

## WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL ON AGING

**March 24, 2015**

### STATE COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

#### ATTENDANCE

<b>Members Present:</b>	Kathleen Miller, Joanne Levine, Ron Bacon, Diane Snell, Helen Spencer, Ron Vivion, Paul Malinski, Barry Lamont, Gail Hiestand, Suzanne Holmes, Aruna Bhuta, Marilyn Vogler, Carl Bender, Courtney Jaren, Javier Figueroa, Phillip Lemley, Cheryl Townsend Winter
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Rep. Linda Kochmar, Sen. Karen Keiser, Rep. Sherry Appleton Stuart Maier
<b>Guests:</b>	Cathy Knight-W4A, Walt Bowen-Senior Lobby
<b>ALTSA Staff:</b>	Rosemary Biggins, Susan Engels

<b>ACTION ITEMS LIST</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>DEADLINE/DUE DATE</b>
<b>Meeting Date: March 24, 2014</b>		
1. Read Comparison of Recommendations from Oct. 2014 Redefining Longevity WHCoA Pre Session (distributed by Cathy Knight/Cheryl Townsend Winter). Focus on area that you will be attending for the White House Conference on Aging Regional Forum April 2.	All	April 2
2. Email current Elder Index data report	Cathy Knight	a.s.a.p.
3. Contact Walt Bowen, Senior Lobby, if you are interested in following progress of Guardianship Grant Project. An official SCOA Rep may/will be identified at a future date	All	a.s.a.p.
4. Submit comments on bills that WASCOA is following to <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/bill/info/">apps.leg.wa.gov/bill/info/</a> (refer to handout) Contact Ron Vivion for assistance.	All	a.s.a.p.
5. Send corrections/suggestions for WASCOA Excellence in Action Award Application to Paul Malinski by FRIDAY	All	Friday, March 27, 2015
6. Mail SCOA Excellence in Action Award Applications and Scoring Criteria (minus weighting ranges) to AAA's by April 15th	All	April 15, 2015
7. Four documents produced by Council need to be reviewed and forwarded to IT for posting to the repository.	R. Biggins	a.s.a.p.
8. Oct 28 forum final proceedings to IT for posting to our website.	R. Biggins	a.s.a.p.
9. New council members' media contacts lists by geography.	R. Biggins	a.s.a.p.

## **WELCOME, REMARKS, AND Introductions**

Barry welcomed members and requested all briefly introduce themselves; the agenda was reviewed and approved

## **White House Conference on Aging**

Cheryl Townsend Winter discussed distribution of the final report of the October Pre-WHCoA Regional Listening Session sponsored jointly by W4A and WASCOA. The Council sent a letter to Governor Inslee about the session and a copy of the report. The Home and Community Based Services National Clearing House has also posted a link to the report: <http://www.nasuad.org/hcbs/article/redefining-longevity-proceedings-october-28-2014-advocacy-network-listening-session>

Cathy Knight developed a cross walk of recommendations from the Governor's Summit, the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability and the Pre WHCoA Regional Listening Session. Copies were distributed to members and the crosswalk was reviewed. Cathy encouraged members to focus on the recommendations related to the focus area they signed up for at April 21 WHCoA Regional Conference.

Members engaged in discussion about recommendations and related issues. The most current Elder Economic Security Index report was also discussed (in context of report outcomes related to economic security) and distributed to members. Cathy will distribute new EESI report via email.

## **SENIOR LOBBY UPDATE – WALT BOWEN**

Today is the 97th day of session. Just passed deadline for bills to continue

Senate and House are working on resolving what bills will move forward

Suggested that focus on reality that Washington has the most regressive tax system in the country and we need to remedy

Senior Lobby has been working with Office of the Courts around resolution to guardianship issues that need to be addressed.

A small grant has been received to study guardianship issues – if you are interested in learning more about this contact Walt.

The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability will be addressing issue too.

## **Legislative Committee Update- Ron Vivion**

Ron reviewed WA legislative website section on how to comment on a bill (this is the section of site that allows you to enter comments on a bill on line.) Members received a copy of the webpage screen shots.

Information was shared about how to find various documents and to track a bill

Reviewed handout that provided update on the status of each bill of interest to the State Council on Aging (please refer to meeting handout)

The small business financing study (HB 2109, SB 5826) is still progressing

A motion was made and passed to support the bills outlined on the handout as well as the legislation on the small business financing study (*retirement planning*)

Ron shared that he signed up in support of the JLEC legislation on behalf of the WASCOA

Joanne Levine provided an update on status of transportation legislation and budget.

