Senior Services Advisory Board

April 11, 2024 22 South State St. Clearfield, UT

Minutes Approval Date: **PENDING**

Board Members Present

Kelly Van Noy, Chair
Lorna Koci, vice-chair
Wendy Farr (virtual)
Mark Perry
Larry Millward (not present)
Commissioner Lorene Kamalu (not present)
Rebecca Kapp (not present)

Davis County Health Department Staff Present

Rachelle Blackham, Division Director, Department Deputy
Austin Andrews, Administration
Jessica Lowder, Senior Services
Debbie Draper, Senior Services
Shawna Mahan, Senior Services
Becky Espinoza, Solis Mammography
Nicole Keyes, Senior Services
Julia Bentley, Senior Services
John Cowan, Senior Services

Welcome/Call to Order *(0:00:05)* (Kelly Van Noy)

The meeting of the Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board was held Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by the Chair, Kelly Van Noy.

Minutes (*Action*) *(0:03:05)* (Kelly Van Noy)

The minutes from the January 11, 2024 and November 2, 2023 meetings were presented to the members and reviewed.

Kelly Van Noy called for action on the meeting minutes from January 11, 2024 and November 2, 2023. Mark Perry made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lorna Koci. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Board Member Election (*Action*) *(0:04:15)* (Kelly Van Noy)

Background information was provided, stating the previous executive committee was unable to find a nominee for vice-chair but at the board meeting in January Lorna Koci stated she was willing to serve in the position. However, a quorum was not present. The chair called for the nominations for the vice-chair position.

Wendy Farr nominated Lorna Koci for the position of vice-chair. Kelly Van Noy called for action on the nomination, Mark Perry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Becky Espinoza, the immediate past chair, was recognized by the board for her service on the Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board. Becky has moved to a new position in a new organization, and will no longer be a board member. The board thanked her for her service and wished her well.

Healthy Brain Initiative (*Information*) *(0:14:25)* (Julia Bentley)

Julia Bentley provided information on the newly awarded Healthy Brain Initiative funding. Out of thousands of health departments across the nation, Davis County was selected as one of ten recipients. The initiative strives to improve education and training on cognitive health. This initiative is funded through the Alzheimer's Association and the Centers for Disease Prevention. Juila Bentley presented the program highlights, Division plans, and timeline.

Four-Year Plan (*Action*) *(0:25:35)* (Rachelle Blackham)

Rachelle Blackham presented a summary of changes to the Four-Year Plan. Each member contributed edits and suggestions. Rachelle Blackham and the board members had dialog regarding questions, goals, system changes, funding and reimbursement efforts. It was suggested by Lorna Koci that the board participates in a luncheon at one of the senior centers. Additionally, Lorna Koci provided positive feedback on the structure or foresight of the activities within the plan.

Lorna Koci made a motion to accept the Four-Year Plan as presented, seconded by Mark Perry. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. The Four-Year Plan will be sent to Davis County Commission for their approval, then the plan will be sent on to the state for final approval.

Commissioner's Report (*Information*) *(1:10:15)* (Lorene Kamalu)

Commissioner Kamalu was unable to attend this meeting so no report was provided.

Chair's Report (*Information*) *(1:11:45)* (Kelly Van Noy)

Kelly Van Noy expressed his pride in Davis County and appreciates the work put in by the board members.

Director's Report (*Information*)*(1:11:55)* (Rachelle Blackham)

Rachelle Blackham reported on infrastructure upgrades at Central and South Davis Senior Centers. The centers have received ADA compliant automatic entry doors by receiving CDBG funds. The feedback from center participants has been overwhelmingly positive. Additionally, South Davis Senior Center is working on remodeling the restrooms to be more accessible. Rachelle expressed her gratitude to the County for receiving these CDBG funds for these much needed improvements.

The Home Delivered Meals Program or Meals on Wheels had a successful legislative session. The Utah Association of Area Agencies on Aging (U4A) hired a lobbyist to help facilitate working with the state legislators and $2.3 million one-time funding was received. Rachelle Blackham highlighted that the State Agency greatly influenced this outcome by having the funding request in their Department request or Governor budget. Other areas, such as Adult Protective Services (APS), were not awarded any funding for their program efforts. The needs are increasing but due to lack of funding, APS has reduced their investigative scope, which limits their services and efficacy. The board offered to help where they are able.

Jessica Lowder presented the two health profiles (Malnutrition and Caregiving), the beginning of a total of ten profiles being created for Davis County. The health profile sheets are based around our community health assessment, focusing on health concerns facing older adults. Additional health topics will include; Dementia, Mental Health & Social Isolation, Suicide, Housing, Life Expectancy, Elder Abuse, Medical Directives, and

Population Overview. These profiles are intended for everyone to use. The profiles include highlight, program connections, resources, and data sources. It was noted that our Division and Department is leading out in this area and these health profiles are the gold standard.

Announcements (*Information*)*(1:29:17)* (Austin Andrews)

There are two upcoming events:

1. Elder Abuse Conference: April 25, 2024. It is only offered virtually and goes from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
2. Shred Event: May 3, 2024. Located at South Davis Senior Center from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned*(1:32:02)*

Lorna Koci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Perry. The meeting ended at 10:37 a.m.