



## **Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board**

April 13, 2023 Minutes

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### **Board Members**

Commissioner Lorene Kamalu  
Becky Espinoza, Chair  
Kelly Van Noy, Vice-Chair  
Lorna Koci  
Julia Bentley, Past Chair  
Rebecca (Becky) Kapp  
Larry Millward

### **Department Staff Present**

Rachelle Blackham  
Emily Jackson  
Debbie Draper  
John Cowan  
Shawna Mahan

### **Excused Board Members**

### **Guest**

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### **Call to Order/Welcome**

Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board held a meeting on April 13, 2023, at the Davis County Health Department located at 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. Becky Espinoza, the current Chair, called the meeting to order.

### **Review of Minutes October (Action)**

The board was presented with the minutes from the February 2022 meeting. Larry Millward put forth a motion to accept the February meeting minutes as presented; Kelly Van Noy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2022 Senior Services Annual Report (Information)**

Rachelle Blackham presented the 2022 Senior Services Annual Report. She highlighted the new format which was designed to highlight community partners, provide easily comparable data, and show alignment with the State required Four Year Plan.

Rachelle Blackham also highlighted the following items:

- In the Division Highlights section, Rachelle Blackham pointed out the impact of the 4,660 one-way trips for Medical Transportation, as well as the impact of Medicare support and RSVP volunteers.
- In the Partnership Section, Rachelle Blackham wished to acknowledge the work the Division accomplished through partnerships with UTA, USU, and other organizations.
- When presenting the other sections, the board started a discussion covering a variety of

topics covered in the plan.

#### **4 Year Plan (Action)**

Rachelle Blackham presented the proposal of the Four Year Plan to the Advisory Board. The Advisory board went over priorities, goals, objectives, future reports, grants, and the expanding of the Medicare/Medicaid programs.

Larry Millward put forth a motion to approve the Four Year Plan, it was seconded by Lorna Koci. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Commissioner's Report (Information)**

Commissioner Kamalu wanted to recognize Jennifer Kay (Ombudsman) for her work on the Resident Homeless council.

#### **Director Report**

Rachelle Blackham updated the board on several legislation changes:

- House Bill 37: This bill was passed in the last session. It states that before a Long Term Care (LTC) facility can discharge a client, the facility must consult the LTC ombudsman.
- U4A was awarded 1.5 million dollars for the nutrition programs around the state. As this is a one time payout, it is a temporary fix.

Rachelle Blackham updated the board on several grants the Division had applied for and received and how the money is intended to be used:

- Senior Services has been awarded a grant from IHC that focuses on taking evidence based services to the local communities. This grant will hopefully give volunteers a stipend for each evidence base class they teach.
- Senior Services received a USAging grant to focus on the continuation of in-home vaccination services and vaccination events within our three senior centers.

Rachelle Blackham updated the board on several projects that senior services will be doing for the rest of the year:

- Senior Services is currently using the Health Department mission statement, therefore, Senior Services will be developing its own mission statement in the coming year.
- The Senior Activity Centers will be doing mental health screenings every month.
- The Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis will be completed hopefully by the fall.
- The Community Health Assessment (CHA) will be finished in the next couple of months, and senior profiles will be put together.
- Meetings will be held with food providers to adjust meals and provide a lighter option.

Lastly, Rachelle Blackham wanted to update the advisory board about several staff changes:

- Debbie Draper has been promoted to Deputy Director.
- Marissa Black has become the new North Davis Center Coordinator.
- There are several Case Manager positions opening.

**Round table**

Lorna Koci showed the board the newly published “2023 Fraud Survival” guide, where she urged everyone in attendance to look into the resource guide.

**Closing**

Lorna Koci set forth a motion to adjourn.