## **Update and Discussion on State Council current areas of focus**

### Alzheimers Working Group- Cheryl Townsend Winter

There are public forums proceeding. Just had full group meeting to set goals and next meeting is April

### Transportation – Joanne Levine

Transportation is a big black box moving through legislature, that poison pill that mentioned at our last minute is still in the legislation—language was added that may impede anti-pollution measures that the Governor wants to move forward.

Walt mentioned that the Governor still has line item veto- Joanne asked Walt's his read on fuel tax and cap and trade components in Governors package- certain interest groups are opposed to implementing

### Elder Justice- Helen Spencer

The elder justice center legislation introduced this session has not moved forward.

Yakama Nation AAA is at Tribal council working on appropriation from General Council for elder justice programs.

Helen explained that Yakama Nation is a treaty tribe and the General Council is the higher authority over the Tribal Council.

Yakama AAA/Golden Eagles Advisory Council continues to pursue application of the Warm Springs model (interdisciplinary model)

#### Community First Choice Options (CFCO) - Aruna Bhuta

Aruna provided an update on CFCO implementation an update from the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting is posted here: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/AL TSA/stakeholders/documents/CFCO/CFC%203-18-15%20Webinar.pdf>

The CFCO webpage can be located here: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/alt sa/stakeholders/community-first-choice-option>

Aruna asked about status of training for consumers about CFCO, AL TSA will follow up on status of training and get back to her.

#### Guardianships –Barry Lamont

No issue update at this time

#### **State Council Committees Discussion**

Barry Lamont reviewed the assignments for State Council committees

#### Research Committee

Joanne Levine, Suzanne Holmes, Aruna Bhuta, Ron Bacon, Kathleen Miller, Helen Spencer, Marilyn Vogler

#### Legislative Committee

Ron Vivion, Stuart Meier, Dianne Snell, Phillip Lemley, Javier Figueroa

#### Public Outreach and Awareness-

Cheryl Townsend Winter

Carl Bender

Gail Hiestand

Courtney Jaren

Paul Malinski

#### **State Council Repository Process – Cheryl Townsend Winter**

Cheryl reviewed the website repository process for development and approval of Council documents and templates (please refer to flow chart handout distributed at the meeting)

The documents that are currently available on line were discussed and documents soon to be posted were reviewed.

Cheryl distributed PowerPoint presentation on the Council that will be put on line soon – members can use this to make community group presentations and/or respond to local inquiries about the Council

### **Public Awareness and Older Americans Act**

Discussion ensued about May being Older Americans Act month and potential Council activity.

A motion was made that the Council send a press release to acknowledge May is OAA month

Cathy Knight requested that W4A coordinate on this press activity

Javier suggested working with counties and cities to let them know

Paul clarified that members do work with local communities to distribute media releases

### **Excellence in Action awards discussion- Paul Malinski**

Paul distributed draft documents he developed to solicit nominees for the Excellence in Action award. Discussion ensued about history and purpose of the award and suggestions were given about the parameters of this award.

A motion was made that Council members will distribute the award nomination forms to their local AAA by April 15th and that there will not be a limit on the number of nominees. Agencies and exemplary programs for seniors/individuals are not limited to the AAA. AAA's will submit the nominations to the Council member for scoring and the member will forward scoring results to the Award Committee. Motion passed with one abstention.

Suggested edits to the materials developed by Paul can be sent to him by March 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **AL TSA update – Susan Engels**

Discussed legislative session, waiting for house budget to be release- anticipated on Friday 3/27

Discussed CFCO training ideas

Announced the city of Seattle has let the Governor know that they will pull out of providing case management services if there are not increases to the AAA case management budget; concurrently AL TSA is involved in continuation contingency planning

Hoping the pre-Medicaid services package is approved and planning for rapid roll out if funded (19 million requested)

Discussed components: option counseling (more in depth information and assistance to inform decision-making, evidenced based programs and family caregiver program

Area planning process informing programs decisions

One of the performance measures in DSHS Strategic Plan to serve people in HCBS settings was met 9 months ahead of time

ALTSA Quality Assurance results statewide were presented recently

DSHS Economic Services Administration may not receive funding for WTAP so could have impact and ALTSA continues to monitor

US Senate appropriation staff, via Administration on Community Living are going to be on a site visit to identify exemplary programs-visit will be in metro Puget Sound

Kathy Miller stressed importance of discussion of rural areas and programs if none will be visited

Action Items (see page one) were reviewed by Suzanne Holmes

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting