



**Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division  
ASAC Meeting**

December 27, 2023, 2-4 pm

**Virtual Meeting  
Zoom Meeting Information:**

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**In attendance:** Marina Khalina, Robyn Johnson, Olivia Lawler, Dave Daley, Anne Lindsay, Lauren Moran, Barb Rainish, Cheri Becerra, Scott Moore, Alex Garcia Lugo, Jacob Mestman, Irma Jimenez, Kristin Riley

[10 mins before start]	Meeting open for sign-on	Zoom	All
2:00 p.m. (10 min)	Agenda review, call for additional agenda items and public comment (RJ).  Opening Connections and Meeting Goals: Support accountability and partnership by (MK): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Share current state presentation (carry over from previous agenda)</li><li>● Explore areas for participation by ASAC members</li><li>● Review outreach materials</li></ul>	Meeting access and shared understanding	Robyn Johnson and Marina Khalina
2:10 (20 mins)	ADVSD Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Advisory Council Flyer review and input (10 mins)</li><li>● Member recruitment</li><li>● Legislative session</li><li>● County Budget Timeline (document sharing)</li></ul>	Information Sharing, Updates and Input	ADVSD staff

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2:30 (30 min)	Current State of Community Services and OAA programs (carry over) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Portfolio (complete)</li> <li>• Area Plan</li> <li>• Service Equity Plan</li> <li>• Brainstorm Activity (carry over)</li> </ul>	Information and questions	Marina Khalina, Jacob Mestman, Robyn Johnson
3:00 (5 mins)	Break	Rest and Refresh	All
3:05 (25 mins)	Brainstorm Activity (carry over)	Identifying potential points for advocacy	Marina and Robyn
3:30 (15 mins)	How did the meeting go?  Next meeting proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governing documents review approach</li> <li>• Medicaid</li> <li>• Legislative Session</li> </ul>	Improvement, input and build upcoming agendas	Marina and Robyn
3:45 (15 min)	Member updates and public comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are you seeing in the community and in your networks?</li> </ul>	Centering community members and identifying potential points for advocacy	Robyn
4:00 pm	Adjourn!		All

### Upcoming Meetings: January 16, 2024, 3-5 p.m., virtual-only

#### Next Steps and Action Items

##### Outreach Progress Updates

- Robyn: We wanted feedback from advisory council and community members about how to update the outreach flyers as they are in the revision process - adjusting fonts, language, colors and images to be most accessible and effective for recruiting new members. Appreciative of all the feedback we've received thus far and continue to welcome any ideas or suggestions people still have.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne: Thinking about the flyers from the perspective of what would attract herself to join the group. How can we demonstrate the work that councils have done? Maybe a bullet list of examples so that people can get an idea of the work that can be accomplished.</li> <li>• Dave: While thinking of what will attract people to join, could the wording in the “Leading with Race” section deter some people from wanting to join? Might overcomplicate things versus giving a simple overview of what the advisory councils do.</li> <li>• Scott: Understands what Dave is getting at in terms of the language trying to simplify a complex idea. If someone is deterred by the concept of leading with race as an overall concept, perhaps they are not on the part of their journey to do the work in this group, but maybe there is other wording we can find to convey the idea that will bring people in who are open to the county framework.</li> <li>• Scott: The goal is equality through equity. While recruiting, the ask is for volunteers to approach with an equity-focused lens, on the basis of race and other intersecting identities, which is a large part of the work of our the advisory council.</li> <li>• Anne: Has wording suggestions for how to convey this idea in a succinct way.</li> <li>• Robyn: You are welcome to email any wording ideas you have for the outreach materials.</li> <li>• Marina: We as leadership agree that words are important, and will use this feedback to discuss what wording to use in this context. If anyone can email us ideas of the specific wording they feel speaks better to the equity concept beyond the current “Leading with Race”, we welcome that and will look at how we can change things.</li> <li>• Robyn: The phrasing of leading with race on the poster comes from the county’s expressed framework. The language comes specifically from the county website which I will share with everyone after the meeting.</li> <li>• Robyn: What are some places we can visit to do outreach? Who are community groups or members we can bring in to help us network?</li> <li>• Scott: Friendly House and their elder services programs, Elder Pride, LGBTQ Statewide Coalition, AARP</li> <li>• Dave: Get a person from each regional center to represent and understand what happens in the building, also the advanced equity partners, bring them to meetings to discuss their areas of expertise. Hand out fliers to neighbors.</li> <li>• Robyn: Will be bringing a revised chart of seats that are filled or need to be filled based on our statutes to the group soon.</li> <li>• Lauren: Works in rental housing for city of Gresham, thinking about property managers that have accessible housing and also knows some community members who could come and speak to the groups in regards to affordable housing and renter’s resources.</li> </ul>		

