



Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division
Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
 Wednesday, February 18, 2026 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 Five Oak Building, 209 SW 4th Ave, Portland, OR 97204
Oak 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	Lead
Attendees:	Caroline Underwood, Gail Skenandore, Jesse Guardipee, T.J Anderson, Barb. Rainish, Tim Gage (V), Carolyn Snell (V), Robert Trimble	
Members		
ADVSD	Cheri Becerra, Sarah Feldman, Deric Anderson, Charmaine Kinney, Jacob Mestman, Nicole Galport, Commissioner Meghan Moyer, Alex Garcia Lugo	
Guests	Joni , Hope Asana	
10:00	Meeting open for sign on	All
(5 min)	Agenda review – <i>call for public comment</i> Zoom review and accessibility statement Land acknowledgment	Sarah
10:05 (25 min)	Introductions - getting to know each other better <i>Prompt:</i> Please take 2-3 minutes, share what you are comfortable with: Your name and pronouns Tell us a little about yourself (Work? Hobbies? Interests? Family?) How did you first learn about the DSAC?	Sarah
Next Steps and Action Items		
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10:25 (30 min)	ADVSD Budget Calendar & Process - Jacob provided information on the budget process for the division. The key budget components include the county general fund, which come from property taxes, and state and federal funds, including OAA. We create program offers, which are a portfolio of program information, and the chair decides which programs to support. ADVSD has 17 program offers for Fiscal Year 2027. There are roughly 1,000 employees in the department and about half are in	Jacob

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	<p>ADVSD. Our budget is posted online, and our program prioritizes racial equity and inclusion. The commissioners and chair go through the program offers and select what they would like to offer. The fiscal year is from July to June and we start the process with the state 3-4 months after the fiscal year starts. The county has an economist and the Office of Diversity and Equity offers input. There is a process and then it goes into review and we can't discuss it until that happens. Irma will present it, and then the chair can include what she would like, we present it again, they ask us questions, the public can provide feedback, and then it becomes adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn asked if the FCSP is the program she is paid out of. - Jacob said he isn't sure what program she is paid out of, but our program provides support to family members who take care of their family and it's coordinated by Jenn Foreman. - Charmaine said Carolyn is paid out of a different program, and this program is more of a support group. They take care of older family members and people taking care of their grandchildren. Charmaine mentioned the public link to the budget information within ADVSD. People can review that information and advocate when the time comes. This happened last year with the HMIT. - T.J is on a CBAC, and asked if we are having a tough year with reductions. - Jacob said the Chair has asked for a 5% reduction across the county. There are proposed reductions within the division, one of which is a direct drop in services. Reductions include the Safety Net program, which is proposed right now. People can advocate during public testimony in May-June. Reductions are influenced by the lack of property taxes on commercial space along with inflation. - T.J said it's a 30% drop in property taxes, and we will have cuts for the next few years. He also asked if there are secondary income streams. - Jacob said we have 33 different income streams, most of which is federal money. We are working with other AAA's throughout the state to compare funding details. We also 		

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	<p>work with O4AD for funding opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim asked about marriage between people on SSDI and is hoping that the county can advocate for policy change for disabled people and marriage equality. - Jacob thanked Tim for his comment. - Carolyn asked what the Safety Net program is. - Barb. said she heard the 5% constraint is coming from the Safety Net program, and they presented at ASAC. The program is concerned about the cut, and asked what the other option would be. - Jacob said the Safety Net program provides rent assistance to help prevent homelessness and they helped over 800 people last year. They offer various types of support. He also said the 5% general fund reduction is the Safety Net program, although this is a proposed reduction and it is not official. - Sarah said the Safety Net program presented to ASAC, and if we would like, they can present here. This can help people know more, so you can advocate better for the program. - T.J asked how many FTEs are in the program. - Jacob responded two. - Sarah said that those two FTEs responded to over 800 people and they have a case load of 11-15 at any given time. - Jesse asked if this information goes out to NARA and NAYA. Natives need to know about services and how to get them. - Sarah said ADRC is the best place to contact for services, and we have ADRC cards here. - Joni suggested we table at a powwow - Jacob said that he appreciates this comment and this as a community engagement strategy. This is in the Area Plan, and we would like to work with you all on this. - Charmaine said there is a native community engagement group, and it could use more members who can get people information. They are planning to table at an upcoming powwow. - T.J suggested that we table with you so they have a face and connection. - Sarah reviews the outreach conversation and would like 		

