



Washington State Council on Aging

Meeting Title: February 22 2017 Washington State Council on Aging Meeting
 Location: Olympia, WA

Date: 02/17/2017

ATTENDEES

√	Members Present	Appointment	√		Appointment
√	Barry Lamont	At-Large East	√	Patricia McIntyre	Pierce County Connections Advisory Council
√	Ceryl Townsend Winter	At-Large West		Peggi Moxley	Aging & Adult Care of Central WA
√	Suzanne Holmes	AAAD Southwest WA Advisory Council	√	Helen Spencer	Yakama AAA Golden Eagles Advisory Council
	Rep. Sherry Appleton	WA House of Reps	√	Art Swannack	Association of Counties
√	Carl Bender	NWRC Advisory Council	√	Ron Vivion	Snohomish County AAA
√	Aruna Bhuta	At-Large East		Vacant	Kitsap AAA Advisory Council Colville Tribes AAA Advisory Council At Large West (2)
√	Lynn Ford	Lewis Mason Thurston AAA Advisory Council			
√	Ava Frisinger	ADS King County Advisory Council	√	Guests Present	
	Marty Johnston	Aging and Long Term Care Eastern Washington Advisory Council	√	Cathy Knight	w4a
	Sen Karen Keiser	WA State Senate	√	Walt Bowen	Senior Lobby
√	Phillip Lemley	Association of Cities		Jason McGill	GOV
√	Paul Malinski	Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care	√	Bill Moss	ALTSA



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AGENDA

Minutes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Review/approve agenda • Review/approve minutes • Review of current action items • Member updates • Other business 	<p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members welcomed • Agenda reviewed/approved with note to ensure future discussion on advisory role • Minutes reviewed and approved with addition of current vacancies • Action items reviewed with items completed except archiving member media <p>Member Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn Ford provided an update on Lewis County and the proposed defunding of senior centers. Discussions continue about transitioning to not for profit status (vs. county run) the most significant challenge is the interested nonprofit does not have the ongoing operational budget capacity that is needed. Barry Lamont will discuss potential networking approaches with Lynn • Suzanne Holmes announced a transportation grant has been awarded- it's for a five county region with focus on addressing barriers, planning for accessible transportation and developing an action plan. There will be potential for further grant funding. • Helen Spencer shared that the Golden Eagles Advisory Board has allocated \$30,000 for technical assistance with the development of wills. She would like to confer with Paul Malinski and Phil Lemley about potential options for implementation. • Ava Frisinger shared that she has been appointed to an ad hoc working board to work on the Issaquah Senior Center transition • Art Swannack reported on the February round table meeting he participated in with Senator Cantwell to discuss healthcare



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed current Council vacancies
Legislative Committee Update –Ron Vivion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council send a letter of support regarding house bill 1153 crimes against vulnerable adults Legislation related to supported decision making has not made it out of committee House bill 1402 is still active. Related to guardianship. Prohibits restriction of relational rights and mandates need to inform designated others of major events- Senate bill 5179- putting in Medicaid hearing aid restoration has passed out of Senate, in House now in Appropriations Committee. It has a fiscal note of 5.2 million Senate budget out and includes statewide property tax House budget includes bottled water and capital gains tax Ron and John Barnett (AARP) met with Molly Keenan a legislative assistant to Representative Suzan DelBene. Medicare Observation Status was part of the discussion Discussed senior center property tax exemption
Federal Health Care Legislation and Budget Proposal Overview-Cathy Knight & Council Members	<p>Health Care Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Health Care Act didn't pass, we don't know what will come next We know that both the house and senate want to look at Medicaid If legislation mandates Medicaid block grant/per capita caps in Washington State it will have a hurtful impact. This because of the degree of innovation in the state; we have already moved so many people out nursing homes It would be better to rely on innovation.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art shared there was discussion with Senator Cantwell about incentivizing innovation. Also shared discussion with state Senator Schmidt about absence of escalator for basing on 2016• Art shared that one of the big concerns is that there are people who are capable of doing more that are on Medicaid• Ron expressed concern about health insurance market stability. The concern now is how do you anticipate what's next, e.g. the President has publicly stated he's waiting for the Affordable Care Act to collapse.• Pharmaceutical prices are largely variable. President has stated he's will to take on the industry. The industry has taken on more lobbyists• For now overall the advocacy messaging stays same• Discussed HHS Secretary Price and his position against essential benefits• HHS rule proposals are something to monitor• Art-discussed the cost of insurance for small business- 5-25 employee companies that cannot afford insurance• Aruna shared information about small business protections in ACA• Barry share that 40% or less are businesses with 5 or less employees <p>Federal Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members engaged in discussion about budget allocation priorities



