

Senior Services Advisory Board

Date: April 9, 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

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

Larry Millward
Mark Perry (excused)

Davis County Health Department Staff

Rachelle Blackham, Division Director
Aimee Dussol, Administration
Austin Andrews, Administration
John Cowan, Senior Services
Shawna Mahan, Senior Services
Debbie Draper, Senior Services

Tazia Venstra, Senior Services
Marcie Clark, Health Strategy Bureau

Welcome/Call to Order (0:00:00)

(Lorna Koci)

The meeting of the Davis County Senior Services Advisory Board was held Thursday, April 9, 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 Chair Lorna Koci. A quorum was present.

Minutes (Action) (0:01:03)

(Lorna Koci)

The minutes from the January 8, 2026 meeting were presented to the members and reviewed.

Lorna Koci called for action on the meeting minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Crofts to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Wendy Farr. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Four-Year Plan (Action) (0:02:28)

(Rachelle Blackham)

Rachelle Blackham presented updates to the fourth year of the Four-Year Plan, noting that core goals remain consistent while minor adjustments are made to reflect program and funding changes. Updates were highlighted in the distributed document and presentation.

Key changes included reducing the number of health resource fairs to improve efficiency, updating SNAP enrollment goals based on revised grant requirements, and adding language to pursue continued funding for SNAP application assistance. A new partnership with Utah State University Extension was also introduced to provide digital literacy classes for dementia caregivers.

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Rachelle reviewed program updates, including the discontinuation of the Veterans Directed Care Program due to financial losses, while noting that services remain available through other providers. She also introduced the GUIDE program, a Medicare pilot focused on dementia coverage, which the division plans to explore further.

Service trends were discussed, with nutrition services remaining stable through more targeted assessments, alongside increases in nutrition education and counseling. Some decreases in transportation and outreach were noted due to staffing and funding changes. Rachelle also reported that Davis County currently maintains minimal waitlists compared to other counties. The Board reviewed the priority of services with no proposed changes and confirmed required direct service waivers remain in place with no priority service waiver requests.

Lorna Koci called for action on the Four-Year Plan. A motion was made by Wendy Farr to approve the fourth year of the Four-Year Plan as presented, including the addition of the GUIDE program. The motion was seconded by Mike Allred. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Davis Links Resource Directory (Information) (0:47:14)

(Marcie Clark)

Marcie Clark presented an overview of the Davis Links Resource Directory, a community-driven platform designed to connect residents with available services and resources throughout Davis County. The platform was developed in response to community feedback identifying challenges in navigating available services.

Marcie explained that Davis Links includes over 2,000 programs and is accessible without an account, offering multilingual support and search functionality by topic and location. The platform is supported through collaboration between the Davis County Health Department, the human services cabinet, and the Davis4Health initiative. Marcie also described ongoing efforts to expand provider participation, maintain accurate data, and promote the platform through outreach, partnerships, and training opportunities. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining current information and leveraging community partnerships to support the platform's sustainability and growth.

Director's Report (Information) (1:04:02)

(Rachelle Blackham)

Rachelle Blackham provided updates on Open Meetings training compliance, noting that several members have completed the requirement and encouraging others to do so. Rachelle then provided a legislative update, describing the 2026 session as particularly challenging. Initial proposals included significant funding cuts to aging services programs, including nutrition services. However, following extensive advocacy efforts at the local and state levels, no cuts were ultimately implemented.

Rachelle reported that while funding requests were reduced compared to initial proposals, the final outcomes included continued support for key programs. Additional funding allocations are expected to reduce or eliminate waitlists for certain services. She also highlighted Senate Bill 281, which introduces changes to funding mechanisms for senior nutrition programs. While the long-term impact remains uncertain, the Board was advised that the bill may affect funding distribution statewide.

RSVP Report (Information) (1:13:41)

(Tazia Venstra)

Tazia Venstra provided updates on the RSVP program, reporting 341 active volunteers currently participating. She highlighted recent service initiatives, including a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service project in which volunteers created 100 scarves for individuals experiencing homelessness. Tazia reported ongoing efforts to collect impact data for the AmeriCorps Project Progress Report, emphasizing the increased importance of demonstrating measurable outcomes. She noted strong collaboration with partner organizations and improved data collection processes. A letter of appreciation from a community partner was shared, recognizing the meaningful contributions of RSVP volunteers. Board members also shared anecdotal feedback highlighting the positive impact of volunteers on community members, particularly in providing companionship and emotional support.

Chair's Report (Information) (1:21:46)

(Lorna Koci)

The Chair expressed appreciation for the work of staff and the Board, particularly in the development and approval of the Four-Year Plan. The Board acknowledged the strength of programs and the department's ability to maintain services despite funding challenges.

The Chair challenged members of the Senior Services Advisory Board to participate in an activity or service being provided by Davis County Senior Services each quarter. Members will reflect upon and share their experiences at subsequent meetings.

Commissioner's Report (Information) (1:27:20)

(John Crofts)

Commissioner Crofts shared reflections from recent interactions with community members, noting the importance of hearing directly from residents about their experiences and needs. He emphasized that these conversations provide valuable insight into the challenges facing older adults in the community and help inform priorities at the county level. He acknowledged the ongoing work of Senior Services and expressed appreciation for the impact these programs have on the community.

Meeting Adjourned (1:36:35)

A motion was made by Lorna Koci to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.