

WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL ON AGING

February 25th 2015
OFFICE BUILDING II, OLYMPIA WA

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:	Carl Bender, Aruna Bhuta, Javier Figueroa, Gail Hiestand, Courtney Jaren, Barry Lamont, Philip Lemley, Joanne Levine, Stuart Maier, Paul Malinski, Kathy Miller, Diane Snell, M. Helen Spencer, Cheryl Townsend Winter, Ron Vivon, Marilyn Vogler,
Members Absent:	Representative Sherry Appleton, Senator Karen Keiser, Suzanne Holmes, Cheryl Townsend-Winter, Paul Malinski
Invited Speakers	Bea Rector-ALTSA, Kevin Quigley-DSHS Secretary (will re-schedule) Jason McGill GOV
Guests:	Cathy Knight, W4A, Walt Bowen
Others	
ALTSA Staff:	Melanie McGuire

WELCOME, REMARKS, AND Introductions

The meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair Barry Lamont.

ALTSA UPDATE - BEA RECTOR

Bea provided an update on ALTSA and legislative session

TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT ISSUES

STATE COUNCIL LIAISON-GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Jason McGill, Policy Adviser & liaison to the Council, discussed the budget and reinvesting in WA State. Suggested the House and Senate may have difficulty with the listed investments.

Marilyn had a question about veterans affairs and sharing the burden of kinship care for military children.

*Accountable Care Organizations and related legislation. He provided an update on the status of legislation related to retirement savings, transportation, state Alzheimer's (dementia) Plan and policy related to being more forward looking about long term care insurance.

The Chair shared there is significant concern about people being able to access their long term care insurance and questionable delays in the process. Jason suggested that Gail provide him with more information and discussed involving the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Kathy Miller provided a brief overview of the Caregiver Forum that was held in Seattle this morning. Speakers included Trudee Inslee and many others, including the DSHS Secretary. One focus of the forum was that employers need to be more understanding about employee roles as caregivers.

More information about the event including short videos of speakers can be located by clicking this link:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Senior bills – many senate bills have died, but the ones in the house are still being reviewed. Money issue bills seem to be the ones staying alive.

Senate and House will be in session during Senior Lobby. Therefore, speakers are working the floor and won't be readily available for discussion. Hopefully there will be representatives at the evening reception on the 25th.

Ron reported on the Legislative Committee report. It was suggested that instead of Would give a sense of how the Council feels about each bill.

- HB1286 – SB 5258 – Study for funding for LTC – Council For
 - Marilyn had a question –
 - Response
- SB 5436 – Creates joint leg executive committee on A & D – Council For
- HB 1021 - SB 5264 – Silver Alert System – Council For
 - Suzanne Holmes reported meeting with Appleton. Felt support wasn't completely there.
 - Javier suggested
 - Discussion was centered around the multiple types of “alerts” available
- HB 1499 – Criminal penalties against vulnerable adults – Council For
 - Marilyn had a question. Clarification concerning how money is spent due to competency
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- HB 1186 – Requiring notifications to patients in observation at hospital – Council For
- HB 1725 – SB 5709 – Consumer's rights to assign hours to IPs – Council
 - Ron would like to discuss this with Bea
 - Tabling this till next meeting.

Ron made the motion, Carl 2nd and motion was carried.

For the new members, you will be asked and selected

STATE COUNCIL DISCUSSION

ELDER JUSTICE –

Courtney is interested in this subject.

ALZHEIMER'S STATE PLAN –

half way through time frame and on schedule. Next working on strategies and deadline for July 9 is holding.

CFCO –

Aruna reported and CFCO is scheduled to start July 2015.

TRANSPORTATION –

Joanne reported that she is signed on to Walt's administration committee for info on the bills. Information was sent out to the Council by Rosemary.

Barry has not received information on transit plans

GUARDIANSHIP

Nothing to report

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

Cathy Knight reported

Barry is planning to attend as chair. Recommends vice chair and advocacy chair attend. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNER UPDATES

Cathy spoke to the Alzheimer's Association. Gave out booklets and cards.

Today is advocacy day for supported living providers and handed out an information sheet as well as one on W4A supports.

*Gail asked what the Council should see as an outcome of the research committee's work on transportation.

Barry spoke to award that is presented and is being revamped and will have the Council approve next meeting.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Next meeting: March 24, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel, SeaTac.