

Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

Thursday, July 24, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Five Oak Building, 209 SW 4th Ave, Portland, OR 97204

Pine Room, 1st floor

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11:20	BREAK – 15 minutes	
11:35 (15 min)	- Discussion Older Americans Act 101	Tatyana G.
(13 11111)	- Charmaine led a discussion on the film*	

- Barb. thought it was interesting that Oregon is the only state with type A and B AAA's in the country. The recording took place in October of 2024 and things have really changed since the election.
- Carolyn thought it was interesting that the tribes don't report the state. This is due to the identities of the tribes and because the treaty is with the federal government and not with the state. FS80 is an amendment for enhancement of services for Native American elders.
- Charmaine said that there is advocacy to call the legislators and provide feedback on the way they vote. There is also important physical advocacy that members of the public can do that staff isn't able to do while representing the County. This past spring, parts of the OAA have been renewed, but other parts have not been approved yet.
- T.J shared that we should move more services and funding in-house and not rely on the federal government.
- Charmiane shared that some of the services are so large that the state can't support it, which is why the federal government does.
- Barb. shared that people with high needs seem to be the target of the federal government and is wondering how much the federal match is.
- Charmaine responded that we could provide a budget breakdown in the future.
- Amy shared that there were lots of opportunities to connect the dots and there are advisories for budget feedback.
- T.J shared that he is the co-chair on the central CBAC committee. They look at the budget for the next year, and they are wanting more representation from other advocacy groups.
- Jesse said he likes what T.J has to say, and feels that natives and others need more representation in these groups.
- Charmaine loved the idea of sharing information about other advocacy groups with DSAC and learning more about advocacy in general, such as advocacy 101.
- Amy shared that NAMI Smarts has free training on advocacy.
- Barb. shared that NAMI Smarts teaches you how to tell your story to legislators. There used to be more

- opportunity for advocacy and learning about the system. This is a non-busy time of the year for O4AD, and Nicole is a lobbyist in Salem, it would be great to connect with her.
- Gail asked about the SHIFT council for changing insurance. She filled out an application online and has been receiving calls about changing to a different plan.
- Amy said that it is a scam. People are sharing information with hackers, and we need a VPN to protect ourselves online. A lot of this stuff is fraud. They are targeting lonely and poor seniors and we need to spread the word. Amy has contacts with people who help change plans.
- Charmaine said that people can contact our SHIBA program.
- Gail asked about natives being turned back on dental and vision.
- Charmaine said that title VI is a gov to gov act and NARA has a waitlist for services. They are a program that has federal connections and you don't have to travel for healthcare.
- Carolyn said that CareOregon has an advantage program and asked if that is the same as SHIBA.
- Charmaine said no, and that SHIBA will help with Medicare parts C and D and they have counselors who can help you pick your plan. She also reminded everyone that Medicare and Medicaid are different and discussed the differences.
- Gail asked about Medicare, Medicaid, IHS, and Health Share.
- Charmaine explained that Health Share has partners and providers, and the SHIBA counselors can help figure all this out, but NARA would likely be the provider.
- Caroline shared that once you turn 65, insurance premiums increase, including rising taxes.
- Charmaine said that insurance costs go up every year, and that's just our economy.
- Tatyana reminded everyone that we won't have a meeting next month.
- Lars shared that SHIBA counselors are not brokers and they filter through your options.

- Budget breakdown of federal match.
- Learn about other advocacy groups at the County.

11:50 (10 min)	Public testimony	Tatyana G.
	- Barb. Shared that ASAC has a SHIBA counselor named Anne, who you can meet with if you don't want to meet with just anyone.	
Next Steps ●	and Action Items	

12:00	<ul> <li>Closing</li> <li>The next meeting will be in September at 10 am. There will not be a meeting in August.</li> </ul>	Tatyana G.
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## **Upcoming Meetings:**

• DSAC: September , 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)