



Washington State Council on Aging

Meeting Title: January 2018 Washington State Council on Aging Meeting
 Location: SeaTac, WA

Date: 1/23/18

ATTENDEES

| √ | Members Present | Appointment | √ | | Appointment |
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| √ | 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. Nicole Macri | WA House of Reps | √ | Art Swannack | Association of Counties |
| | Sharon Curley | At-Large West | √ | Joe Sharkey | O3A Advisory Council |
| √ | Georgiann Dustin | 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 | | Sue Cameron | At-Large West |
| √ | Ava Frisinger | ADS King County Advisory Council | | Vacant | Colville |
| √ | Marty Johnston | Aging and Long Term Care Eastern Washington Advisory Council | | Guests Present | |
| | Sen Karen Keiser | WA State Senate | | Walt Bowen | Senior Lobby |
| | Phillip Lemley | Association of Cities | | Cathy Mccauley | AARP |
| √ | Kathy Medford | 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 • Minutes reviewed and approved with correction on page 2 • Action items status reviewed –completed <p>Member Organization Updates</p> <p>Georgiann Dustin reported that NWRC advisory group will be meeting with legislators.</p> <p>Kathy Medford reported that Norm Johnson had an opinion piece published in the Yakima Herald. The local advisory council (AC) is looking at expanding their advocacy phone tree to expand diversity of representation. The calling tree is used for advocacy, focused on senior issues and used to contact national, state and local officials and community leaders.</p> <p>Art Swannack reported on positive feedback he’s received about the Dementia Roadmap</p> <p>Barry Lamont has been representing the Council on the Consumer Service Experience Team and will not be continuing.</p> <p>Ron Vivion reported that the Dementia Action Collaborative has been receiving positive feedback at legislative hearings he has attended. He also recommends making appointments with your legislators as soon as possible. Ron discussed Veteran Assistance Fund legislation he is working on with others.</p> <p>Aruna recommended the Council learn more about part one and part three of the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration.</p> |



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| | <p>Suzanne Holmes discussed work her AAA's Advisory Council is doing to prepare for upcoming meetings with legislators. She also discussed creative approaches, e.g. the use of different visual tools, they use to convey important issues to legislators.</p> <p>She also discussed some recommendations for future speakers at Council meetings: the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the Washington Low Income Alliance.</p> <p>Cheryl Townsend Winter reported that she met with Dan Oberman, Department of Veterans affairs to discuss DAC related issues.</p> <p>Ava Frisinger reported that members of the ADS Advisory Council have done a lot of meetings with legislators starting last fall. Recently the council had a retreat. (Ava is Chair). One of the things discussed was spheres of influence that members could work on including overlay with other organizations they are affiliated with. There is strong commitment from members to pursue specific goals for relationship building with other organizations. Ava also shared information about the senior housing levy.</p> <p>Patricia McIntyre reported about her AC's partnering with a LGBTQ group to conduct a community town hall. She also provided an update on status of SB 5700 – '<i>Requiring training for long-term care providers on the needs of the LGBTQ population</i>'. The bill has passed out of committee and is currently in Rules committee. Pat expressed concern about some policy decisions at the federal level -Health and Human Services (HHS)- that have raised concern about broadening space for discrimination inadvertently or intentionally, an example: health care providers right to refuse. Members engaged in discussion about health policy and LGBTQ related issues.</p> |



