



Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division
Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
 Thursday, February 27, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 Five Oak Building, 209 SW 4th Ave, Portland, OR 97204
Pine Room, 1st floor

Zoom link: <https://multco-us.zoom.us/j/94294725561?pwd=8ZEEiVfu9sCg74q4yUeayQEF5HVkI2.1>

Meeting ID: 942 9472 5561 – Passcode: Sac.2025

Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead
Attendees: Members	In Person: Caroline Underwood, Gail Skenandore, Barb Rainish, Robert Trimble, Jesse Gaurdipee, Nellie Stearns. Virtual: T.J Anderson, Carolyn Snell.		
ADVSD	In Person: Lars Fujisato, Alex Garcia Lugo, Tatyana Gannotskiy, Irma Jimenez, Deric Anderson. Virtual: Nicole Galport, Melanie Altaras, Jason Normand, Jacob Mestman, Jeremy Nguyen, Charmaine Kinney, Chad Lykins.		
Guests	Sara Ryan		
10:00	Meeting open for sign on		Deric/Cheri
10:00	Opening – Zoom review and accessibility		Alex Garcia Lugo
10:05	Land acknowledgment		Alex Garcia Lugo
10:10	Introductions – Please share your name and pronouns Prompt: What is your favourite hot drink for the cold weather?		Alex Garcia Lugo
10:20	Agenda review (slide) – Call for public comment		Alex Garcia Lugo
10:30 (20 min)	<p>Presentation on the FY 2026 County budget from staff to the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners</p> <p>Presentation on the FY 2026 County budget from staff to the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sara: The budget process, which is happening now - will need approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The budget process is something we work on all year. - We try to match programs to available resources. - The Chair’s office is attending committee meetings to get feedback and to hear experiences. ❖ Nellie: Is what’s happening in DC affecting Multnomah County? ❖ Sara: There are weekly meetings taking place where we are discussing everything that is happening. We are staying up to date on billing and invoicing to track that everything is being paid. 		Sara Ryan, staff assistant

- ❖ Nellie: I've heard that Oregon is active in the courts fighting, but I'm hoping for the best.
- ❖ Sara: Gives overview of commissioners.
- ❖ Barb: Can you introduce the commissioners names and match them to the photo.
 - Moyer is the commissioner for ASAC/DSAC.
- ❖ Sara: Provides an overview of county boundaries and districts.
 - Forecast and overview of the County General Fund.
 - There will be roughly a 4% cut across the county, but that is an average as it will not be an even cut.
 - Now until April 24th, we will be balancing the budget. Although this is not the final budget, there will be adjustments and possible funds put back into the budget.
- ❖ Nellie: Are community partners part of the process?
- ❖ Sara: Our services are contracted out to community partners, and the chair has been meeting to hear feedback from the CBOs.
- ❖ Nellie: Is ImpactNW still functioning?
- ❖ Sara: Yes, although they might have some effect.
- ❖ Nellie: Do we still go for grants?
- ❖ Irma: We have some grant funding in CS, but it is minimal.
- ❖ Sara: Property tax revenue has dropped, affecting our budget, along with inflation, and loss of covid funding.
- ❖ Caroline: What about renovation of older buildings - who handles that?
- ❖ Sara: DCA and facilities. Departments have to fund the renovation for DCA.
 - The fall forecast is a 21.2 million-dollar shortfall.
 - There is a forecast for a 21.5 million-dollar Supportive Housing Services revenue shortfall for next year (FY 2026).
- ❖ Barb: Will the slides be available to us? And are both amounts from the same pot of money?
- ❖ Sara: Yes, the slides will be available. The amounts are a coincidence. However, they come from different sources.
 - The forecasted budget does not increase over the next 5 years.
 - Our budget has to be balanced to 0.
 - We are trying to plan for the next 5 years.
 - Our priorities are rooted in partnerships, being

person-centered, creating a community where homelessness is rare, having a safety net, and having a budget that prioritizes what we need most.

- ❖ Barb: I know Safety Net is in behavioral health. Is it here, too?
- ❖ Irma: Yes, and it includes PG, Housing assistance, etc.
- ❖ Sara: The county is the last place for people to go when they are at risk of falling into poverty.
 - The best outcomes meet all of the above bullet points.
 - Are there any questions about the budget I can answer today?
- ❖ Robert: Why do I get a bill for an Art Tax?
- ❖ Sara: It is a city tax - an Art Tax, Supportive Housing Tax, Preschool for All - on top of property taxes. The Gas Tax is going down, and all taxes help with funding. However, the Art Tax is a city tax.