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- Anne: Nonprofits in the Portland area who can be an outlet for fliers, and handing them out. This could be a collaboration with Metro services and tax preparation service programs.
- Barb: Are the tax preparation programs in person or online via Zoom?
- Scott: Behavioral health resource network - fliers for when they have tabling programs
- Robyn: Something to keep in mind is that every advisory council (there are 40+ at the county) is struggling and competing to recruit new council members.

#### Budget Process Updates

- Jacob: Budget Kick-off season has begun - Leadership team has been working on putting the budget together and discussing priorities for the coming year. All of this is due by January 12. We are in a constraint year and have to look at the county general fund. Every year we are asked to look at this funding.
- Irma: We are still figuring out how to involve ASAC and DSAC in the budget analysis process. The programs are very specific to what funding we have available and figuring out staffing for each depending on that funding. This is worked on every year.
- Jacob: We are pretty much finished with program offers. Some surveys are still coming in but other than that they are done.
- Irma: If you all are interested in looking at our program offers, we have close to 20, we can discuss those with you at a future meeting and figure out where we can include you with that process too. What we do each year is review, update as needed and make sure the numbers are accurate. May is the presentation to the full board, there will then be questions and follow-up, revisions as needed. Budget is adopted in June and then the process starts again for the next year the following November.
- Robyn: We will keep everyone updated as this process continues.

#### Current State of County Community Services & OAA

- Marina: Where is it that you're most interested in being involved or where you want to focus your attention? From there we can figure out what advocacy points to work on together.
- By sharing this overview presentation and diagrams as a resource, Marina is asking that advisory council members review the slides and let us know if there are any particular programs, services, or projects at ADVSD that members feel passionate about, see their expertise/experience as an asset to, or want to put their advocacy efforts toward.
- Robyn: There are so many different areas our group can be involved in but what are the specifics that this group is interested in will shape future meeting agendas.

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- Scott: Having an outlined structure of where council members have specific responsibilities and where there is more flexibility will be helpful.
- Robyn: The primary responsibility for ASAC is the Service Equity Plan and the Strategic Portfolio - to support that work and represent the community input, but we have space and flexibility to advocate other areas of the division on issues that affect the community as chosen by advisory council members.

#### Check-in about how the meeting went

- Dave: Felt like it was a good meeting with opportunities to discuss important things. Does have concern that staff is channeling the council away from working where important decisions are being made. The group needs to be involved in strategy building and development. I want more opportunities to ask difficult questions and do strategic work.
- Barb: Yes, nothing about us without us.
- Scott: Happy to jump in and do presentations via Zoom in regards to recruitment for council members. Attending other presentations of other work groups or councils that are intersecting with our work as well.
- Anne: Feels like the meeting went well and appreciates the effort that was put into planning it. In terms of the opportunities that Marina presented, is attracted to a few of those areas to have input on generally and will look into the more specific areas. Recognizes we just need to start somewhere.
- Robyn: Opportunities for ASAC members to advocate - O4AD and will share additional opportunities.
- Marina: Will get the information out about OWN and more opportunities with the State for advocacy.

#### Member updates and public comment

- Dave: Trimet update and accessibility concerns, not enough space for mobility devices. This area needs advocacy. We need to communicate there's a clear interest and need for accessible transport for older adults and to serve them appropriately.
- Lauren: Continuing issues with lack of available affordable housing for older adults in East county and elsewhere.
- Robyn: Marina and I can connect you to some additional resources in this area.
- Scott: Lori Stegman's office is supportive of affordable housing and may have some funds available to help with this.
- Robyn: Yes we can also connect you with that office's liaison Rebecca Stavejord. Irma and I will work on that.
- Anne: Tax deadlines coming up. Tax preparation services program has lots of locations, some provided by MMP Oregon and also AARP. Mostly in person but there is also a virtual capacity for those who prefer to do it online.

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**Common acronyms used in DSAC 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*
- O4AD - *Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities*
- ODHS - *Oregon Department of Human Services (also called DHS)*