



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
√	Cheryl 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
√	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	
	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 correction for Ava Frisinger attendance • Action items reviewed with items completed <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) and the challenges of finding alternative funding sources. • Barry Lamont reported that he met (as part of a team) with all five legislative members in the districts associated with Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern WA (Ferry, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens & Whitman counties) • Ron Vivion reported on the Health Innovation Leadership Network (HILN) meeting he attended. http://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/accelcmts.pdf Member composition currently provides a lot of interface with the health care industry. Looking to suggest more representation outside of industry.
<p>Policy Update and Discussion-Jason McGill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of general areas of concern related to federal issues and legislation. • Healthcare policy directives from administration are not yet clarified • Competing interests & factions at congressional level driving policy • Provided an overview of what's specifically at stake for Washington State-please reference the attached document '<i>The Affordable Care Act Post 2016: What's at Stake for Washington</i>'. •



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed impact of McCleary (funding basic education) and obligations needing to be addressed in the current legislative session. • Discussed mental health system reform, transformation to a community based system and transition of state hospitals to increase forensic focus • Discussed the integration of behavioral health and physical health care and consequent organizational restructuring with the Behavioral Health Administration moving to the Health Care Authority and related licensing/monitoring functions moving to the Department of Health. • Discussed the integration of children, youth and family services and creation on new department pending passage of legislation • Discussed convergence of opioid, heroin and homelessness • Shared information on the latest revenue forecast
<p>ALTSA Update-Bill Moss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) and importance of LTSS representation. (<i>currently Phil Lemley serves on his regional ACH and Ron Vivion serves on the HILN</i>) Bill requests additional focus on ACH's at a future meeting to provide more time to discuss in detail • ALTSA staff will send additional information about ACH's to Council members • Extended thanks to Cheryl for her continued participation in the Dementia Action Collaborative • Provided an update on Medicaid Transformation Waiver • Imperative that behavioral health supports are in place for ALTSA to meet its commitment to support individuals transitioning out of Western State Hospital • Health Care Authority would like to contract with a third party administrator for supported employment and supported housing components • Discussed the following bills HB 1153 , HB 1492, HB 1545, HB 1548, HB 1636, HB 1671, SB 5060, • If you have questions or concerns about a bill please free to contact Bill • Senator Cody convened a meeting about mandatory training requirements for individual providers/barriers to training; possible there may be a workgroup in budget proviso, if so would be good to have a Council member participate.



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Legislative Committee Report- Ron Vivion	<p>Ron distributed the following talking point/leave behind documents to review -for members meeting with legislators tomorrow</p> <p>Washington State Council on Aging 2017 Legislative Priority: <i>Support passage of legislation increasing penalties for abuse and financial exploitation of vulnerable adults</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Companion bills are under consideration: SHB 1153 and SSB 5099• SHB 1153, Concerning crimes against vulnerable persons, passed out of House Appropriations with a strong (29-2) “do pass” recommendation, with two Members excused. The Committee adopted the amendment proposed by Bill Moss and DSHS.• The bill moves on to House Rules Committee, and needs a member of the Rules Committee to pull the bill and pass off to the House floor by March 8.• The companion bill, SSB 5099, passed out of Law and Justice Committee with a “do pass” recommendation.• It was referred to the Senate Ways and Means committee and on February 20, it had a hearing and testimony was given in support (this is a major AARP effort area). The bill needs to be voted out NLT Friday in order to stay alive.• A story on these bills was aired on King 5: http://www.nwcn.com/news/politics/washington-bill-targets-thieves-who-prey-on-senior-citizens/408492411 <p>Washington State Council on Aging 2017 Legislative Priority: <i>Support increase in case management staff to decrease client case ratios, and better manages increasingly complex clients</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adding funds to reduce case management loads will allow sufficient home visiting to assure the safety and well-being of seniors and people with disabilities.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.18 million General Funds State (\$10.35 million including federal match) will reduce case-load ratios to 75 clients per case manager (a manageable workload level). • In other states our clients would be in nursing homes—we are innovators in helping people age at home. But as clients get sicker and have more cognitive problems, they are more vulnerable to abuse and neglect. • DSHS states “Lack of adequate oversight results in poor client health outcomes, unnecessary expensive institutional stays, gaps in caregiving, homelessness, and delays in identifying potential abuse, neglect and exploitation or Medicaid fraud.” • AAA clients need case managers to visit them at home to make sure caregivers are doing their jobs properly and check if clients need more help. • Example: Because of inadequate time for home visits Case Manager learned, after- the-fact via an APS complaint, that a family caregiver had ceased providing care and taken the client’s car and money. Client is now homeless. <p>Washington State Council on Aging 2017 Legislative Priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support implementation of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver (Medicaid Alternative Care for unpaid family caregivers and Tailored Supports for Older Adults)</i> • <i>Support restoration of adequate funding to keep the Long Term Care Ombudsman program operating</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program provides volunteer ombudsmen to monitor treatment of vulnerable adults living in adult family homes. ○ 50% of funding has been cut since 2010, resulting in dramatically lowered service levels – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2010 – 60,049 volunteer hours ▪ 2015 – 38,519 volunteer hours ○ Increase in funding will help add and train additional volunteers



