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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ELDERCARE COALITION

May 1, 2026, at 8:30AM

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89966612080?pwd=Y2s1MU16dzdjbFkraFF4ZFZjcXNPQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6661 2080

Passcode: 471844

1. **Call to Order 8:38AM** due to technical difficulties with microphone.
2. **Agenda Approval** - Approved
3. **Minutes Approval** – Approved
4. **SREC Project Update** – Tonya Muldoon
 - a. AHFC Application, SREC, was accepted for possible funding. More details to come.
 - b. Coalition Survey, where we want to go. Please take time to complete the survey to help focus on our future.
 - c. Rural Health Transformation Program – Submitted Letters of Intent
 - i. Aging-in-Place Home Modification Infrastructure Initiative
 - ii. Rosarium Health: Alaska Aging in Place Value-Based Care Initiative
 - iii. Community Navigator Connection Statewide Care Coordination & Resource Navigational Platform
 - iv. Thrive Together Child Health & Provider Support Pilot
 - v. Southeast Alaska Rural Healthcare Hubs CNA, MA, HIM, & PCA Pathways
 - vi. St. Ann’s Center for Integrated Care – Redevelopment Project



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5. **SREC Steering Committee Report** – Erin Walker-Tolles and/or Sharyl Yeisley

- a. Steering Committee Meeting Update

6. **Advocacy Update:** Wayne Stevens

- a. Advocacy update from the Hill
- b. Wayne Stevens was able to meet Senator Stevens for a brief meeting.
- c. Kevin Gardell, regional lobbyist for seniors, suggested going early into session before things start up to provide educational opportunities.
- d. Encourage that we share message with the 18 “hopeful Governor’s”
 - i. Letter we have, is a starting place.

7. **Best Practice:** No show

Laura Oden: Pandere Shoes

<https://pandereshoes.com/pages/about-us>

Lisa Butkiewicz: Meetopolis app, see attachment on email for more details.

Open Discussion:

- a. Erin Walker-Tolles, SREC funding, supported a 7% increase in access for meals and 10% increase in new access for community activities.
- b. Tyler McNeil, shout out for Marianne Pahang and Dearly Villa Flor for increasing services through the Community Connections Veteran’s Program with SREC support, serving now 40 + veterans.
- c. John Smith III has interest for SREC members attending resource fairs.



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- d. Request for SREC to create a Fraud/Abuse brochure. Ask to post on website.
- e. We will not have a July 2026 meeting.
- f. Discussion on the community inclusion with SREC activities that all are welcome. Supported by elders. Commenting that more of this approach is needed regionally. Membership would like to see more involvement from the tribal community and other ethnically rich community groups.
- g. Suggestion: Add a discussion meeting for the best practice

8. **Comments from members:** see above.

9. **Adjournment: 9:38AM**

10. **Next Meeting:** Scheduled June 5, 2026, at 8:30AM

a. Sub-Committees:

i. **Senior Empowerment and Advocacy** – Wayne
Stevens Sub-Committee Chair

Goal: Support policy, regulation, law, and procedural changes in the Alaska system to improve direct care services for seniors. **Third Wednesday of the month at 9am. Next meeting May 20, 2026**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85018791334>

Meeting ID: 850 1879 1334

11. **Upcoming events:**

a. **AARP Older American's Month Celebration**

May 20th 3pm-5pm



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Douglas Library (Douglas, AK)

b. **First Mondays**

Congressman Nick Begich's Office
2401 Eagle Ave Ketchikan, AK 99901
11AM-2PM

Direct help from Congressman Begich's office for Seniors
They can assist you with issues with IRS, Social Security, Medicare,
Veteran Affairs, and other Federal Programs

c. **Service Provider Connect**, formerly known as Community

Resource Connect
May 13, 2026
11:00AM-1:00PM

Mendenhall Library, Juneau

Monthly topic: Youth Resources

Contact for more information Vilda Cooday at

vcooday@tlingitandhaida.gov

d. **Juneau: Applications Open for 2026 Senior Citizen Hardship Tax Program**

Applications for two senior citizen hardship tax programs are open. Juneau residents ages 65 and older may qualify for one or both the Senior Citizen Real Property Hardship Exemption and the Senior Citizen Sales Tax Hardship Rebate. Both programs require



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an annual application, so you must reapply each year.

Applications are based on your 2025 gross income level.

More information and applications for both programs can be found online at juneau.org/finance/sales-tax/senior-citizen-tax-benefits.

Senior Citizen Real Property Hardship Exemption

The deadline to apply for the Senior Citizen Real Property Hardship Exemption is April 30, 2026. Contact the Assessor's Office at 907-586-5215 ext. 4906 or assessor.office@juneau.gov for help applying.

Applicants who receive the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption may qualify for the Real Property Hardship Exemption if the gross household income for all members of the household falls below 120% of the HUD median income for Juneau. HUD data for 2026 has not been published and is not expected to be released until April; below are the levels for 2025 for reference. Please note that final determinations will be based on 2026 data, so seniors are encouraged to apply even if their gross income exceeds the 2025 levels.

Household Size	Median Income	120% of Median Income
1	\$90,100	\$108,120
2	\$103,000	\$123,600
3	\$115,900	\$139,080
4	\$128,700	\$154,440
5	\$139,000	\$179,160



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If it's your first year applying for the Real Property Hardship Exemption, don't forget to file for your Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption by March 31, 2026. If you're not sure which application is which, contact the Assessor's Office for help. Please be aware that the Assessor's Office has moved from City Hall to 1208 Glacier Ave.