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We don't know specific details for line items at this time, however, Older American Act program funding is discretionary so vulnerable • Members discussed the implications of the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant. • Barry provided an overview of how CDBG and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) work. For the most part CSBG goes exclusively to 30 Community Action Programs (CAPs) In our state CAPs have flexibility in how to spend, most CAPs use it fund programs that don't pay for themselves, there can be some funding for seniors. CBDG pays for public sidewalks, building etc. The state can designate 50% for social services with regulations similar to CSBG. Metropolitan Service Areas also get allocation. Bulk of CBDG goes to public works, King county CBDG predominately goes to affordable housing • Barry shared that word is that Congress is supporting level funding • Aruna shared that LIHEAP and energy assistance programs are cut in budget- Barry shared that primarily CAPs implement these programs • Walt Bowen shared that on health care we have to continue to watch, along with Medicare services through health care system. Health care repeal activity was just as much about providing a large tax break, so now without that it will effect changes to budget
<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>Senior Lobby-Walt Bowen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 79th day of session- both budgets are out and large gaps between • revenue forecast -523 million increase -not significant



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w4a and AARP- Cathy Knight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• based on how far apart the budget proposals of the two bodies are, thinks it will be August /September until session is finished• Renewal of JLEC- we've supported for 2 bienniums,• Working on sustaining JLEC through a budget proviso that will be effective ninety days after session- concern that due to extended current session JLEC will not be meeting for a prolonged period.• Looking at continuation of legislative discussion on guardianship• Currently reviewing impact of Trump Administration and impact on state policy as relates to seniors• State has not addressed in their budget right now because of timing• If there are shortages related to federal funding they can't project any backfill needs• Anticipate a lot of cuts and there is need to figure out impact• Art shared that if session goes beyond the end of June, counties don't have guarantee they will be reimbursed. Could be not spending money• Ron shared in 2013 there was a huge amount of work put into notifying contractors about what would happen if budget didn't pass by end of fiscal year• AARP has been working on the JLEC, guardianship and other key areas• Funding for health homes in Senate and House budget, higher amount in Senate, rates are still low



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Senate, to address case management, they gave a vendor rate increases that included case management. There is no funding in House budget • language included to include continued funding for LTSS actuarial study continuation • WA for a Responsible Future is continuing working on focusing on paid worker education • Walt and Cathy have invited to participate in retirement study to come up with market place study on retirement plans • AAA's are continuing to work hard on 1115 design and implementation • Aging Mastery programs continues. Looking at how to continue programs post grant, expect to have a related research study • The W4A WSCOA October joint meeting will not be at the Hotel Murano this year. Currently looking at the Historical Society as potential meeting
Council Focus Areas	<p>Dementia Action Collaborative Cheryl Townsend Winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March meeting- web team is working on enhancements to Community Living Connections and also analytics • Subcommittees will be meeting in April • Fortunate to have a large membership with broad swath of skills represented • Have started to discuss funding options and prioritization of what to fund, have spent the first two years without funding • Starting to look more at use of social media



