



**Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division
Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)**

Thursday, October 24 2024, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
In-person with Zoom optional

Location:

Five Oak, Pine Room,
209 SW 4th Ave, Portland, OR 97204

Zoom Info

<https://multco-us.zoom.us/j/97608363778?pwd=dVaxaklPRmdLWExlOTFNakVtR1Mzdz09>

Meeting ID: 976 0836 3778 Passcode: DSAC2024!

Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead
12:00 pm	Meeting Room Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee Policies and Procedures Review and Acknowledgments 	Fellowship, Connection, and Community building	All
12:10 5 min	Zoom Meeting Open - Accessibility, Connectivity and Zoom Connection Check!	Meeting access	ADVSD Staff
Attendees: (In Person) <i>(Virtual)</i>			
12:15 10 min	Welcome and Accessibility	Meeting access and shared understanding	Alex Garcia Lugo
12:25 5 mins	Land and labor acknowledgements	Honoring community and addressing ongoing systems of oppression	Alex Garcia Lugo
12:30 10 mins	Meeting Goals and Agenda Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anything Missing? 	Agree on how to spend this time together	Alex Garcia Lugo
12:40 20 Minutes	Introductions Your name Pronouns Prompt: What are you looking forward to in the holiday season?	Creating community and introducing new members	Alex Garcia Lugo

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Attendees: Gail Skenandore, Charmaine Kinney, Robert Trimble, Carolyn Underwood, Jesse Guardipee, Deric Anderson, Kalah Schackman, Cheri Becerra, Lars Fujisato, Anne Johnson, Barb Rainish, Nellie Stearns, Alex Garcia Lugo

ONLINE: Jeremy Nguyen

1:00 pm (10 min)	Break - Get Lunch, Take a Break, Stretch, Connect!	Rest and Refresh	All
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1:10 pm (15 Minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Plan Survey Results to 10/21/2024 Survey Closes on 10/25/2024 	To receive information on the progress of the Needs Assessment Survey	Anne Johnson Alex Garcia Lugo
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- Survey Results as of Oct 21st: 1600 responses. We have seen eight out of thirteen languages in survey responses. Most surveys have been in English, with Chinese and Spanish following.
- Native American communities have taken about 130 surveys so far, thanks to Charmaine Kinney for getting the word out.
- Anne Johnson also talked about the breakdown of surveys taken concerning gender, disability and caregivers.
- Caroline asked why we break out Genderfluid and Genderqueer in our survey. Anne and Alex stated we are trying to make sure people are not being treated differently when they identify differently. We also gave survey responders the option to self identify for their race/ethnicity.
- Nellie asked what self description means? Anne answered that persons can identify as any that are listed, or describe it in their own words.
- Jesse mentioned that in his boarding school days, classmates only identified as White, Native or Eskimo.
- Barb mentioned race is a social construct - *a concept or practice that is created by society or group through convention or agreement, rather than arising naturally.*
- Charmaine - we need to know identities so we can get money moving through these communities.
- Caroline asked how do you decide if you should mark you are disabled on the survey, Alex said it is what you personally think.
- Jesse talked about being disabled because of issues with balance.
- Gail - I live in a Home Forward unit, and the form asks if I am disabled. I wish they would not ask me that.
- Charmaine mentioned often you need a legal document saying that you are disabled - for purposes of qualifying for different programs. For just a survey, you do not need that.
- Alex wanted all to know, we are just asking these questions so we can advocate for people who have not had a voice.

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- Jesse - on my reservation, if you do not live there, you do not get benefits from them.
- Nellie, when talking to a health care person, they are monitoring you for disabilities.
- Barb asked how the information we are getting from the survey measures against the census level. Alex said, for the most part, we are overrepresented compared to the census.

1:25 pm (20 Minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Area Plan Listening Session Ideas 	To receive feedback from the council	Alex Garcia Lugo
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- Alex reviewed focus areas and goals.
- Alex asked where members feel like good listening sessions could be held. Urban League, Miracles Club, places with good parking, accessible bathrooms, and bus lines close. The people talking or running the meeting should be people in the community of the people they are speaking to.
- Charmaine feels that culturally specific meetings should be held, since we know these communities are already underrepresented. We should use the survey as a jumping off point. Reach out to people who are connected to these communities for their help. We need to build relationships. We need to learn from this, and do better next time.
- Anne asked if this was less of a presentation or more of a community talking session.
- Alex asked if Post Its or writing on flip charts would work well at these sessions.
- Talked a bit about how county staff are not allowed to transport committee members in vehicles.
- Jesse commented, please give me the resources and I will get them to our community members.
- Nellie commented that the responsibility, as Elders, is to help younger natives.
- Alex - we will be reaching out asking for your help for introductions to members of your communities. She also mentioned that it would be too to take ADRC cards and the one pager about our services.

1:45pm	Public Testimony Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How did the meeting go? ● Thank you for your time and advocacy 		Alex Garcia Lugo
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- Gail - the abandoned cars are gone around my apartment.
- Jesse - please ask for my help. I really want to be part of the process.
- Nellie, many people in our community do not know what services we have - we all need to open our mouths and get the word out.
- Gail - in her community there are many Latinos who do not know about our services.
- Robert we are seeing Mexican persons at our POW WOWS etc and they are participating with us.

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2:00 pm	Adjourn!		All

Upcoming Meetings: November ?

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*
- 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 and Oregon Project Independence - Medicaid*