Link to Art Tax information:

<https://www.portland.gov/revenue/arts-tax#:~:text=The%20following%20Portland%20residents%20are,annual%20income%20of%20any%20kind.>

- ❖ Gail: I have been fined for the Art Tax, although I have been exempt for years.
- ❖ Barb: Two things; are we losing the name of Joint Office of Homelessness? Second question; things we are legally required to provide - do we get a federal match? If so, will we lose that?
- ❖ Sara: We are trying to track that and we have some uncertainty.
- ❖ Barb: Is the BHRC okay?
- ❖ Sara: Yes, it is okay - there might be reductions, although it will still function.
- ❖ Caroline: I am concerned about the safety of older buildings.
- ❖ Sara: These are important concerns and youth is a priority for Chair Pederson.
 - DCJ: has a prevention program for the youth before they enter the justice center.
 - DCHS has the sun program - prevention is less mandated, but they are important to our

	<p>community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Robert: Youth goes into foster to avoid the justice system, but the youth can get marked for life when exiting the foster system. ❖ Sara: We need to provide wrap-around services when existing foster care and to remove some marks to help them get jobs and apartments, etc. 	
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10:50 BREAK – 15 minutes

<p>11:05 (30 min)</p>	<p>Older Americans Act Area Plan updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Alex: Area Plan update - draft was published and is open for public comment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments are accepted online or you can submit feedback in person. - The Area Plan is over 300 pages and we are accepting feedback. - Dave from ASAC has already provided some feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Takeaways from Dave Daley’s comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IRCO as district center provider vs culturally-specific partner. - District map request. - OPI and OPI-M administration. - Comparisons across class and district boundaries. - How to support elder abuse awareness; Elder is Action? - Nutrition goals #1 and #2: incorporating the need to support non-BIPOC older adults. - Availability of health promotion programs across districts. - Broaden transportation goal #2. - We have had 3 listening sessions and we are expecting additional feedback from partners. - We just conducted the virtual listening session, which puts our total number of participants at roughly 200 for the 3 listening sessions. <p>BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, and people of color</p>	<p>Area Plan team</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Alex: Public comment on slides (17 & 18). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People can apply for non-medical transportation. ❖ Barb: Is rideconnection the partner? ❖ Alex: It is Transdef. ❖ Barb: Do we have culturally specific senior centers for Spanish speakers? ❖ Alex: Our partners have programs for languages. ❖ Caroline: Community partners have exercise programs, but can someone teach exercise for seniors in their own space? ❖ Gail: Parks and Rec gives seniors and people with disabilities free passes and they accept silver sneakers. You can go anywhere that accepts that program. ❖ Robert: LA Fitness accepts silver sneakers. ❖ Caroline: That type of program would help keep seniors in their homes. ❖ Alex: We also have fall prevention in Community Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback opportunity for DSAC: - Closes March 5th at 4pm - Joint meeting on March 6th. - 10 mins to run through the board meeting on March 10th and 20th. ❖ Barb: Will there be a briefing before the Board of County Commissioners meeting? ❖ Alex: Staff can meet with you before March 4th for any feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We accept feedback through mail, email, or in person. - March 6th meeting preparation: How to vote is in the back of the slides packet. - An approved version of the Area Plan will be sent to the state. - The meeting will be here from 10am - 12pm for the joint meeting and voting. 	
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<p>11:35 (5 min)</p>	<p>Budget Season Announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Irma: Budget and reductions are posted online and feel free to reach out with any questions. 	<p>Alex Garcia Lugo, Irma Jimenez</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be listen sessions for the budget and the Chair will hear feedback. ❖ Alex: We will be in front of the board March 10th. 	
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11:40 (15 min)	<p>Public testimony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jesse: Do we have Native American speakers coming to talk to us? We are making hard information sound sweet, and we need to be direct about health and wellness. We need reality. Wanting a health and wellness representative/advocate for outreach. ❖ Nellie: When she worked at the county, they had nurses talk to staff. Can we have someone talk to elders about health and wellness? ❖ Irma: We will check with Marina about contracting out to someone. ❖ Nellie: We need a personal alarms for emergencies. ❖ Gail: We order that on our own, correct? ❖ Nellie: Yes, there are necklaces, watches, etc. ❖ Barb: O4AD is meeting April 10th and 11th in person and online - encourages people to get involved. 	Marina Khalina
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11:55	<p>Closing and check out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Something that worked well or could improve; or 1-2 words describing how they're feeling leaving the meeting 	Alex Garcia Lugo
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12:00 pm	Adjourn!
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Upcoming Meetings:

- Joint ASAC and DSAC: March 6, 2025, 10:00am - 12:00pm

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, DCHS
- APD - Aging and People with Disabilities, Oregon Department of Human Services
- APS - Adult Protective Services

- ASAC - Aging Services Advisory Council
- BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
- DCHS - Department of County Human Services (Multnomah)
- DSAC - Disability Services Advisory Council
- LTSS - Long Term Services and Supports
- NEMT - Non-Emergent Medical Transportation
- O4AD - Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities
- ODHS - Oregon Department of Human Services (also called DHS)
- OPI and OPI-M - Oregon Project Independence (- Medicaid)