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ State Ombudsman Office requests \$350,000 added funds in 2017-2019 biennium ● Monitor and support activities of the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability issues and advocate for the continuation of the JLEC beyond its current mandate <p>Barry suggested being very specific, e.g. will you support \$5.8 million to reduce caseloads to 1:75 and also asking legislators to send a letter to Senator Braun (if they support the request)</p> <p>Art Swannack is participating in a roundtable meeting with Senator Cantwell today about ACA and implications for approaches, i.e. per capita caps, block grants.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>W4A update- Cathy Knight</p>	<p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed status of state legislation related to personal needs allowance increase, coverage for hearing aids and methods of services provided by the Office of Public Guardianship (OPG) ● Focused on what is going on at the federal level ● All very concerned about Medicaid block grants and overall implications of ACA repeal and replace ● AARP is involved ● Staff met with an aide to Representative Newhouse ● Senator Cantwell is conducting a meeting tomorrow about impact of changing to Medicaid block grants ● Ron Vivion shared that he's meeting with Representative DelBene on Friday to discuss Veterans issues



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<p>Updates and discussion on WASCOA focus areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guardianship/WINGS • Elder Justice • Dementia Action Collaborative • Senior Housing and Homelessness 	<p>Guardianship/WINGS Peggi Moxley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WINGS is applying for multiple grants. Currently looking for a letter of support from the Council • Provided an overview of the grant specific to the LOS request • Basically looking to develop a pipeline of volunteers to assist with guardianship issues • Looking for a Council member to serve on related advisory council <p>Action Taken: Council approves Peggi's participation in the advisory council and Council submission of a letter of support for the grant.</p> <p>Dementia Action Collaborative (DAC)- Cheryl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAC will conduct its first 2017 full meeting on March 9th.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments 	<p>Paul Malinski recommends the Council consider a presentation from Northwest Justice Center on Advance Care Planning. Paul will forward additional contact information</p> <p>Helen Spencer shared information about Roberta Armstrong who provides related work with the Golden Eagles Advisory Council and does work that is tribal member specific</p> <p>Paul shared information about the local hospital advisory board meeting he participated in recently and discussion about challenges related to financial exploitation.</p> <p>No public comment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM</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 Accountable Communities of Health	Rosemary Biggins	ASAP
Letter of Support/ WINGS related grant	Peggi Moxley Rosemary Biggins Cheryl Townsend Winter	ASAP
Coordinate additional time for Bill Moss to discuss ACH & IP training	Cheryl Townsend Winter <i>Rosemary Biggins</i>	ASAP
Archive WASCOA member published media on website	Rosemary Biggins	TBD

Next Meeting: March 28th at Radisson SeaTac