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| | <p>Lynn Ford provided an update on the Lewis County meal program and transitioning to a new not for profit. The organization has received grants from the county and DSHS and also is opening a thrift store to raise funds.</p> <p>Lynn reported on the recent meeting she attended with the Governor that focused on aging and disability issues.</p> <p>Peggi Moxley discussed her AC's plans to meet with legislators. Usually 12 to 20 people also come to Senior Lobby</p> <p>Peggi shared information about providing presentations in her AAA's planning service area counties on representing people with diminished capacity. She is also in process of writing a letter to all judges in the counties and distributing resource manual put together by the American Bar Association and other organizations. She also shared that she is looking at translation needs for the community, e.g. the Dementia Roadmap translated into other languages. Cheryl suggested looking at the dementia page in Community Living Connections, where there is information in several languages.</p> <p>Marty Johnston- shared that she recently read article in the AARP bulletin that focused on ALTCEW. She recently participated in an AC meeting. She also discussed how the AAA is probably going to break even on Health Homes this year.</p> <p>Susan Welsh discussed Kitsap's AC's plans to attend Senior Lobby and meet with legislators. AC members specialize in various topic and program areas.</p> <p>Joe Sharkey- reported that O3A has been working a lot on advanced planning. Joe has role in focusing on nutrition programs. Shipley Center doesn't receive local government support and is working with local foodbanks in Sequim and Port Angeles. He said a recent survey found 40% of food bank users are seniors.</p> |



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| Legislative Committee Update –Ava Frisinger | <p>Ava Frisinger reviewed the proposed Council legislative priorities. Council members engaged in extensive discussion about each priority and order of the priorities. As an outcome of discussion and related motions members decided on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support the budget proviso in the supplemental budget requesting 4.50 FTE's, two for DSHS, one for HCA and one for DOH to advance the work of the Dementia Action Collaborative.</i> • <i>Support reinstatement of Medicaid coverage for adult hearing (SB 5179) and vision hardware/services as both reduce social isolation, a major contributor to dementia and to misdiagnosis of dementia.</i> • <i>Support increase in the Personal Needs Allowance (HB 2651/SB 6237)</i> • <i>Continue to support the expansion of the Health Homes Initiative and provide adequate rates to ensure continued success and provision service State-wide.</i> • <i>Continue to 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 and for a permanent funding source for the JLEC.</i> • <i>Support future phases/initiatives of the Medicaid Demonstration Project, Medicaid Alternative Care for unpaid family caregivers and Tailored Supports for Older Adults.</i> • <i>Support improvements in the State's guardianship programs. Work to support keeping family members engaged with and aware of the status of incapacitated persons. Support broadening the decision-making services offered by the Office of Public Guardianship to allow the Office to provide a more comprehensive range of assistance such as agents for power of attorney, representative payees, and trustees.</i> • <i>Monitor and support AAA Case Management's staff as they work to decrease client case ratios and better manage increasingly complex clients.</i> • <i>Support the continuation of the Long Term Care Ombudsman volunteer program in its prevention of harm to vulnerable adults.</i> |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>As homelessness solutions are sought, advocate for the needs of seniors and those with special needs.</i> • <i>Advocate for adequate transportation options for Seniors, in particular those that live outside the scope of existing transportation networks.</i> • <i>Support AL TSA legislative request legislation for 2018.</i> <p>Council members discussed fiscal impact issues relative to legislative priorities and also engaged in discussion about the utility of the document and what the content should be.</p> <p>Members agreed to plan for an in depth look at the content and use of document prior to next legislative session.</p> <p>Ron informed members that the Hearing Loss Association of America-Washington State requested the State Council on Aging support their legislative priorities. A related motion passed.</p> <p>A discussion on federal legislative priorities was deferred until the January meeting.</p> <p>Ava will finalize the state priorities document for distribution to members</p> |
| Council Focus Areas | <p>Federal Issues- Ron recommends looking at potential federal issues for 2019/2020 given how current Congress is functioning and the short timeframes to resolve budget and related major issues.</p> <p>Joe recommended keeping an eye on the appropriations process. Ron requests Joe volunteer to take this on to routinely report back to the Council</p> <p>Guardianship WINGs- Peggi reported that Shirley Bonden resigned from her position and the AOC Office of Guardianship and Elder Services in the Courts with announce a replacement in the very new future.</p> |