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	to discuss the action plan items for the year which includes outreach events. This might be moved to the next meeting/next month.		
Next Steps and Action Items			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss action items and Safety Net program. 			

11:20	BREAK		
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11:40 (5 min)	Wrapped up budget conversation and agreed to move the Annual DSAC planning discussion to the next meeting.	Sarah
Next Steps and Action Items		
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N/A	Annual DSAC planning discussion - Moved to next meeting*	Sarah
Next Steps and Action Items		
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11:45 (5 min)	Announcements and Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update demographics - April is a joint meeting - APD advocacy award - There is an outreach event this Saturday at Centennial High School. Sarah will be there from 10am-2pm - Public hearings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 29th - May 13th - May 20th - Next meeting is March 18th 	Sarah
Next Steps and Action Items		
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11:50	Public comment	
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(10 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - T.J asked if there is talk within the native community on the county budget. - Jesse said no, but maybe there should be someone in the community to talk to. - T.J offered to talk to the native community. - Joni said that because nutrition is one of our programs, maybe we can give cards out at local food banks. - Sarah said that Dave Daley got together with other advocates to write a letter to O4AD. As the county, we cannot advocate in the same way as private advocates. - Barb. agrees that it is important to get the word out on ADVSD services, and hopes ASAC and DSAC can diversity. 		
Next Steps and Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 			
12:00 pm	Adjourn!		

Upcoming Meetings:

- DSAC: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 10am-12pm
- ASAC: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 from 10am-12pm

Common acronyms used in DSAC Meetings – While we strive to avoid acronyms and jargon here are some you may hear in ASAC meetings

- AAA - Area Agency on Aging
- ADRC - Aging, Disability Resource Connection (Center)
- 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 other People of Color
- DCHS - Department of County Human Services (Multnomah)
- DSAC - Disability Services Advisory Council
- HST - Housing Stability Team
- LTSS - Long Term Services and Supports
- NEMT - Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- O4AD - Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities
- OAA - Older Americans Act
- ODHS - Oregon Department of Human Services (also called DHS)
- OPI and OPI-M - Oregon Project Independence (- Medicaid)
- YFS - Youth and Family Services



Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

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Department of County Human
Services

Meeting goals

- Welcome
- Accessibility
- Land acknowledgement
- Introductions: DSAC members, County staff, and guests
- Budget Calendar & Process
- Break
- Annual Planning Discussion
- Public testimony
- Announcements & Reminders



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Zoom application features in the works, as requested.

