Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

February 18, 2026

Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division

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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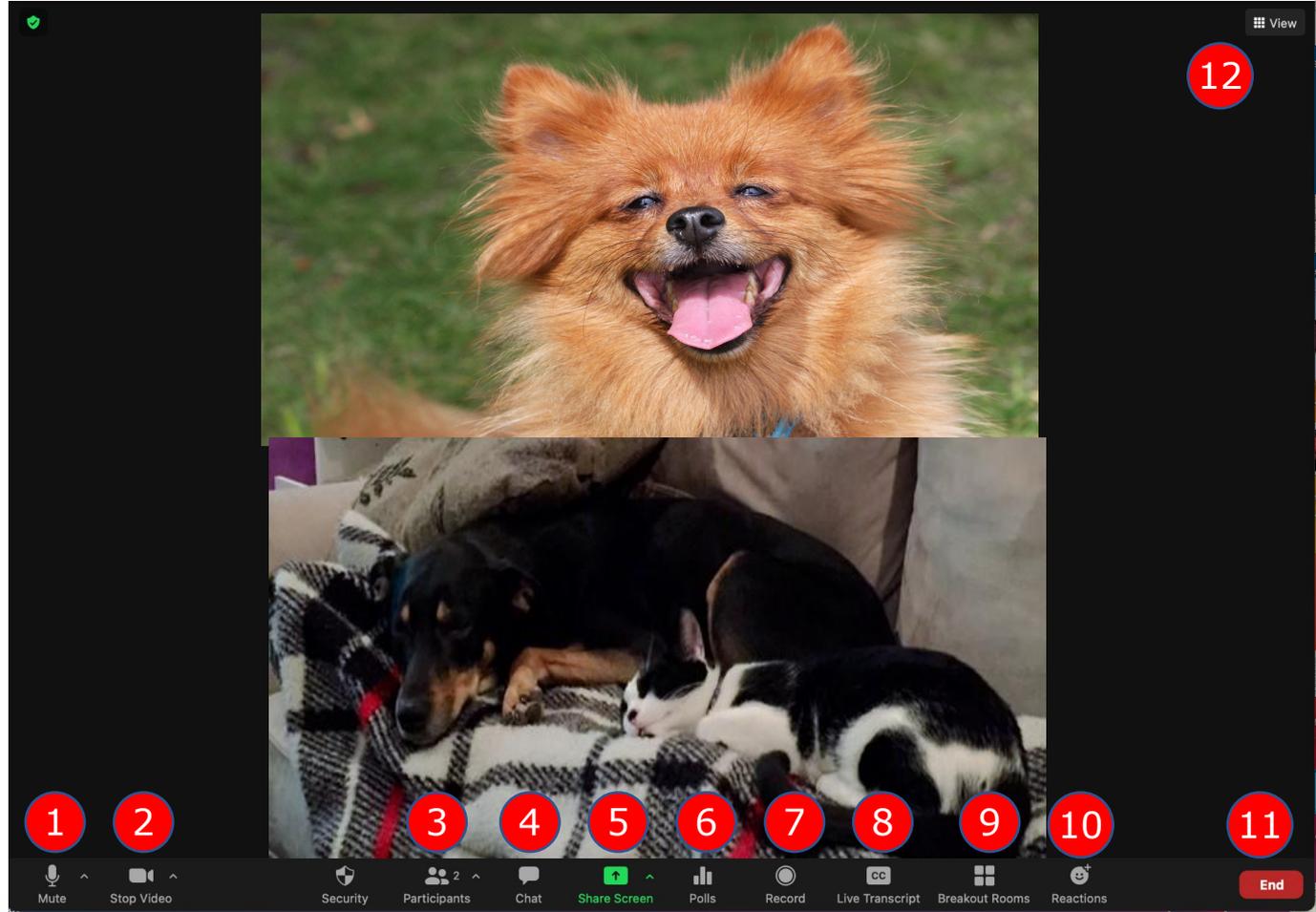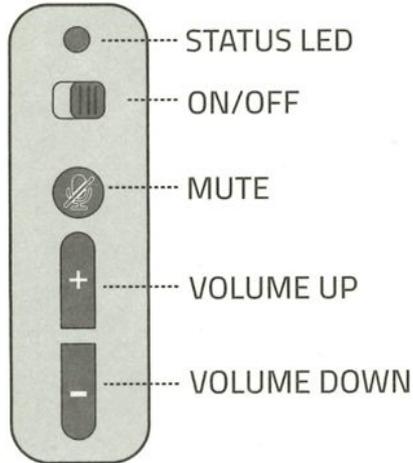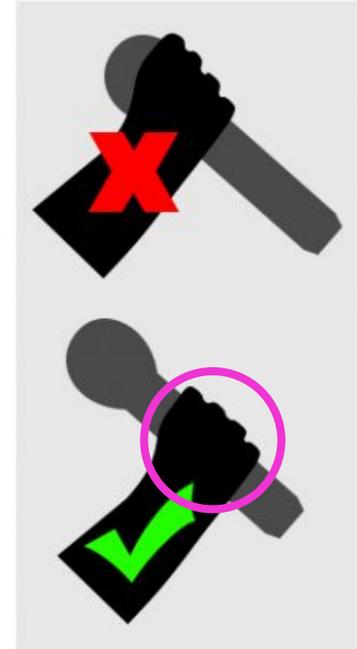**Zoom application features in the works, as requested.**

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Using the microphone

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Green blinking – standby

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VOLUME UP
VOLUME DOWN

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.

Introductions – getting to know each other better

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?

ADVSD Budget Calendar & Process

- Jacob Mestman, PMP

  Quality and Business Manager

ADVSD Budget Calendar & Process

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

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

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

Key Budget Components

County General Funds
Local tax dollars for flexible community needs

Federal/State Funds
Medicaid, Older Americans Act & other state funds

Program Offers
Unique number for each program offer (eg #25027)

15-minute break

I'M TAKING
A 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.

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.

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!