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| | <p>Dementia Action Collaborative- Cheryl Townsend Winter. Cheryl distributed a handout with the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met w/JLEC Nov 30: They wanted to know what we have been working on that needs resources. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Wrote letter to JLEC recommending dedicated staff for DSHS, DOH & DCA to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1.1. Integrate goals & objectives related to dementia into agency strategic plan. 1.1.2. ID recs which could be implemented via heightened collaboration & existing resources. 1.1.3. ID high-value recs & related funding requirements for upcoming biennial budgets. 1.1.4. Coordinate the work of implementing selected recs (shared an example from each subcommittee so mine proposed an educational program/public awareness program to focus on several recs in the State Plan costing \$320,000 - \$1,200,000). 2. Subcommittees have been asked to prioritize their “in process” recs & decide what kinds of resources (monetary, staff, collateral materials, other?) would be needed to make these doable. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. This will be discussed by the whole DAC March 29. 2.2. This is an initial step in preparation for a biennial request in July of 2019 2.3. PA&CR met last week & identified what would be needed for our “in process” recs & now they are each picking their top 3 out of 12 for their high priority recs. I will be tabulating this & reporting at the March DAC meeting. 3. Bob is working on a budget proviso in the supplemental budget requesting for 4, .50 FTE’s: 2 DSHS, 1 HCA, and 1 DOH. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. In the Senate, Sen. Keiser has agreed to be our lead and has offered to draft a “Dear Senator” letter to her colleagues urging their support. |



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| | <p>3.2. In the House, Rep. Tharinger has agreed to be our lead and talk with his colleagues on the Appropriations Committee.</p> <p>3.3. Rep. Jinkins has also pledged her support.</p> <p>Senior Housing- Suzanne reviewed the handout she distributed to members) with the following information: Washington Low Income Housing Alliance www.wliha.org 1411 4th Ave. Suite 1525 Seattle WA 98109 206.442.9455 Biweekly updates during 2018 Session, Fridays 10 am January 26, February 9, February 23, March 9 Sign up for action alerts</p> <p>Housing Search Information: Dial 2-1-1 from any phone in Washington and you will be connected to a comprehensive information and referral service for housing and other needs. Links to www.win.211.org Housing Search NW www.housingsearchnw.org Housing Authorities in Washington State www.awha.org Apartment Finder www.aptfinder.org Non-profit website formed to connect low income households with affordable apartment communities throughout Washington State. Listings are voluntarily advertised on their site by owners and managers of rental apartments for low-income households whose annual income is below 80% of area median income. The properties listed include both subsidized and non-subsidized apartment rentals offering income and rent restrictions designed to help low-income families, individuals, seniors, and persons with disabilities find affordable housing.</p> <p>NOTE: This identifies affordable apartment communities, not necessarily currently vacant units. Search by:</p> |



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| | <p>Location, Approximate Availability, Affordability, Property Category, Program Type</p> <p>RENTAL ISSUES</p> <p>If you are a renter, you should know your rights.</p> <p>If you reside in Eastern Washington and believe you have experienced housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, or military/veteran status, contact Northwest Fair Housing Alliance. www.nwfairhouse.org</p> <p>For those residing in Western or Central Washington contact the Fair Housing Center of Washington www.fhcwashington.org</p> <p>Suzanne also reviewed the article she shared about a rental crisis brewing in Cowlitz County that covered main concerns: people being pushed out due to escalating costs, problems with housing vouchers and lack of affordable housing inventory.</p> <p>Ron shared the Veterans Assistance program is looking at possibility of veterans' who have homes with multiple bedrooms and are interested in renting to others and exploring developing a landlord liaison to increase access to affordable housing.</p> <p>Lynn recommended taking a look at Olympia based South Sound Seniors program where they were connecting seniors and college students and that evolved to a bit older people being matched with seniors for housing needs.</p> <p>Ron shared that continuing care retirement communities (CCRC) experience issues on higher income end.</p> <p>Marty shared there is a CCCR in her area that has also developed lower income housing.</p> <p>Another issue is senior's challenged to afford property tax.</p> |



