



Disability Services Advisory Council

Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2019, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Five Oak, 209 SW 4th Avenue, Pine Conference Room

Facilitator: Michael Thurman

Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead	Next Steps and Action Items
12:30-12:50pm	Welcome Ice Breaker & Introductions	Welcome Robyn and build relationship	Michael Thurman-Noche	In attendance: Barb Rainish, Grace Eagle Reed, Michael Elston, Michael Thurman-Noche, Rai McKenzie, Robert Thurman-Noche, Ruthie Benjamin, Cheri Becerra, Erin Grahek, Lee Girard, Robyn Johnson, Sharon Meieran, Renee Hunziger, Janos Plesko, Art Rios SR, Max Harvey Phone: Felicia Eckstein
12:50-12:55pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approve agenda ● Approve minutes ● Review previous action items, if any. (Robyn) 	Administrative	Michael Thurman-Noche	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Myranda Harrishas withdrawn her application for the DSAC Committee ● Minutes approved with minor changes ● Agenda was approved
12:55-1:25pm	Housing & homelessness in City of Gresham	Information	Mike Elston; Kevin Dahlgren, Community Health Services Adviser, Gresham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike - There are 153,000 people sitting on the edge of homelessness. Wages have not kept up with inflation. We are in crisis in OR. ● My Father's House has 30 units for families who can stay for up to 6 months. Training on employment and obtaining permanent housing is provided. Rockwood is a 244 unit complex. There will be some ADA apartments and they will have 1-4

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				<p>bedrooms. Half of the units will be on a sliding fee scale, no section 8 will be taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grace - We do not have enough housing units. Short term sleeping pods and tiny homes are solutions. Land needs to be obtained to put them on. The mayor of Hillsboro read Grace's article and is hoping to implement some of the ideas. Education of the public on homeless and the issues is needed.● Mike - Change is needed in the way we view the homeless situation. Mental health is a huge contributor to the homeless situation.● Art - Gresham had a task force, but the people who were living with homelessness were not at the table. This committee happened over two years ago and there has been no reports. This work is hard, what are we asking this committee to do?● Barb - Infrastructure is needed. Hygiene, garbage pickup, and not sweeping camps is needed. Barb has lived experience with all of these things. We need to make sure to give the dignity that all people deserve. She
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				<p>thanks Catholic Charities for their work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robbie - There are staff from the Veterans Hospital who search areas for homeless vets. ● Commissioner Meiran said that number of houses is not an issue for vets, but the issue is they do not want to be housed. Mike says this is not the reality. Their our housing vouchers but no housing to use them on. ● Robyn - Put the question out, who else do we want to invite in to talk with us on the subject. ● Felicia - What can this committee do to help the issue?
1:25-1:45pm	Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative	Learn and provide feedback	Max Harvey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Max is on the team funded by the state. There are 25 clinical services specialist in the state, three work in Multnomah County. ● The work plan was passed out which identified projects they want to prioritize. This team would like any input you have. ● Funding has been identified to hire someone with lived experience to work with the team. ● Robyn - Senior Loneliness line is

				<p>currently funded by Clackamas County and has funds in place for the next two years. 503-200-1633</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lee - Explained this team is shared between the health department and our group.
1:45-2:05pm	<p>ADVSD Mgmt Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget ● Legislative ● Staffing 	Inform		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lee - There are state level conversations with ADVSD happening around pilots concerning mental health and addiction and the silos that exist. ● Lee - House Bill 3189 is being sponsored by Senator Mithcell and it concerns workload issues. Workloads, especially for case managers, are changing and increasing. This bill is asking DCHS to understand the impacts of these changes. A workload analysis, with updates every two years is needed. Please contact Representative Sanchez by Friday March 29th. Erin and Robyn will get an email to you on this issue. ● Lee - We would like your input about two of our buildings that leases are expiring. You will be receiving an email on this very soon. ● Erin - May is Older Americans month. We are working on a proclamation.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin - working on the scheduling of a meeting between ADVSD Leadership and the Homeless Task Force Unit. ● Staffing Updates - Robyn Johnson has filled Rebecca Millers position. There is work happening to fill Robyns old position as Regional Coordinator of OABHI. Jan McManus position is In the process of recruitment.
2:05-2:20pm	NEMT Committee	Debrief Ride to Care presentations; RAC; Discuss next steps for committee to work on	Barb Rainish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Would anyone like to be on the NEMT committee, Barb could use the help. ● Abe Molind has moved on and Kumar will be his replacement. ● Public comment is taken on the 1st Wednesday every other month. There is info on the website. ● There is now representation from each county at the meetings. ● Gridworks wants to start a preferred provider option for riders. ● If you have any questions or comments please reach out to Barb.
2:20-2:25pm	New business; public comment; announcements	Public to address DSAC or share other information	Robert Thurman-Noche	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robyn - sent out a doodle poll about a bylaws meeting time. ● Robyn - will be reaching out to meet with each of your personally. ● Robert - There is a group, Portland Commission on Disability, that is

				<p>somewhat like our DSAC group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commissioner Meieran would like to learn about what services are available for hearing impaired individuals.
2:25-2:30pm	April agenda and actions	Review items for clarity and accountability	Cheri Becerra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bylaws - 45 minutes ● April or May hearing impaired info ● Discussion about actions to take on homeless issues
2:30pm	Adjourn		Robert Thurman-Noche	Adjourn

The purpose of the Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) is to advise Multnomah County Aging, Disability, & Veterans Services Division (ADVSD), a division of the Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, on basic policy guidelines for those clients receiving disability services, on reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of the services, and other related topics.