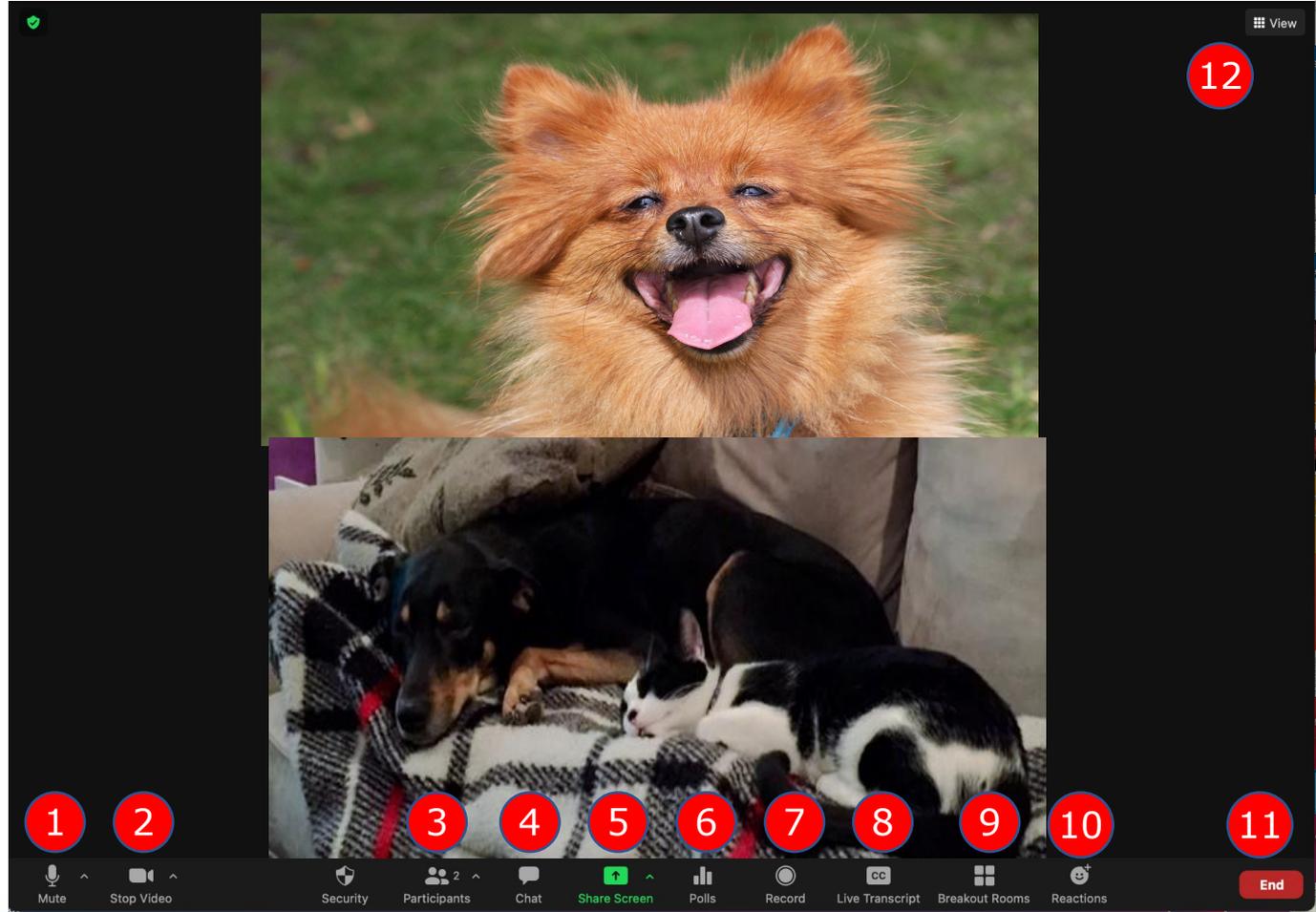
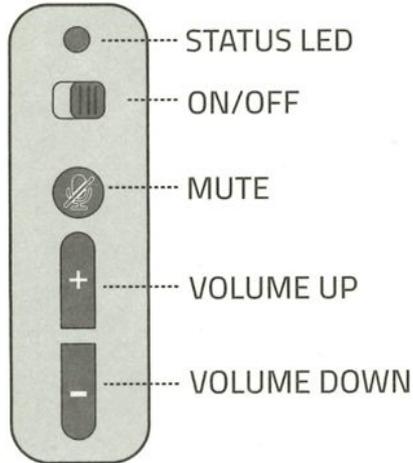


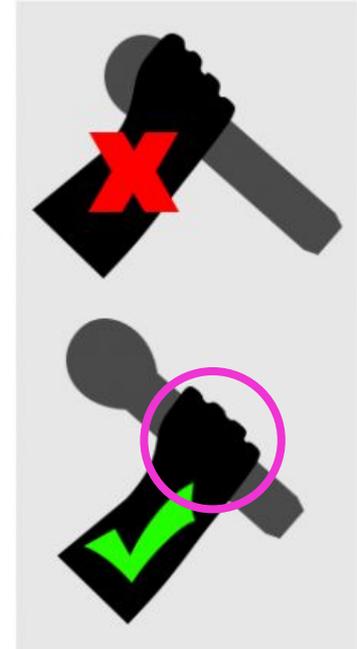
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Using the microphone