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	<p data-bbox="646 302 953 334">Guardianship/WINGS</p> <ul data-bbox="695 375 1871 743" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="695 375 1751 440">• Peggi Moxley forwarded an email about the Guardianship conference in Wenatchee<li data-bbox="695 488 1808 553">• Walt participates in monthly conference calls and is on related on legislative committee.<li data-bbox="695 602 1871 667">• Steering committee is reassessing things/applied for a grant and assessing next steps<li data-bbox="695 716 1451 743">• Encourage people to go to Wenatchee conference <p data-bbox="646 784 1409 816">Senior Housing and Homelessness-Suzanne Holmes</p> <ul data-bbox="695 857 1871 1417" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="695 857 1871 963">• Suzanne provided an extensive overview about barriers and challenges for older adults related to accessing affordable housing in the manufactured/mobile homes sector.<li data-bbox="695 1011 1871 1117">• Please refer to the handout sent electronically and provided in paper form at the meeting. handout provides links to information on manufactured homes, need to look at vacancy rates which are abysmal and pad fees are barrier<li data-bbox="695 1157 1520 1190">• Overall problem is the disappearing mobile home parks<li data-bbox="695 1239 1667 1271">• Mobile Homes have high value as resource for affordable housing<li data-bbox="695 1320 1850 1417">• Highlighted recent story that shines light on some of the issues –The Shady Acres mobile home park in Ellensburg and related affordable housing issues in the county and competing interests. . <p data-bbox="646 1458 1041 1490">Elder Abuse-Helen Spencer</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared good news that Yakama Nation may be making progress on use of the multi-disciplinary model.
Meeting Presenter Planning	<p>The following were discussed and agreed upon for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northwest Justice Project- Planning related to end of life• League of Women Voters (building partnership)• Washington Policy Center Priorities• NAACP Priorities• ACLU Priorities• Tribal Elders• Dementia Action Collaborative• Veterans Issues
ALTSA Update-Bill Moss	<p>ALTSA Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant amount of work taking place related to Affordable Care Act potential repeal /replace and assessing the impact on the state• This includes a focus on Medicaid expansion which is 1.3 billion



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Important to also focus on the per capita component. If implemented in 2020 by 2028 there will be one billion dollar impact on the LTSS system. The only way to fix will be to cut services or raise state taxes• Hoping to reframe the discussion to broader reform of the health care system <p>State Senate budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doesn't fund collective bargaining agreement impact it would have on LTSS system- AFH rate problem exacerbated in not funding SEIU contract- we need to be able to be competitive- to be able to grow the home care aide workforce• There is a vendor rate increase that is + 2% increase• Senate budget bill includes lower acuity adjustment that's needed• Senate does not include Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) or the Supportive Housing initiative components of Medicaid Transformation. Does support the LTSS components of MAC and TSOA and a two percent savings trend. Implementation relies on the related infrastructure being established• 75% of the federal funding provided by Medicaid Transformation is associated with the ACH infrastructure component. Feds want improvements to Medicaid infrastructure. Infrastructure relates to development of localized health service delivery system• Member asked if there could there be changes made to make the LTSS initiatives work without others or is it like a house without furniture. Not impossible to make it work but not guaranteed and likely would need a different approach



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	<p data-bbox="646 305 852 334">House Budget</p> <ul data-bbox="695 342 1877 675" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="695 342 1493 375">• Doesn't go as far with mental health transformation<li data-bbox="695 415 1787 488">• Addresses some of the issue with nursing facilities and need for increased funding for people with lower acuity needs.<li data-bbox="695 529 1535 561">• Includes funding for Accountable Communities of Health<li data-bbox="695 602 1877 675">• Council members are encouraged to explore participation in ACH work groups in your local area. <p data-bbox="646 716 1220 748">Long Term Care workforce development</p> <ul data-bbox="695 789 1877 1317" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="695 789 1877 894">• Working with Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to incorporate health care worker training into curriculum for credits for students interested in this career area. and have it included for credits for students interested in this<li data-bbox="695 935 1640 967">• Continuing focus on English as a Second Language work (ESL)<li data-bbox="695 1008 1724 1040">• Launching a webpage based resources specific to home care workers<li data-bbox="695 1089 1314 1122">• Continue career path building endeavors<li data-bbox="695 1162 1598 1195">• Collaborating with Workforce training boards across the state<li data-bbox="695 1276 1493 1317">• Barry asked about Health Training Partnership status <p data-bbox="646 1357 1062 1390">Provider One Implementation</p> <ul data-bbox="695 1430 1052 1463" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="695 1430 1052 1463">• Continuing to improve



