



# DSAC Meeting

## January 31, 2024

Aging, Disability and Veterans  
Services Division  
Department of County Human Services

# Land Acknowledgement

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We are located in or near Portland, Oregon in 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.

# Land Acknowledgement

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It is important to 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.

# Accessibility Statement

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

- Using a minimum of 20pt font on slides
- Limiting reliance on words and images
- Orally describe visual presentation elements
- Taking time on slides

# Accessibility Statement

- ✓ Asking ahead of time if anyone needs accommodations
- ✓ Using a virtual platform with auto-generated closed captioning
- ✓ Include alternate text/image descriptions

# Accessibility Statement

- Accommodation were requested and were met.
- In use today: Voice amplification.
- Not in use today: ASL interpretation, CART services.

# Opening Connections

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Please share:

- Your name,
- Pronouns, other identifiers, and
- What are you looking forward to this year?



# Agenda Review & Call for Public Comment

Topic	Action
Member updates and Public Comment	Centering Community
Revisit planning meeting capture, consensus, and prioritization	Understanding and Accountability
Break	Rest and Refresh
ADVSD Updates	Information and input
Next Meeting Proposal and Check-out	

# Member Updates and Public Comment

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- What have you seen in the community since we were last together?

From the previous meetings: ADA overview and advocacy pathways; Caregiver burnout; Sidewalk ramps/curb cuts; Home Forward presentation. . .what else?

# Public Comment

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Consistent with Public Meeting rules, DSAC meetings include 10 minutes for the public to bring concerns and information to the DSAC. The time is divided depending on how many people want to speak.

We encourage DSAC members to invite people to provide public comments at our meetings.



# Reflective Debrief of Retreat

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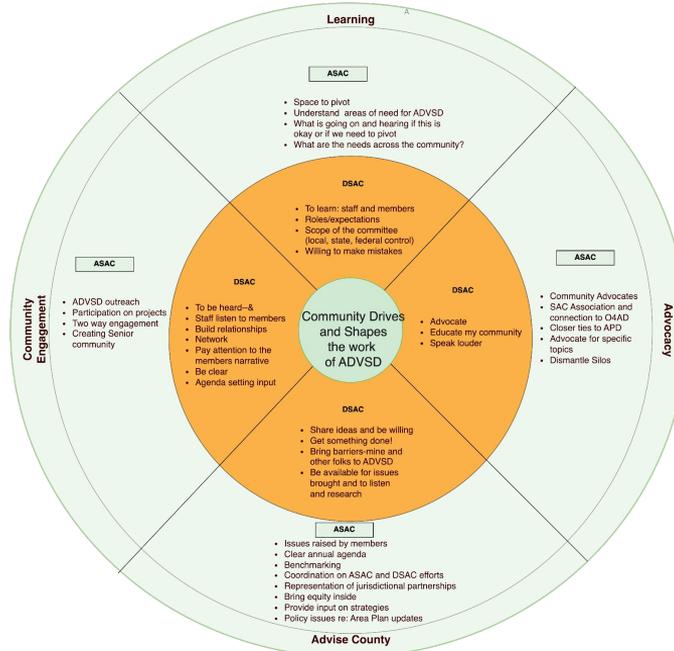
To do this we'll consider the following:

- Does this reflect the conversation as you remember it?
- What is missing?
- What else has come up since the meeting?
- Can we move forward with the themes as outlined?



# Summary of Collective Input!

## ADVSD is Accountable to Community (reframing "Holding ADVSD Accountable")



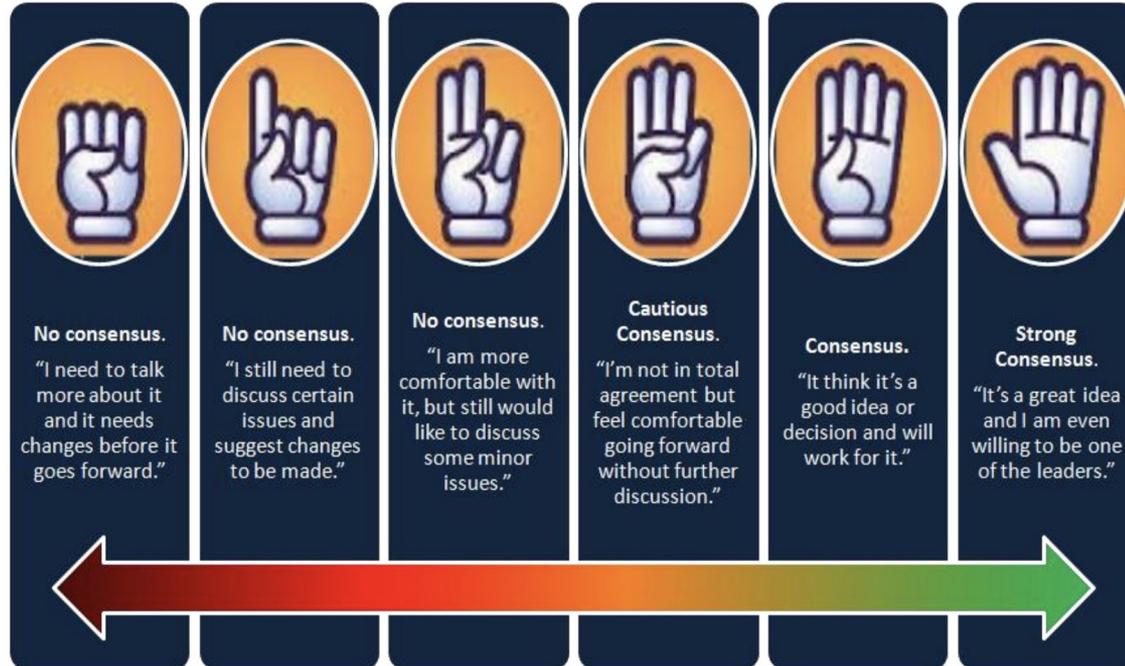
# Member feedback!

