



Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board

January 11, 2024 Minutes

Present:

Kelly Van Noy, Vice-Chair
Lorna Koci
Wendy Farr (virtual)

Excused:

Becky Espinoza, Chair
Commissioner Lorene Kama
Rebecca (Becky) Kapp
Mark Perry
Larry Millward

Department Staff Present:

Rachelle Blackham
Debbie Draper
John Cowan
Nicole Keyes
Eric Applegarth
Jessica Lowder
Austin Andrews
Brittany Overturf
Shawna Mahan
Megan Forbush

Call to Order/Welcome

Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board held a meeting on January 11, 2024, at the Davis County Health Department located at 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. Kelly Van Noy, the current Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

Review of Minutes August (Action)

The board was presented with the minutes from the November 2023 meeting. The November 2023 meeting minutes were not approved due to not having a board quorum. All action items were tabled until the next meeting.

Board Members (Action)

The executive board committee was unable to find a board member to take on the commitment of the vice-chair position. Additionally, as you all know an email was sent out by Rachelle to all members. Lorna Koci offered to serve as Vice Chair. Until a quorum is reached, this motion, discussion and action item will be tabled until the next meeting.

SWOT Analysis (Information)

Eric Applegarth and Brittany Overturf presented on a SWOT Analysis that was completed through the Expanding Public Health Workforce Grant funding; this is a follow-up presentation to

the initial presentation given in August 2023.

To provide a brief summary, the presentation and SWOT report that will be available by next meeting was a compilation of data collected through 145 surveys, over a four month period. The participants were categorized into three areas:

- 46 Long-Term Care (LTC) Residents
- 49 Community Members
- 50 Senior Service Clients

Recommendations as an outcome of the SWOT analysis are:

- Spread awareness of programs and community resources through outreach and marketing
- Strive to make learning technology engaging
- Strengthen relationship with the community by providing caregiving resources
- Strengthen community partnerships and seek out new ones

2023 Annual Report Overview (Information)

Rachelle Blackham adjusted the way the annual report is presented. A highlight of the report was presented and hard copies will be distributed in the next meeting. The template that was created last year is what will be followed for this, and future reports.

The reporting sections include:

- Division Overview
- Organization Chart
- Division Highlights
 - Health Resource Fairs
 - Music Therapy
 - Combined Senior Center Activities
 - Ombudsman Program
- Partnerships and Collaborations
 - University of Utah
 - USAging Vaccination Grant
 - Davis Behavioral Health
 - Davis School District
 - Davis Arts Council
- Notable Events
 - RSVP Recognition Event
- Impact at-a-glance and Program Trends
- Recognition and Personnel Changes
 - New Staff, Retirements and Milestones
 - By the Numbers

Commissioner's Report (Information)

No commissioner report was provided. Commissioner Kamalu was excused from this meeting and we will look forward to her report next meeting.

Chair's Report (Information)

Kelly Van-Noy, leading today's meeting on behalf of Becky Espinoza, recommended providing a gift to Becky Espinoza thanking her for her service over the years. Becky Espinoza will be invited back to the next meeting to recognize her for her service.

Director's Report (Information)

A. Division Updates

- a. Rachelle presented a new one page division highlights document. This highlights all the great work of the division. Moving forward one will be provided at each meeting.
 - i. The document shows that Davis County is serving the second largest group of older adults in the state in The Alternatives Program (TAP).
 - 1. It was asked how Davis County is able to serve this many clients and Rachelle Blackham explained that Davis County put forth \$200,000 to support the programs. Davis County is exemplary at serving the most people at a low cost.
 - 2. There is an increase in the number of meals served and clients in the senior centers.
 - 3. Davis County has recovered to pre-pandemic numbers in the senior centers.
- b. Davis County has budgeted for a registered dietitian to provide nutrition counseling in each of the centers. Utah is the number one state of older adults dying by malnutrition.
- c. The Alzheimer's Association offered to the Local Health Department a grant called the Healthy Brain Initiative. Out of 3,000 local health departments, Davis County was one of eight selected to receive this grant. Utilizing Juila Bently and her experience with the Alzheimer Association, Davis County will be able to train "strategists" with this grant.

B. Home-Delivered Meals Funding

- a. U4A put forth \$50,000 to contract with a lobbyist to help advocate for home-delivered meals funding at the legislative level. If no money is allocated, there will be a loss of over two million dollars which could lead to thousands of seniors being kicked off of meals on wheels statewide. Currently, we are looking good with this initiative, the Department of Health and Human Services made this funding a priority and this budget item is in the Governor's budget.
- b. The aging director of Salt Lake County is presenting similar data to the commission on aging the data today.
- c. Davis County will host a Caregiver Conference in partnership with Utah State University. The date will be February 28th at the Clearfield School District Building (F2).

Announcements (Information)

- A. Resilience Symposium - February 2, 2024
 - a. In-person registration is full, but virtual options are available.
- B. Equity Symposium - March 28, 2024
 - a. In-person only, there will not be a virtual option.
- C. MLK Service Project
 - a. Davis County will be creating hearts to give out on Valentine's Day. The hearts and messages will be given to seniors who are homebound and our senior centers. This was a success at some other triple A's. Lorna Koci suggested putting this project on "Just Serve".

Meeting Adjournment

Kelly Van-Noy, the current Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:34 AM.