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had to delay timeline for other functionalities due to implementation of federal overtime rules (Department of Labor). The rule change require system adaptation• There are still some system defects and we are engaging vendor about increasing operational capacity to more timely address system defects• Washington is currently the only state that has connection between Medicaid Management Information System and payment for social services• Long journey, but getting there <p>LTSS financing report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose was to promote development of policy perspectives in legislature, so study is a tool for them to explore policy options• two options<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ a payroll contribution• a private public reinsurance (risk sharing model) model partnership• Sustainable funding is necessary for LTSS• This session 1636 was introduced. The bill didn't go anywhere but promoted discussion about LTSS Insurance• Members engaged in additional discussion with Bill about:• Washington's LTSS AARP ranking in context of significant budget challenges• The existing efficiencies in WA LTSS system



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status of Mental Health Transformation• Need to develop additional community based infrastructure• Movement of people out of Western State Hospital and the Expanded Communities Services and Enhanced Service Facilities programs• AL TSA has supported people moving out of WSH for several years (approximately 1200 over past ten years)
Committee Reports	<p>Public Awareness and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lynn distributed draft logos for WSCOA outreach materials.• Members reviewed and voted to use the blue logo• Carl reviewed the draft flow chart to use for review and updating of WSCOA website repository. Members discussed with recommendation for the committee to reconfigure the flow chart and present at the next meeting
Medicaid Transformation Waiver Implementation Update Aruna Bhuta	<p>1115 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reviewed components• employment for those who want to work• working in an integrated setting, promoting path to self sufficiency• 5 year demonstration that includes behavioral/physical health integration• value based payments vs volume based



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• transformation through ACH- main goal is to resolve from local community level versus from state down to local level <p>Specific to Initiative 2 LTSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicaid Alternative Care(MAC)• Tailored Supports Older Adults- people not yet eligible for Medicaid (delay process to delay Medicaid)• July roll out date• Need to meet critical numbers to demonstrate savings• A tremendous amount of work at AAA level and also involves a different way of working with Home & Community Services around family caregiving supports
Federal Budget Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will continue to monitor HHS proposed rules• The continuing resolution (CR) expires 4/28, it's possible there will be another CR• At this time WSCOA focus is on fully funding OAA Act



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other updates and member comments• New business• Public comments	<p>Patricia McIntyre reported on the removal LBTGQ survey questions from the ACL OAA survey and the removal of related questions on the 2020 census</p> <p>Cathy provided an update related to case management from her w4a call.</p> <p>Walt announced that tomorrow March 29th AARP will have a conference call with Governor Inslee and Insurance Commissioner Kreidler to discuss status of federal health care insurance legislation. The number to register is: 206-517-2324. You must register by 9:00AM tomorrow. The conference call is scheduled for 4:05 PM</p> <p>No Public Comment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM</p>



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ACTION ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
Finalize and send intro letter to new Senators	Ron Vivion Cheryl Townsend Winter <i>Rosemary Biggins</i>	ASAP
Forward information about LBGTQ removal from survey/census	Patricia McIntyre	ASAP
Work on the flow chart for Council website	Carl Bender	Next meeting
Follow up on transportation assessment work completed	Rosemary Biggins	TBD
Forward information on senior housing and homelessness	Rosemary Biggins	ASAP
Archive WASCOA member published media on website	Rosemary Biggins	TBD

Next Meeting: April 25th at Radisson SeaTac