



Washington State Council on Aging

Meeting title: June Washington State Council Meeting
 Location: Radisson SeaTac

Date: 6/28/16
 Time: 8:30-2:30

ATTENDEES

| √ | Members Present | Appointment | √ | Appointment |
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| √ | Barry Lamont | At-Large East | √ | Paul Malinski Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care |
| √ | Cheryl Townsend Winter | At-Large West | √ | Patricia McIntyre Pierce County Connections Advisory Council |
| √ | Suzanne Holmes | AAAD Southwest WA Advisory Council | √ | Peggi Moxley Aging & Adult Care of Central WA |
| | Sherry Appleton | WA House of Reps | √ | Helen Spencer Yakama AAA Golden Eagles Advisory Council |
| √ | Carl Bender | NWRC Advisory Council | √ | Art Swannack Association of Counties |
| √ | Aruna Bhuta | At-Large East | √ | Ron Vivion Snohomish County AAA |
| | Javier Figueroa | At Large West | √ | Vacant Kitsap AAA Advisory Council |
| √ | Lynn Ford | Lewis Mason Thurston AAA Advisory Council | √ | Guests Present |
| √ | Ava Frisinger | ADS King County Advisory Council | | Walt Bowen Senior Lobby |
| | Courtney Jaren | At-Large West | √ | Cathy Knight w4a |
| √ | Marty Johnston | Family caregiver | | Cathy MacCaul AARP |
| √ | Karen Keiser | WA State Senate | √ | Shirley Bondon Office of Public Guardian |
| √ | Linda Kochmar | WA House of Reps | √ | Dan Smerken WA Professional Guardian Association |
| √ | Joanne Levine | Olympic AAA Advisory Council | √ | Jaqueline Heinselman Adult Protective Services/ALTSA |
| √ | Phillip Lemley | Association of Cities | √ | Carol Sloan Adult Protective Services/ALTSA |



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AGENDA

Minutes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/approve agenda • Review/approve action items/minutes May meeting • Review of current action items • OAA appropriation media status check-in • Member updates • Other business | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members provided local updates. Members discussed status of Senior Centers in their areas and related activities • Action items reviewed • A copy of the Medicaid Observation Status S183 letter was circulated • Members discussed outcome of OAA appropriations related media efforts. <p>Decisions Made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added JLEC ADS update and Travel Reimbursement Procedure to agenda • May minutes approved • Members to contact congressional delegation about SHIP/SHIBA being zeroed out • Community Paramedicine Presentation will be scheduled for September meeting |
| <p>Partner Updates W4A-Cathy Knight</p> | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently booking dates for Aging Forums this fall. Request that Council members participate • Members discussed concerns related to state budget and obligations for 2017 legislative session • Discussed proposed federal cut to SHIP/SHIBA in Senate, what may be motivating it & importance of responding • Provided update on the state long term financing study and discussed Washingtonians for a Responsible Future and possibility of the Council signing on to group • AARP is currently engaged in public information campaign for the CARE Act-goal is to drive people to family caregiving services • Jerry Reilly is retiring next month & Eldercare Alliance will be hiring a new person |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aime Fink has been appointed AAA Director for Snohomish County • Joy McBride is temporarily assigned AAA Director for LMT. • Joint Conference in October; so far considering one track for legislative strategy, one for aging mastery grant, possibility adaptive technology, i.e. friendly applications (apps) for aging. <p>Decisions Made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy will send members a survey to solicit input on agenda/content for the joint conference |
| <p>Guardianship Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported decision making • Under-resourced public guardians • Isolation of person from family/friends • Adjusting lay guardian requirements or other similar measures to increase efficiency and quality | <p>The following individuals attended the meeting: Shirley Bonden, Office of Public Guardian, Dan Smerken, Washington Association of Public Guardians, Jaqueline Heinselman, Adult Protective Services, Carol Sloan, Adult Protective Services, David Lord, Disability Rights Washington(via written submission)</p> <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each participant shared background information and functions of the entity they represent (please reference related links or attached documents for more information) • Roles and responsibilities of professional guardians may be found here: http://www.wa-pg.org/about-cpgs/ • Information about the Office of Public Guardian may be found here: OPG program brochure : OPG program brochure and here PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES IN WASHINGTON STATE:PILOT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW • Information about Adult Protective Services is included in the fact sheet attached • Information about DRW and related policy is attached (and distributed at meeting) • OPG is very under resourced and does not have adequate capacity to perform guardianship monitoring for all who need it. Currently, OPG is not operating statewide and can only provide guardianship services, to the extent that funding is available. |



