



Washington State Council on Aging

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

Date: 06/27/2017

ATTENDEES

√	Members Present	Appointment	√		Appointment
√	Barry Lamont	At-Large East	√	Peggi Moxley	Aging & Adult Care of Central WA
√	Cheryl Townsend Winter	At-Large West	√	Joe Sharkey	Olympic AAA Advisory Council
√	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	√	Susan Welsh	Kitsap AAA Advisory Council
√	Lynn Ford	Lewis Mason Thurston AAA Advisory Council			At Large Western (2) Colville Indian AAA
√	Ava Frisinger	ADS King County Advisory Council	√	Guests Present	
√	Marty Johnston	Aging and Long Term Care Eastern Washington Advisory Council	√	Maureen Linehan	w4a
	Sen Karen Keiser	WA State Senate		Walt Bowen	Senior Lobby
√	Phillip Lemley	Association of Cities		Cathy Mccaul	AARP
√	Paul Malinski	Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care	√	Kathy Morgan	ALTSA
√	Patricia McIntyre	Pierce County Connections Advisory Council			



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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 • Minutes reviewed and approved • Action items status reviewed <p><u>Member Organization Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marty Johnston provided additional feedback for MTD outreach materials for caregivers. Many family members do not see themselves as caregivers and materials should be adapted to reflect that perception. Cheryl participated in a related ALTSA sponsored stakeholder meeting and provided input from Council members • Joe Sharkey provided an update public meetings conducted during the development of the Olympic Area on Aging Area Plan. • Lynn Ford provided an update on community members trying to help Lewis County Senior center transition to an independent not for profit agency. The county will no longer fund the senior centers. A thrift store is still being considered as a fund raising source. They are also considering other fundraising options and required board organization. Ron and Art offered suggestions for efficient meeting processes.



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	<p>Lynn also provided an updated on the hiring process for the Lewis Mason Thurston AAA Director position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carl Bender shared information about the property tax exemption for Lopez Senior Center • Suzanne reported on recent developments in Wahkiakum County. A local church is offering to donate church and parsonage as a possible community center with age integrated activities and would be accessible to seniors who live in nearby housing complex. Community members are exploring how this might work. • Phillip Lemley shared article in Columbian- hiking program for 50 and above, article has great information on aging community- 85 and older 6400-up 40 %-has aging readiness committee and plan-discussed possible presentation • <u>October Joint Conference/Senior Lobby</u> • Lynn and Carl will plan tabling for Council outreach • Suzanne will work on update of the tri-fold member info piece • Discussed planning for possible Council meeting during this time. After much discussion will try to arrange a short meeting at end of joint conference and before the legislative reception. <p><u>State Fall Prevention Action Plan Advisory Group Request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Spencer volunteered to represent the Council
<p>Legislative Committee Update –Ron Vivion & Ava Frisinger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislature is in third special session • Expect the budget to be adopted this week, state is doing contingency planning. AAA's are notifying contractors to continue business as usual • Legislative Committee is continuing work on draft priorities for next session



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<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>w4a- Maureen Linehan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Knight says 'Hi'-is enjoying new job • The Tacoma Historical Society is confirmed meeting location for Wednesday 10/25 • Discussion on-going about agenda-likely focus on priority areas of JLEC, the state legislative agenda, sessions on advocacy at both state and federal level, age friendly communities. • State budget: AAA's hoping for sufficient funding for the health home program (intensive case management for high utilizers.) • The rate hasn't been adequate-legislative request was for an incentive payment in budget • Ron shared that money to afford this is coming from CMS to general fund-issue is legislature is not dedicating all these funds to the program of origin. • Aruna asked about the adequacy of rates in King and Snohomish Counties • King just getting started with 2 FTE-(contracting with a small not for profit) would like to expand but the money needs to be there. In King there are 6500 people who are dual eligible-so everyone understands the necessity for financial viability. • Medicaid Demonstration projects: Accountable Communities of Health have a template to follow to select projects • Most AAA Directors are on local boards-timelines are tight with project plans due to be submitted by September • Two are required-Opioid diversion and behavioral health integration and data systems • In addition you can select from others-Care transitions, oral health, diversion, etc. • MAC/TSOA initiatives will be delated until August 1st because still working on data systems. • Foundational supports has been delayed-still working on agreement with CMS • 2% vendor increase is still in the state budget



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • w4a is doing a strategy session in July to formulate approach to new State Director hire. • Art shared his concern about adding on additional obligations for the state after the demonstration ends.
<p>Office of Public Guardianship Update & Discussion Shirley Bonden</p>	<p>http://www.courts.wa.gov/guardianportal/ and frequently asked questions may be found here: https://aoc.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/2069</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Public Guardianship- provides guardianship to people not able to afford, however there is very limited funding available and not able to operate in all counties. • In 2016 a strategic plan was develop to address to guardianship needs to the best degree with the limited funding available. • The past years funding requests submitted to the legislature have all failed. • Want to rebrand the Office of Public Guardianship, to reflect broader range of work that is done • HB 1402 has passed and if it's funded OPG will partner with the Long Term Care Ombudsman to conduct outreach to people about planning and develop and track related long term outcome measures • OPG has established a data sharing agreement with Research Data and Analysis (RDA) division in DSHS. The study will consider data to help look at ways to keep people out of the courts system. A past study demonstrated savings, but need more data on keeping people out of court system. • Guardian Ad Litem are reporting challenges finding guardians. • WINGS Update: distributed status report to Council members that includes accomplishments to date. • Discussed conflicts within families as core issue in many cases and conducting a pilot to refer family members to mediation services



