

Senior Services Advisory Board

Date: January 8, 2026

Location: 22 South State St. Clearfield, UT

Time: 9:04 am -10:50 am

Room: 3rd Floor Boardroom

Minutes Approval Date:

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Board Members

Kelly Van Noy, Chair
Lorna Koci, Vice-Chair
Wendy Farr
Mike Allred

Larry Millward
Commissioner John Crofts
Mark Perry

Davis County Health Department Staff

Rachelle Blackham, Division Director
Eric Applegarth, Senior Services
John Cowan, Senior Services
Shawna Mahan, Senior Services
Debbie Draper, Senior Services
Taiza Venstra, Senior Services

Guests

Nels Homgren, DHHS, DAAS

Welcome/Call to Order (0:01:13)

(Kelly Van Noy)

The meeting of the Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board was held Thursday, January 8, 2026 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by the Chair, Kelly Van Noy.

Minutes (Action) (0:04:19)

(Kelly Van Noy)

The minutes from the October 9, 2025 meeting were presented to the members and reviewed.

Kelly Van Noy called for action on the meeting minutes from October 9, 2025. Larry Millward made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lorena Koci. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Election/ Nominations (Action) (0:05:18)

(Kelly Van Noy)

Kelly Van Noy explained the process for succession of the chair and vice chair position of the Senior Advisory board.

Lorna Koci made a motion to nominate Mike Allred to the vice chair position. Lorna Koci spoke to Mike Allred's achievements and expertise that supports his nomination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Crofts. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

Mike Allred nominated Lorna Koci to the chair position, the motion was seconded by Wendy Farr. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous.

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WISE Initiative and Legislation Updates (*Information*) (0:12:00)

(Nels Homgren)

Nels Homgren from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Aging and Adult Services presented updates that relate to aging services in Davis County. Nels Homgren provided an update to Governor Cox's WISE initiative and the outcomes from last year's efforts, regarding the development of a 10-year master plan on aging. The WISE initiative is progressing in the 2026 session with new information gathered by focus groups around each pillar of the initiative. Nels Holmgren reviewed all the potential legislative impacts from the 2026 session, as well as the funding request within Governor Cox's budget proposal.

Annual Report Overview (*Information*) (0:51:08)

(Rachelle Blackham)

Rachelle Blackham provided a brief overview of the contents of the 2025 annual report for the Senior Services division. Additional information will be presented during the next board meeting. The overview included key highlights, impacts, awards, program trends, and by-the-numbers. Part of the presentation included the removal of a pillar (equity) in the 4-Year plan. A digital copy of the completed report will be available the second week of February.

SSAB Orientation Manual (*Information*) (1:13:00)

(Austin Andrews)

Austin Andrews gave a brief overview of the Senior Services Advisory Board Orientation Manual structure and how the contents were developed. It was noted that the manual is a tool to help orient new board members, but will also be available to all members as a resource of information. The manual will continue to be updated with relevant changes. Digital copies are available upon request.

RSVP Report (*Information*) (1:16:07)

(John Crofts)

Taiza Venstra, the program manager for RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program), explained the new meeting structure of having a quarterly report from the RSVP team that reviews highlights, complaints, volunteer numbers, and overall impact. Additionally, Tazia reviewed the performance measures for the RSVP programs and volunteer numbers.

Director's Report (*Information*) (1:26:00)

(Rachelle Blackham)

Rachelle Blackham provides a handout that reviews program highlights within the Senior Services division. Key highlights include the number of class participants and newsletter distribution. The division is applying for additional grants for our Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program. The division is no longer able to support the Veterans Directed Care program. The program participants are being served by another community provider. Rachelle Blackham provided insight to the current fiscal situation around aging services.

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Chair's Report (*Information*) (1:36:36)

(Kelly Van Noy)

The chair thanked the board and staff for their support during his chairmanship. The chair looks forward to supporting the incoming executive committee.

Commissioner's Report (*Information*) (1:37:06)

(John Crofts)

Commissioner Crofts shared the key takeaways from the recent Truth in Taxation public hearing results and the interactions with Davis County residents, specifically seniors. Commissioner Crofts talked about the complexities that come with tax increases and the different fund that each tax raise implicates. Additionally Commissioner Crofts shared about how both local and state governments can review their budgets and find creative ways to ensure tax increases are only for statutory requirements.

Meeting Adjourned (1:47:50)

Lorna Koci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Millward, seconded by Commissioner Crofts. The meeting ended at 10:50 a.m.