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| | <p>Members engaged in extensive discussion about senior housing needs and homelessness.</p> |
| <p>Committee Reports</p> | <p><u>Public Awareness and Education-Lynn Ford</u></p> <p>Continuing the review of the webpage repository content.</p> <p>Lynn updated the welcome new legislator letter and will forward to Suzanne.</p> <p><u>Legislative Committee-Ava Frisinger</u></p> <p>Discussed the ALTSA request legislation</p> <p>6111 - Defining "willful" in the chapter regarding abuse of vulnerable adults. (to be consistent with federal language)</p> <p>6112 Adult Family Home (AFH) evacuation requirement change</p> <p>2346- AFH licensing succession</p> <p>Also discussed 2538 exempting impact fees (enabling legislation) for low income housing development local jurisdiction.</p> <p>Another bill around uses of religious order property-prohibiting the city from preventing the religious organization from establishing housing.</p> |



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| <p>ALTSA Update-Bill Moss</p> | <p>Bill thanked Patricia McIntyre for volunteering to be on the Training Partnership Board</p> <p><u>Legislation</u> Discussed status of Consumer Directed Employment (CDE) legislation (SB6199/HB2426). The fiscal note can be found at this link: CDE Fiscal Note</p> <p>If implemented CDE should free up a significant amount of case manager time to manage increasing complex care in-home.</p> <p>The bill has good support- a number of entities support it.</p> <p>Work is being done on fiscal impact analysis of exemption related to social security.</p> <p>Bill provided the following information in response to member questions about CDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a unit rate for IP management-AAA should have more time for case management, more time to spend with clients. • DOL standards apply to employer role- the CDE entity would also be responsible for collective bargaining. This is a very unique workforce. • Will not transfer clients to entity before they are ready-possible there will be partial rollout instead of all at once. • We want the consumer to be comfortable and empowered about- Hearings on the legislation are being heard tomorrow 1/24 & Thursday 1/25. <p>Bill discussed SB 6112 concerning the evacuation of Adult Family Homes (AFH) and shared the AFH Association proposed a bill (SB 6372) to increase capacity from 6 to 8 people- the physical plant requirements for individual space and communal space</p> |



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| | <p>remain the same. This would address some challenges related to AFH rates, could allow for opportunity to expand in underserved areas. staff must be available to meet client needs</p> <p>Aruna recommended there should be plans to evaluate impact of increased number of people living together.</p> <p>Also discussed HB 2750 that create the assisted living facility quality council and makes fines consistent with AFH and another bill related to rate methodology.</p> <p>Shared that the respite bill is moving along.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Transformation</u></p> <p>Discussed on-going work to serve people coming out of Western State Hospital (WSH). The capital budget delay did impact enhanced services facility development so there has been some delay in serving people.</p> <p>Have transitioned around 100 people since July 2017.</p> <p>There is significant focus on resource development in the community that should have future impact on diversion from WSH.</p> <p>Long term we're are looking to have significant reduction in civil placements and a focus on forensic placements at the state hospitals</p> <p><u>Additional Discussion</u></p> <p>Recently met with Senator Bailey about a constituent concern and issue came up about how much APS can share and will be putting together a group to address to what degree information can be shared.</p> |



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| | <p>Members and Bill discussed status of Health Homes. Some members are interested in data about enrollment and number of people eligible to participate that are not. Members also expressed concern about rate adequacy and sustainability particularly in King and Snohomish County and in general in light of savings that have been generated.</p> <p><u>Long Term Care Trust Act</u> Its payroll deduction based.</p> <p>DSHS supports policy. Moving forward the biggest challenge is that revenue is not going to keep pace with needed capacity.</p> <p><u>Residential Care Services(RCS)</u> Today RCS is current with all inspections and the Complaint Unit had very positive outcome in recent State Auditor report</p> <p><u>Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH)</u> ODHH is going to work in partnership with the Hearing Loss Association</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments | <p>None</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM</p> |



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Action ITEMS

| ACTIONS | Assignee | Due Date |
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| Register members for Senior Lobby | Rosemary | February 9 |
| Data on Health Homes | Rosemary | February Meeting |
| Review repository contents | PA and E Committee | February meeting |
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Next Meeting: February 21, 2018 at OB-2 DSHS HQ 1115 Washington Street SE • Olympia, WA 98504