

Senior Services Advisory Board

Date: October 10, 2024

Location: 22 South State St. Clearfield, UT

Time: 9:00 am -10:48 am

Room: 3rd Floor Boardroom

Minutes Approval Date:

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Board Members Present

Kelly Van Noy, Chair
Lorna Koci, vice-chair
Wendy Farr (virtual)
Mark Perry (virtual)

Larry Millward
Commissioner Lorene Kamalu (excused)
Rebecca Kapp (not present)

Davis County Health Department Staff Present

Rachelle Blackham, Division Director, Department Deputy
Austin Andrews, Administration
Shawna Mahan, Senior Services

John Cowan, Senior Services
Tazia Venstra, Senior Services
Debbie Draper, Senior Services

Welcome/Call to Order (0:01:52)

(Kelly Van Noy)

The meeting of the Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board was held Thursday, October 10, 2024 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by the Chair, Kelly Van Noy.

Minutes (Action) (0:01:59)

(Kelly Van Noy)

The minutes from the August 8, 2024 meeting were presented to the members and reviewed.

Kelly Van Noy called for action on the meeting minutes from August 8, 2024. Lorna Koci made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Larry Millward. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

RSVP Recognition Event Highlight (Information) (0:02:24)

(John/Tazia)

John Cowan shared a high level overview of the RSVP recognition event. The theme was a rockin '50's. The event was held at the Westerns Sports Park due to the high number of attendees. There was dancing, food, and entertainment. Each volunteer was gifted a duffle bag. John reviewed the feedback from the attendees. The majority of attendees had a wonderful time and gave positive feedback. This event was the first time that volunteers were allowed to bring spouses and it was noted that the ability to bring a spouse has a high impact on a strong turnout. There were some questions and a discussion around what are the largest partner organizations that are RSVP volunteer stations.

Senior Farmers Market Report (Information) (0:10:50)

(Debbie Draper)

Debbie Draper gave a report on the Seniors Farmers Nutrition Program. Debbie shared all the various vegetables and their popularity (or lack thereof) throughout the senior centers. The program is being well received. The program will be expanded next year and a new partnership with Openshaw's Farm will be established to provide more vegetables and fruit for the program. Openshaws reached out to our program and asked to partner with Senior Services. The participating older adults are able to use the vouchers at any participating farmers markets, even outside Davis County.

Senior Services is working towards SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) outreach, trying to get seniors registered for the SNAP program. This initiative was identified as an area to conduct a quality improvement project, and the results have surpassed the projected number of enrollees. The goal was to get

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60 older adults in the SNAP program, they have reached 63. Additionally, Senior Services has been awarded a grant to support senior SNAP enrollment. The grant is for \$50,000. Utah was one of the lowest ranking states for SNAP enrollment, which contributed to the eligibility and awarding of the Grant. Senior Services will be using a dietitian to help with nutritional assessments, recipe guides, and SNAP enrollment. Senior Services will be brainstorming possible opportunities to expand the program to homebound individuals.

In-Home Service Programs (Information) (0:43:19) **(Shawna Mahan)**

Shawna Mahan gave an overview of the four programs within the in-home services bureau. The four programs are: Medicaid Aging Waiver, Veteran Directed Care Program, Alternative Program, and the Family Caregiver Support Program. For each program, Shawna reviewed the number of enrollees, with the past three years number of enrollees, the cost per month, and new policies/staffing/challenges.

Commissioner's Report (Information) (1:02:55) **(Lorene Kamalu)**

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

Chair's Report (Information) (1:03:05) **(Kelly Van Noy)**

Kelly Van Noy shared that there are funding complications with some senior centers located in the southern part of Weber/Morgan county. It was brought up to give the center directors in Davis County some preparation in the event they received questions about funding for the Davis County centers. There was some discussion regarding the differences between funding sources.

Director's Report (Information) (1:07:26) **(Rachelle Blackham)**

Rachelle Blackham shared division highlights. One of the major highlights is the success with the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program. Shawna Mahan was interviewed by KLove radio regarding all the services provided by Davis County Senior Services. The interview will be played five times throughout the year. Another highlight was the RSVP recognition event. There is a newly released Senior Health Profile. The most recent edition is regarding Suicide. The Housing profile is close to completion, there are few HUD funding opportunities that are being explored prior to releasing the profile.

Lorna Koci shared a report that she was a part of from 2006 during her time on the Governor's Commission on Aging. The report is a response to the bubble of seniors that will rapidly increase in the next few years. The report can be utilized as a structured outline for future planning. Rachelle Blackham will be working with a committee on how to address the current concerns.

Senior Services has hired an experienced dietitian that will begin in November. She will be working with nutritional assessments and SNAP enrollment. Over the past few months, there have been three retirements within the Central Davis Senior Center. Senior Services is working diligently to rehire and fill in the gaps. The new software systems will hopefully be demonstrated at the next board meeting. The software will be a newly designed, custom for Davis County, that combines all needs into one system.

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Announcements *(Information)* (1:42:22)

(Rachelle Blackham)

There are three upcoming announcements:

1. Medicare Open Enrollment
 - a. October 15 - December 7, 2024
 - b. Call 801.525.5050 Option 5
2. Senior Expo as the Davis Conference Center
 - a. We will be doing a drive-through Shred Event at the expo
 - b. October 16, 2024
 - c. Senior Services will also have a booth within the expo
3. New Dementia Spanish Support Group
 - a. 3rd Monday 11:00 -11:45 am
 - b. Central Davis Senior Center
4. Dealing with Dementia
 - a. November 7, 2024 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
 - b. Central Davis Senior Center
5. The new meeting dates for 2025 Senior Services Advisory Board are as follows
 - a. January 9, 2025
 - b. April 10, 2025
 - c. August 14, 2025
 - d. October 9, 2025

Meeting Adjourned (1:48:33)

Lorna Koci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Millward. The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.