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| | <p data-bbox="741 337 1860 407">There are a growing number of people with significant disabilities whose needs are not being met</p> <ul data-bbox="695 443 1881 1507" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="695 443 1881 553">• Many individuals could be supported with a power of attorney or payee – services that can be difficult to obtain – at less cost and without court involvement. This change was the subject of unsuccessful legislation last year (HB1839)<li data-bbox="695 589 1881 695">• Imperative for Council members and other citizens to convey their concerns and opinion about guardianship related topics to your legislator and promote your diverse and broader perspectives<li data-bbox="695 714 1881 820">• While vast majority of lay guardians function in best interest of their ward, we need to dispel the notion that family members who are guardians don't commit abuse or that family members who aren't guardian don't abuse-they do.<li data-bbox="695 839 1881 987">• Guardians sometimes abuse their authority and sequester the “incapacitated person” in a facility, denying visits from family members, sometimes in an effort to exploit the person or simply from a wish to be in control. Guardians have a legitimate role to protect the person, and to support the person’s wishes, but they do not have arbitrary authority.<li data-bbox="695 1006 1881 1112">• Two thirds of guardians in our state are lay guardians. There are an estimated 300 professional guardians; in some cases, a professional guardian is necessary because of extreme family disagreement, abuse or financial exploitation.<li data-bbox="695 1131 1367 1159">• Lay guardians(largest number) are not regulated<li data-bbox="695 1179 1843 1284">• Professional/Public Guardians serving more than 2 individuals must meet established standards of practice, complete a ninety hour training at University of WA and continuing education requirements<li data-bbox="695 1304 1881 1373">• Standard of practice may be found here: Standards of Practice for Certified Professional Guardians & Agencies<li data-bbox="695 1393 1671 1421">• In 2015 2.2% of APS investigations involved petitioning for guardianship<li data-bbox="695 1440 1839 1507">• APS does investigate guardians if there is an allegation of abuse and if substantiated can petition through the attorney general to modify or revoke the guardianship |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS cannot force services on an individual, remove them from home or detain people • Need to enhance the availability and usability of supports that help people with disabilities make their own decisions. This includes formal and informal alternatives to guardianship, and work to ensure that decisions made by guardians are made with attention to the choices and preferences • DRW has included information on supported decision making and existing statutory models in the attached document • Some important reforms were implemented in 2011, when a bill was passed partially implementing the reforms recommended by the Elder Law Task Force (HB 1053). • Reforms included some standardization of reporting, the “expiration” of guardianships (which requires guardians to come to court to report and renew their authority), and mandated on-line lay training. These reforms are not sweeping changes, but are significant changes. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1053&year=2011 <p>Decisions Made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review brief and recommendations included in attached materials(also distributed at meeting) • Council will continue to closely monitor develops related to potential legislative solutions in the 2017 session • Council will continue to provide representation on the WINGS group. |
| <p>Updates and discussion on WASCOA focus areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guardianship/WINGS • Elder Justice • Dementia Action Collaborative | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elder Justice- a DVD about tribal and elder justice issues was distributed to all members • Dementia Action Collaborative (DAC) is in process of implementing identified recommendations. The Public Awareness Committee next meets in August and in September there will be a full DAC meeting • There was a DAC presentation & discussion at the recent JLEC ADS meeting |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Housing and Homelessness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report provided on Senior Housing and Homelessness |
| Committee Reports | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Awareness & Education (PA&E) continues work on draft brochure. PA&E is developing a table top tri-fold about the Council and will be requesting information from individual members |
| JLEC Aging & Disability Meeting Report-Ron Vivion | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JLEC ADS met 6/20; Reviewed last year of committee work and considered what should be focused on during interim time before next legislative session Will be looking at guardianship, long term financing for LTSS, supports and services for people with dementia and elder abuse Presentations covered palliative care and advance care planning, Dementia Action Collaborative, sensory impairments, assistive devices, e.g. hearing aids, vision aids and importance for older adult Link to meeting documents may be found here: JLEC ADS Meeting June 20 2016 |
| Nominating Committee | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported on proposed slate of officers: Cheryl Townsend Winter, Chairperson, Phillip Lemley, Vice Chair. The proposal for Secretary is currently being reviewed for compliance with Council by laws. Nominations remain open. Formal voting will happen at the September meeting |



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| Legislative Committee Draft 2017 Priorities Discussion | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft priorities distributed for review and discussion <p>Decisions Made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be mindful of budget climate/funding challenges and support the following: • Increased penalties for financial exploitation • Adequate funding for health homes • Reinstate Medicaid funding for hearing and visual aids • Increase AAA case management funding • Finalize priorities at September meeting |
| Excellence in Action Awards Status | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed previous years response & number of nominations <p>Decisions Made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members agreed on award process for 2016 • Future award will be re-named <i>'The Dennis Mahar Excellence in Action Award'</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business Public comments | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation made to archive published member media • Look at website hits • General PowerPoint is out of date • Question if more outreach needs to be done with older adults on the CFC waiver to use the assistive technology benefit • No public comment <p>Decisions Made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA&E will establish a sunset review process for documents • PowerPoint will be updated. |



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ACTION ITEMS

| ACTIONS | Assignee | Due Date |
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| Public Awareness and Education Committee Development of outreach materials requires members to submit a list of their affiliations/community involvements to Suzanne Holmes. PA& E will send reminder email | Cheryl Townsend Winter Suzanne Holmes Council Members | Mid-July |
| Request website hits for State Council webpage | Rosemary Biggins | TBD |
| PA & E will set sunset review process for WASCOA materials | PA&E Committee | TBD |
| Follow up with Boards and Commissions re: reappointment procedure | Rosemary Biggins | 7/1/16 |
| Update WASCOA general presentation to include 2016 Action Plan | PA & E Committee/Rosemary Biggins | 8/1/16 |
| Archive WASCOA member published media on website | Rosemary Biggins | TBD |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to contact congressional delegation about SHIP/SHIBA being zeroed out | Members | ASAP |

Next Meeting: September 27, 2016 at Radisson SeaTac