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed developing a network of accounting degree interns for review of financial information/audits and use of paralegals to audit court reporting • lay guardianship training-based on feedback from participants working on modernizes the training • Aruna asked about proactive measures to address financial exploitation by family members- OPG has in past tried legislation to get funding to replicate a successful Minnesota program but not successful to date • The most common exploitation is family member feeling entitled, having the misperception it's their money • Peggi Moxley is working on a training manual
Council media discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed recent efforts to highlight Older Americans Month (May) • Several members had letters to editors published • Discussed importance of localizing to area/community and individualizing letters • Discussed how you can become a known quantity in local community by writing LTEs (on variety of issues) • Lynn will send generic letter template in August to members in preparation for Family Caregiver Month (November) • Recommend that social media advocacy should be a topic at the joint conference • Irene Steward is presenting(on use of social media) to Council at September meeting • Members discussed more in depth uses of media, .e.g. issue/human interests stories, op-eds and editorial board meetings
Nominating Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nominating Committee presented the slate for Officer candidates for 9/17-9/18 <p>Suzanne Holmes- Chair</p>



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	<p>Chery Townsend Winter- Vice Chair Phil Lemley -Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations remain open and Council members who are interested in an Officer position should contact Peggi, Barry or Patricia • The vote will occur at the September meeting, new Officers will assume office at the adjournment at the September meeting.
Excellence in Action Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron and Paul provided an overview of the EiA Awards • Ron previously sent members an email to solicit suggestions about the EiA • Members discussed the nomination process and agreed on one award for an individual (Dennis Mahar award) and one award for an organization • Lifted the bar on award last year and want award to maintain status • discussed criteria for awards • Decided that nominees are not restricted to AAA's • The application will be one page single space narrative • applying should be narrative- one page single page • Flyers describing each award and purpose will be sent with the notice to AAA Directors from the Council Chair
Planning for future Long Term Supports and Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged in extensive discussion about developing bipartisan support for legislation addressing retirement needs, i.e. long term care costs • Will request that Washingtonians for a Responsible Future representative attend the November meeting and provide update on work they are doing.
Council Focus Areas Federal DAC Guardianship	<p>Dementia Action Collaborative- Cheryl Townsend Winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is some temporary shifting of some subcommittee members to support some other committees, so will also integrate work more



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Elder Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed focus on making legal forms easily available and how to get dementia into to other state agency strategic plans which adds two new project teams to the PA&CR Subcommittee. • Helen commented on Medicaid observation status legislation and the need to get it moving, talked to AARP about it, working with national congress on native Americans <p>Senior Housing/Homelessness – Suzanne Holmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic of review-senior/ disabled property tax and deferral-please refer to the handout distributed at the meeting (highlights links to specific information on the WA Department of Revenue website. <p>Elder Justice-Helen Spencer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen provided an update on Medicaid Observation status legislation- need to get it moving, talked to AARP about it, working with the National Congress of American Indians. • Doing advocacy alerts for proposed CMS rule prohibiting binding dispute arbitration. https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2017-11883.pdf
ALTSA Update Kathy Morgan, Acting Director Home & Community Services ALTSA	<p>Kathy Morgan introduced herself, and shared some information about her employment background, she is currently acting HCS Director for ALTSA</p> <p><u>Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing contingency planning for budget process, related notices have gone out- hoping for budget to be passed. Discussed additional notifications required if it doesn't pass, e.g. federal government • Medicaid Transformation Demonstration was original scheduled for July 1st implementation start date. We have delayed until August 1st to provide more time for readiness of user testing for capacity to process cases through all systems end to end. We want to ensure a viable system.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we get to July 18th with clear viability we will then will do a soft launch. • Hoping to get update on service level agreement this week. • Adult Protective Services has two stakeholder groups. • One is currently looking at abuse registry and if there are opportunities for peoples name to be removed, or petition to remove- currently placement results in a life time ban. Some stakeholders believe you should have ability to remove names. To date, have not been able to arrive at consensus. • Second workgroup is focused on how APS and Residential Care services do investigations and exploring possible increased efficiencies in process. (APS does abuse investigations around individual perpetrators and RCS does facility practice based investigation.) • Rosemary will send email out soliciting member participation in stake holder groups. • Peggie asked if APS data is available on substantiated unsubstantiated unresolved cases-Yes and Rosemary will follow up. <p>Overtime update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing what actions will take place. • 3rd contract action and what it will be-conducting additional analysis about it.
Committee Reports	<p>Legislative Committee -Ron will resign as Legislative Committee Chair Public Awareness and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn reported the Committee is finalizing the sunset process document • Will be sending out sign-up sheet for the Council table at Senior Lobby • Brainstorming swag for table • Planning for updated brochure printing • Updating tri-fold • Draft for LTE for National Family Caregiver month will be available before the next meeting.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne (will not be at the September meeting) and shared her appreciation for contributions to the Council made by Carl Bender and Paul Malinski. Each has served 6 years with terms expiring in September • Ron inquired about the at-large position vacancies. There are currently two individuals who've indicated interest in applying

ACTION ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
Meeting space (late afternoon) for October	Melanie	ASAP
Update and print brochures for October meeting	Carl Bender	Next meeting
Send information on APS related stakeholder groups	Rosemary Biggins	2 nd week of July
EiA Flyer and notice seeking nominations with August 15 th due date	Ron Vivion Rosemary Biggins	1 st week of July
Provide data on APS investigation outcomes	Rosemary Biggins	September
Send out LTE draft in August to have ready by Oct 1.	Lynn Ford	August

Next Meeting: September 26th at Radisson SeaTac