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Hold the mic about 5cm/2" from your mouth...



and don't cup it!
(unless you're rapping)



Accessibility statement

We will (imperfectly!) model accessible presentation techniques such as:

- Using a minimum of 20 point font on slides.
- Limiting reliance on words and images.
- Orally describe visual presentation elements.
- Taking time on slides.
- Ask ahead of time if anyone needs accommodations.



Accessibility statement, continued

- Use a virtual platform with auto-generated closed captioning.
- Include alternate text or image descriptions.
- Accommodations were requested and met.
- In use—voice amplification.
- Not in use—ASL interpretation, CART services.



Land acknowledgement

We are located in Portland, Oregon, Multnomah county.

Today, we honor the Indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on—the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River.

It is important we acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them.

In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

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ADVSD Budget Calendar & Process

- Jacob Mestman, PMP

Quality and Business Manager



The budget is a structured annual cycle centered on Program Offers
We are currently in the Department Requested Budget phase (February 2026)

1. Department Requested Phase

November - February

Budget Kickoff (Dec)

- Official Start. Guidance on Equity and financial constraints

Program Offer Creation

- Staff write Division program offers (17)

Equity Review

- Budget equity tool used

Submission (Feb)

- Formal budget request submitted to County Chair

2. Chair's Executive Phase

March - April

Internal Briefings

- ADVSD Leadership discusses funding requests with Chair and her staff

Chair's Proposed Budget

- Release late April. Shows funding decisions. Released to Public

Key Budget Components

County General Funds

Local tax dollars for flexible community needs

3. Approved and Adopted Phase

May - June

Department Presentations

- ADVSD staff public briefing to the Board of County Commissioners (May)

Public Hearings:

- Citizens testify on specific ADVSD services

Budget Adoption (June)

- Board votes to adopt the budget

Federal/State Funds

Medicaid, Older Americans Act & other state funds

4. Implementation

July 1 onward

New Budget Goes Live

- Fiscal year begins (July)

Spending and Service Provision

- ADVSD spends allocated funds to provide services to older adults, veterans and people with disabilities and monitors the budget throughout the year

Program Offers

Unique number for each program offer (eg #25027)





**I'M TAKING
A BREAK**

15-minute break

Annual Planning Discussion

- Review the Area Plan Focus Areas
- Identify the Focus Areas with directly related ASAC/DSAC tasks
- Review the Goal under the Focus Area, Measurable Objective and associated task
- Reflective discussion to reach consensus on what the council wants to work on this year



Area Plan: List of the Focus Areas

- Information & Referral
- Nutrition
- Health Promotion
- Family Caregivers
- Legal Assistance & Elder Rights
- Native American Elders
- Transportation Services
- Trans, Nonbinary and Two-Spirit elders
- Veterans services



Area Plan: Focus Areas with ASAC/DSAC task(s)

- **Information & Referral**
- Nutrition
- Health Promotion
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- **Transportation Services**
- **Trans, Nonbinary and Two-Spirit elders**
- Veterans services
- **Data, Program Evaluation and Research**



Focus Area: Information & Referral Focus

- Goal: Older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers know about the ADRC Helpline and website. The ADRC is used and seen as a high-quality, easy-to-access tool for finding information, resources, and support. Community members are aware of the ADRC and its related programs.

- Measurable objective 3:

Help service providers and the public learn about and access the ADRC and its related services.

Task:

- Begin an advocacy group with ASAC/DSAC to strategize how to ensure District Senior Center providers are available to all populations in their service district.



