



**Davis County Health Department
Senior Services Advisory Council
February 19, 2021 Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Julia Bentley, Chair
Larry Millward, Co-Chair
Commissioner Bob Stevenson
Dr. Johnnie Cook
Mark Perry
Manuel Martinez
Kelly Van Noy
Becky Weisner

Board Members Excused:

Lorna Koci

Department Staff Present:

Kristy Cottrell, Deputy Director Senior Services
Debbie Draper, Bureau Manager
John Cowan, Bureau Manager
Jackie Smith, RSVP
Shawna Mahan, Bureau Manager
Sonia Siguenza, Administrative Secretary

Guests:

Nels Holmgren, DHS
Jacob Murakami, DHS.

Davis County Senior Services Advisory Council held a meeting on February 18, 2021 at the Davis County Health Department, 22 South State Street, Clearfield Utah. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Julia Bentley at 10:30 am.

Call to order/Welcome:

Ms. Julia Bentley extended a welcome to the Council and Health Department staff. A round table of introductions took place. Additionally, Ms. Kristy Cottrell introduced guests Nels Holmgren and Jacob Murakami, with the Department of Human Services, and welcomed Commissioner Stevenson.

Approval of the Minutes: (Action)

The December, 2020 minutes were presented and reviewed.

Mr. Mark Perry motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Van Noy, seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Process:

Ms. Cottrell stated her report on Vaccination Distribution by presenting the newly published Vaccination advertisement. This advertisement went over several things. These include how to sign up for a vaccination, how to navigate the Legacy Center and how to contact the Health Department for questions. Ms. Cottrell did account for her time at the clinic.

Ms. Cottrell was pleased to announce some landmarks with Vaccination Distributions. The first was the announcement that those turning 65 in 2021 and older are now available to get the vaccinations starting on February 19th.

Ms. Cottrell also announced that Davis County has 120 employees working on vaccinating the public. These employees come from full time employees, partners, and new non-merit hires. These employees staff the Legacy Event Center and are spearheading the Homebound Vaccination Efforts.

Homebound Vaccination efforts are successful, with 170 people currently signed up for the program, Compared to Homebound flu shots only 40 individuals served in 2020. Ms Cottrell informed the committee of how individuals sign up. The process of Homebound Vaccination was documented by Fox13.

RSVP- MLK Day of Service:

Ms. Jackie Smith gave an update on a new grant that the Retired Senior Volunteer Program will be receiving. This three year grant begins on April 1st. New volunteers are helping with the COVID vaccine clinics. The Martin Luther Day of service was successful and the letter writing project exceeded the intended goal. The project received enough letters for every individual in assisted living and long-term care facilities.

Legislative Issues/Updates:

Mr. Nels Holmgren and Mr. Jacob Marukami with the Utah Department of Aging and Adult Services presented information about the current legislative session, regarding bills and appropriation. Budget was tentatively approved the week of February 8th. There was a one time cut to Medicaid Aging Waiver. The Governor's office is focusing on continuing funding of past requests versus taking new requests for funding. A bill passed making Changes to Living wills allowing for more electronic options, limiting paper and signatures needed.

Mr Nels Holmgren presented other proposed bills in the 2021 Legislative.

- Medicaid Spousal care: This bill would allow spouses to continue to get paid for care services even after the State of Emergency is lifted.
- The second bill expands the Slayer rule: to apply to those convicted of elder exploitation, negligence and abuse. The Slayer Statute prevents killers from profiting from a crime and could apply to inheritance after an untimely death.
- The third bill changes the requirements to report to APS and CPS.
- The last bill presented was the merger of the Utah Department of Health and Utah Department of Human services. This bill is focused on shifting sub departments between the organization, mimicking their federal counterparts.

Senior Center Update:

Ms Draper announced to the community the retirement of several employees. Leaving one job opening in the process of being filled. Ms. Cottrell added that several of the permanent employees are able to move back to their regular jobs after being reassigned to help with the Covid response.

Ms. Cottrell also reported having great success doing virtual activities; these programs are run by the directors of the centers. Along with these programs Ms. Cottrell is working on a plan to open the centers

for activities late March or early April. Her team is developing activities where COVID-19 safe practices can be maintained.

LTC Ombudsman/Transportation Update:

Mr. Cowan announced that the ombudsman will be reentering facilities at the end of March, after a 12 month hiatus. He also announced some changes to the UTA program and Transportation.

Caregiver Support Program/Recognition Month Update:

Ms. Mahan announced that home visits are starting once safety criteria have been met. Ms. Mahan also presented that in-home service providers have stopped some care programs, but Davis County's case workers have found ways to maintain these services.

Director's Report:

Ms. Cottrell announced new Caregiver Academy, Dementia Dialogue, and Living With Chronic illness classes; in March. These will be virtual. Continued development of newsletters. Senior Services is now producing three monthly newsletters with targeted audiences: general aging well, caregivers residents and long term care facilities.

Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Stevenson reported how the Legacy Center was prepped for the Mass Vaccine Clinic. Commissioner reported there are talks to get a second Mass clinic started. Commissioner did bring the issue of pharmacies wanting to charge for the vaccination to the board's attention.

The Commissioner finished his report by asking for members of the board to bring up any new ideas. So he can present them to the proper body.

Chair Report:

Ms. Julia Bentley reported that the Virtual Advocacy Day went well. Plans for more frequent events are taking place.

Community Announcements:

Ms Julia Bentley, announced that the Alzheimer's Association was starting their annual walk for Alzheimers. The walk is tentatively scheduled for September or October. She is looking for volunteers to help plan and run the event.

Adjournment:

Larry Millward motioned to adjourn the meeting and Julia Bentley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

2021 Meeting Schedule:

Third Friday, every other month, from 10:30 - 12:00 pm.

- April 16, 2021