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- Does what we shared reflect the conversation as you remember it?
- What is missing?
- What else has come up since the meeting?
- Can we move forward with the themes as outlined?



# Consensus



# Consensus Practice

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- We agree coffee is better than tea



# Consensus on the following:

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- We agree to move forward with the themes as outlined



# Questions that came up at the retreat

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Who does DSAC advocate for?

- Adults 18+ with physical disabilities
- Their caregivers
- The programs and services that provide support to those identified
  - Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports
    - Personal care
    - Access to SNAP and Medicaid
    - Case Management



# Questions that came up at the retreat

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- Who does ASAC advocate for?
  - Older adults and elders, as defined by community,
  - Their caregivers,
  - The programs and services that provide support to those identified
    - Older Americans Act Programs and Services
  - The Area Plan



# Questions that came up at the retreat

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Is ADVSD able to properly direct people/clients/community members to the correct place or service?

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) at 503.988.3646 or email [adrc@multco.us](mailto:adrc@multco.us) or [search the ADRC online database.](#)

24-hour information and assistance to older adults, Elders, people with disabilities, and caregivers.



# Questions that came up at the retreat

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Is ADVSD able to properly direct consumers and community members to the correct place or service?

Community members can also access information and resources in ADVSD Offices and through their case manager.



# ADVSD Updates

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## Legislative Session

Did you attend the O4AD Advocacy Training?

- O4AD Priorities and Multnomah County Priorities
  - Waivered Case Management



# Waivered Case Management

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- Will take place in the Oregon Department of Human Services budget rebalance
- The ask is for at least \$12 million in additional funds for case management services



# Waivered Case Management

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## Problem

ADVSD is required to provide case management support to certain Medicaid consumers who for various reasons don't have case status that allows ADVSD to receive payment from the State of Oregon.



# Waivered Case Management

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## Impact

- Multnomah County has 1,616 cases that are not currently funded and we are required to serve them whether we are paid to do so or not.
  - Reduction in the number of case managers
  - Increase in caseload and workload
  - Reduced quality of services
  - Lack of access in the largest service area with the most diverse population, including people who are unhoused



# Waivered Case Management

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## Solution

- Provide a \$12+ million investment in the Oregon Department of Human Services budget rebalance
  - Additional case managers to provide improved caseload
  - Better quality services
  - A recognition that ADVSD serves the largest number of LTSS consumers in Oregon.



# Advocating as a DSAC members

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We encourage you to meet with your legislators and let them know you're a member of DSAC.

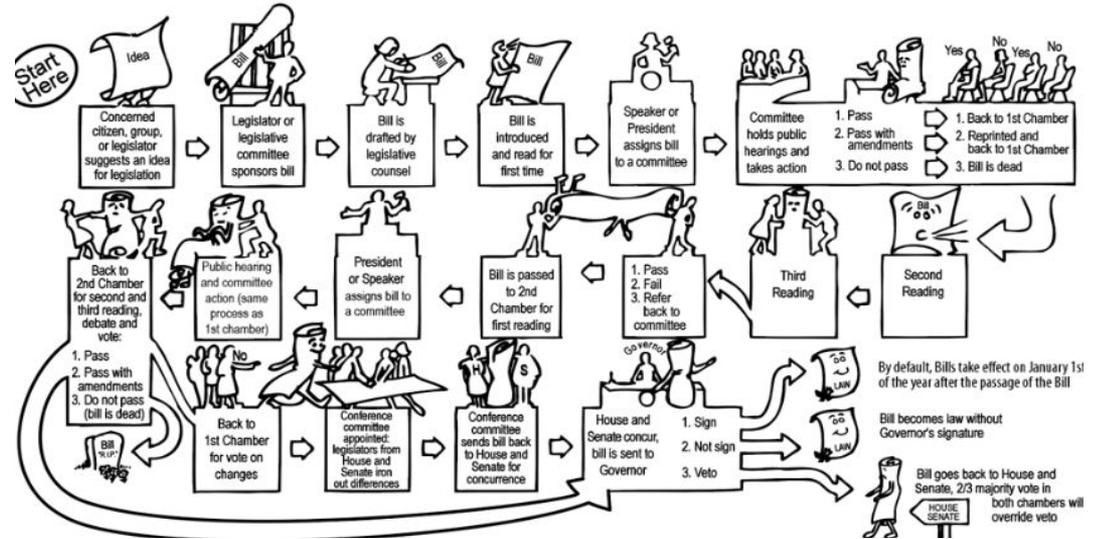
- We can help you find your legislators

When you meet with them you can advocate on issues impacting older adults and people with disabilities, as a DSAC member.

Please be mindful not to speak on behalf of Multnomah County or Aging, Disability and Veterans Services, but as a community member and DSAC member.

# Legislative Session

## How can we support your advocacy?



# Upcoming Meetings

March meeting - Joint meeting with ASAC

Possible meeting topics

- Multnomah County Policies and Procedures
- Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports
- Community Compensation Guide
- Accommodations and Accessibility
- What else would you like to propose or discuss?

# Next Steps and Meeting Topics

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(To population during the meeting)



# Check-out!

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Thank you for all you do!

In the chat, please share -

- One thing you appreciated about this meeting
- One thing you would change

OR

Share out 1-2 words describing how you feel as you leave the meeting.