Focus Area: Transportation Focus

- Goal: ADVSD will explore innovative solutions with transportation community partners to find new ride options that better meet the non-medical transportation (NMT) needs of our consumers.
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Measurable objective:

Additional rides and options for ADVSD consumers will be available for NMT that are safe, cost-effective and efficient.

Task:

- Begin an advocacy group with ASAC & DSAC members to strategize how to expand transportation services.



Focus Area: Trans, Nonbinary and Two- Spirit Elders Focus

- Goal: Transgender and nonbinary people are involved in community-centered processes to improve services for older adults and people with disabilities.
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Measurable objective:

Incorporate feedback and recommendations from transgender and nonbinary older adults and two spirit elders into program decisions

Task:

- Recruit for ADVSD advisory councils to ensure TNB or 2S representation on ASAC and DSAC.



Focus Area: Data, Program Evaluation & Research

- Goal: Improve program outreach and performance using community feedback and data gathered through program evaluation and research activities.

Measurable objective 1:

Estimate Multnomah County's population and demographic characteristics. Use the data to improve access to services, culturally specific services, and employee recruitment efforts.



Focus Area: Data, Program Evaluation & Research (cont.)

- Task 1: Complete reports on population characteristics for each of the five service districts in Multnomah County. Share these reports with ASAC, DSAC, and service providers to improve outreach and service delivery.
- Task 2: Estimate the number of people in Multnomah County who are eligible for different ADVSD services. Identify differences and possible disparities between populations eligible for services and those receiving services. Share the results with ASAC, DSAC, and service.



Focus Area: Data, Program Evaluation & Research (cont.)

Measurable objective 2:

Conduct program evaluations utilizing equity and community centered methods to gather feedback from community members and improve ADVSD processes and programs.

Task: Conclude the evaluation of the 2023 Community Services contracting process (RFPQ) for OAA services. Share results with ASAC and DSAC.



Focus Area: Data, Program Evaluation & Research (cont.)

Measurable objective 3:

Increase community partners' research and evaluation knowledge and skills to enhance their internal data and evaluation capacity.

Task: Collaborate with ASAC/DSAC to develop a community- informed research and evaluation strategy.



Focus Area: Data, Program Evaluation & Research (cont.)

Measurable objective 5:

Each of ADVSD's OAA programs will have clearly articulated activities, outputs, and outcomes (Theory of Change Model) with associated performance measures.

Task: Gather feedback from ASAC/DSAC and community members to ensure the Theory of Change Models accurately reflect their experience with services.



Annual Planning Discussion Questions

- Which tasks caught your attention and why?
- During the reading of these tasks, was anything surprising or unclear for you?
- What did you notice or learn from reviewing the tasks again?



Annual Planning Discussion Questions

- What is the task that you are most interested in?



Annual Planning Discussion Questions

- Are there any projects or work different from or in addition to this list that you are interested in?



Annual Planning (cont.)

- Updating DSAC Bylaws, Policies & Procedures
- Advocating on the Multco budget
- Prepping written or verbal testimony for the legislative session
- DSAC Agenda development
- DSAC member recruitment
- Other Advocacy, Outreach, DSAC development?



Announcements & Reminders

- DSAC March meeting we need to update DSAC member demographics for the Area Plan update.
- DSAC April meeting (joint with ASAC) we will hold an Ethics training and request members sign a mandatory Conflict of Interest agreement. This is per OAA rules.
- APD Advocacy Award accepting nominations through March 9



Announcements & Reminders

There will be three public hearings after approval of the Chair's budget and before the final budget adoption. In addition, community members can provide virtual or in-person testimony at Thursday morning Board meetings, as well as written testimony via email. **The dates of the public hearings are:**

- April 29 - Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm (location TBD)
- May 13 - Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm (location TBD)
- May 20 - Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Virtual)



Meeting Reminders

- Next meeting – March 18, 2026
 - 10am-noon
- O4AD Spring Quarterly (optional) - Salem
 - Tues. April 14 - Wed. April 15



Public testimony

- Please feel free to provide comments.



Wrap-up

- Thanks for attending!

