and manager of PG for 13 years. This program just celebrated its 50th Anniversary.
- 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.
- Scott - What is the definition of family? Mark - anyone who is capable and willing can come forward and serve in the role.
- 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.).
- Scott - how do you feel this impacts low income folks? Mark answered that it does impact them. They may not have money for court costs, legal fees, etc. We are looking into ways to support people in this area via participation with statewide group, WINGS (Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders).
- 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.
- 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

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<p>developmental disabilities, 4% have substance abuse issues (contributing to permanent impairment), and other irreversible impairment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. ● Dave - is there a reason indigent people count for a much larger % in this program - compared to population %? Mark said this is reflective of our case loads at the county. ● Robyn - how many of these folks identify as unhoused? Mark said that at intake about 35%. ● April - when you talk about intake, do the majority of those referrals come from the hospitals? Are there other spaces to intervene before this happens? Mark - it also comes from programs at the county or outside agencies who are working with this population to access services. ● Next meeting we will discuss what we learned today. 			
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12:35 (5 min)	Older Americans Month Planning	Planning	Erin
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<p>Next Steps and Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May is recognized as Older Americans month. The theme is Age My Way ● Email with information will be coming soon. 			
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12:40 (10 mins)	Service Equity Plan Update	Information Sharing, Shared Understanding and Input	Robyn
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<p>Next Steps and Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Month. 			
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12:50 (5 mins)	Next meeting proposal (slide)	Agree on next steps and process	Scott
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<p>Next Steps and Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult protection services overview ● Finalize Older Amer Month ● Service Plan Equity 			
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1:00 pm	Adjourn!		All

Upcoming Meetings: April 19, 2022 - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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 DHS)*