Senior Citizen Sales Tax Hardship Rebate

The deadline to apply for the 2025 Senior Citizen Hardship Sales Tax Rebate is June 30, 2026. Contact the Sales Tax Office at 907-586-5215 ext. 4901 or sales.tax.office@juneau.gov for help applying.

Applicants ages 65 and older who have established residency in Juneau may qualify for the Hardship Rebate if their gross income falls below 250% of the current Federal Poverty Guidelines for Alaska. Below are the income limits for the 2025 application.

	Individual Applicant	Married Applicants
Gross Income Limit	\$49,875	\$67,625
Rebate Amount	\$325	\$650

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e. **Aging & Disability News**

[Banks Are Becoming Bulwarks Against Scams for Vulnerable Seniors](#)

[Starbucks, Walmart, Other Retailers Roll Out Framework For Accessibility](#)

[Florida Legislature approves two Alzheimer's disease-related bills](#)

12. **Weekly Events**

- **BINGO**

Ketchikan Saxman Senior Center
2401 Eagle Ave
Saxman, Alaska
Wednesdays 1PM
Contact Niki at 907-225-6575.

- **Sitka Coffee Time**

Thursday May 14, 2026
11AM-1:30PM
Harrigan Centennial Hall
Sitka, Alaska
Contact: Sitka Tribe of Alaska (907) 747-3207

- **Juneau Senior Center**

Mondays 11AM Senior Sing Along with Jackie
Tuesdays 11:45AM Music with Tom Locher
Wednesdays 11:00AM Senior Chair Yoga

- **Art for Self-Care**

Tuesdays
5:30-7PM
418 Harris St #315 Juneau

These are groups designed to promote self-care using a variety of art activities. For adults to help relieve anxiety, depression, and



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stress especially during the winter months. Please RSVP: Shawn Hatt Cohen (907)321-5414 txt

- **Beginning and Advanced ESL Classes**

Tuesdays

5:30-7:30PM

Mendenhall Valley Public Library

3025 Diamond Park Loop Juneau, Alaska 99801

Beginning ESL offered from 5:30PM-6:30PM and Advanced ELS

Classes are offered from 6:30-7:30PM. Free. Check out the

Learning Connection website at <https://tcalaska.org/english-language-learning-citizenship/> or call (907) 586-5718 for more information.

- **Senior Balance Class**

Activities vary each week including tea & chat, trivia, arts etc.

Wednesdays at 2PM

Alaska Native Brotherhood Founder's Hall

Sitka, Alaska

Info Brave Heart Volunteers (907)747-4600

Tai Chi

Mondays 7-8:00AM

Mountain View Manor

Petersburg, Alaska

- **Family Game Night**

Tuesdays and Fridays 6:30-8:30PM

Parks and Rec Community Center, Activities Room

Petersburg, Alaska

13. **Monthly Events**

- **Coffee, Tea and Chat for Patients and Family**



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Bartlett Regional Hospital Cafeteria Juneau
Tuesday 10-11:00AM
Event info: www.bartletthospital.org
Contact: Rhonda Ward 907-796-8918

- **Chair Yoga at the Library**
Tuesdays 10:30-11:30AM
Ketchikan Public Library
398 Copper Rd Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
- **Sacred Harp Sing**
Beginners and listeners' welcome
Every Second and Fourth Sundays on the month
3:00PM
Pioneer Home Chapel
Sitka, Alaska
Contact: Sara at (907)747-2915
- **Sharing Coalition Meeting**
The group focus is community health and engagement through strong partnerships between organizations and individuals. Everyone is welcome.
Date varies, monthly.
12-1:00PM
Dorothy Ingle Conference room Petersburg Medical Center
Petersburg, Alaska

14. **Support Groups (Juneau)**

- **Caregiver Support Group**
Every 1st Friday of the month
Ketchikan Saxman Senior Center
2401 Eagle Ave



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Saxman, Alaska
Or by TEAMS
Open to all caregivers regionally
Information: (907) 225-8080

- **Riverview Senior Living**, in Juneau is offering free Support for Memory Care, RSVP Zoom meeting, See flyer for more details: [Riverview Memory Matter Support Group flyer](#)
Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
- **Widow's and Widower's Garden Support Group (WE ARE ALL LIVING IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE)**
Riverview Senior Living
3041 Clinton Dr
Juneau, Alaska 99801
First Monday each month 2-4PM
More information contact Diane Kyser at (907) 723-1917
- **Virtual Low Vision Support Group**
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
Wildflower Court (Juneau)
Call Linda Newman at Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) for more info: Email: lnewman@sailinc.org.
- **Deaf Support Group**
Mets in Juneau in various locations. Contact Pam Guy for details. Email psmguy2@gmail.com or text 907-314-0732 for more information.
- **Cancer Connection Support Group**
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
First Floor Conference Room
8711 Teal St Juneau, Alaska 99801



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Contact: www.cancerconnectionak.org
(907)796-2273, or email: admin@cancerconnectionak.org

- **NAMI Juneau Peer-Led Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Skills Workshop**
First Wednesday of the month
5:30-6:30PM
8711 Teal St. Main Floor Conference Room
Information: www.namijuneau.org/support-groups
- **Low Vision Support Group**
First Monday's 1:00-2:30PM at the Plaza Mall, Ketchikan.
Contact Brenda Loughman for more information. Email: loughmanb@kpunet.net