



Washington State Council on Aging

Meeting Title: February 2018 Washington State Council on Aging Meeting
 Location: Olympia, WA

Date: 02/21/2018

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. Nicole Macri	WA House of Reps		Art Swannack	Association of Counties
√	Georgiann Dustin	NWRC Advisory Council	√	Ron Vivion	Snohomish County AAA
√	Aruna Bhuta	At-Large East	√	Susan Welsh	Kitsap AAA Advisory Council Colville Tribes AAA Advisory Council
√	Lynn Ford	Lewis Mason Thurston AAA Advisory Council	√	Sue Cameron	At-Large West
	Ava Frisinger	ADS King County Advisory Council		Sharon Curley	At-Large West
	Marty Johnston	Aging and Long Term Care Eastern Washington Advisory Council	√	Guests Present	
	Sen Karen Keiser	WA State Senate	√	Cathy Knight	w4a
√	Phillip Lemley	Association of Cities	√	Walt Bowen	Senior Lobby
			√	Cathy Mccaul	AARP
√	Kathy Medford	Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care	√	Barbara Hanneman, Jamie Tong, Sandy Spiegelberg	AL TSA
			√	Bill Moss	AL TSA



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AGENDA

Minutes

Topic	Key Points and/or Decisions Made
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome New Member • 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"> • Chair Suzanne Holmes welcomed new member Sue Cameron. Sue was recently appointed to a western Washington At-Large position. • Agenda reviewed/approved • Minutes reviewed and approved • 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 senior nutrition program she also shared information about the new thrift store that has opened to raise funding for the program... • Pat McIntyre shared information about an upcoming forum on LGBTQ issues scheduled for March 17th in Tacoma. • Ron Vivion reported on the Health Innovation Leadership Network (HILN). (some info:http://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/accelcmts.pdf) The Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) have been approved and will be able to receive funds. Also shared there are 13 members of his local advisory council that have scheduled meetings with legislators tomorrow. • Suzanne Holmes provided an update on the Easter Seals transportation grant • Sue Cameron shared information on the successful 'Bistro Model' for senior nutrition programs



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	<p>Peggi Moxley shared information on work being done to raise funds for senior nutrition programs in Central WA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aruna Bhuta provided an update on the falls prevention grant being implemented in eastern WA and \$25,000 grant from the National Council on Aging that's focused on sharing information about health insurance, Medicare and related issues. • Kathy Medford reported that eight members of her advisory council will be participating in Senior Lobby day. • Georgiann reported that members of her advisory committee met with legislators to discuss specific legislation and received positive feedback.
Legislative Committee Update-Ron Vivion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Council legislative priorities and encouraged members to focus on the first 4 bullet points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dementia Action Collaborative- Four .50 FTE positions ○ Medicaid hearing aids (a reinstatement) SB 5179 ○ Support the increase to the Personal Needs Allowance ○ Support the Health Home initiative and provide adequate rates • If your legislator is not available meet with the aide • Make sure to thank your legislators.
ALTSA Update-Bill Moss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) focus on sustainability after the grant ends and the continued importance of LTSS representation. • Provided an update on the content and status of ALTSA related legislation. • Provided an update on Consumer Directed Employment system-if bill passes there will be a stakeholder workgroup that will contribute to operationalizing, including contributing to the RFP development process. Anticipated implementation is July 2021.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on budget and possible funding for positions that perform RCS quality assurance functions and possible part time positions to support the work of the Dementia Action Collaborative.
<p>COPEs & Residential Support Waiver renewal-</p> <p>Barbara Hanneman, Jamie Tong and Sandy Spiegelberg- ALTSA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COPEs Waiver was implemented in 1982 and is one of the oldest waivers in the nation. COPEs is funded with state funding and with Title XIX (Medicaid) federal funding. Aging and Long Term Support Administration (ALTSA) partners with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Area Agencies on Aging to implement the COPEs Waiver. • The COPEs Waiver will be renewed in 2019. In preparation for renewal, ALTSA is seeking input about the COPEs waiver services • The Residential Support Waiver began in 2014 and provides supports and services in licensed community residential settings to adults who are eligible for nursing facility level of care and have the need for enhanced residential services. • The waiver is operated by the State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) through the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA). Residential case management is provided by ALTSA local Home and Community Services (HCS) offices. This waiver will be renewed in 2019. In preparation for renewal, ALTSA is seeking input about services.\ • Members received handouts describing the services, eligibility and program requirements for each waiver and in addition to comments provided at the meeting, were asked to provide any additional comments by March 16th.
<p>Partner Update</p> <p>AARP- Cathy Mccaull</p>	<p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided information about concerns about legislation related to the Long Term Care Trust Act. Concerned about how family caregivers including spouses were impacted by the bill. There is discussion about possibly having Milliman do some more focused work. Also concerned about portability out of state. Will continue to work with interested parties and partners toward a positive outcome for next legislative session. People need some time to process- a lot of hard work has gone into this effort.



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Senior Lobby-Walt Bowen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good news that hearing aid legislation passed and that personal needs allowance legislation is also passed. • Discussion ongoing about livable communities inclusive of aging concerns. • City of Seattle if hiring staff to focus on this. • There is a series of Fraud Watch presentations happening across the state; also continue to follow dark web and identity theft issues. • Continuing to work on senior property tax exemption and to build awareness. • Reviewed that agenda for tomorrow's Senior Lobby day. Speakers with include Senator Karen Keiser and Attorney General Bob Ferguson. (Members will receive copy of the meeting agenda tomorrow). • The next JLEC ADS meeting has not been scheduled yet. • Advised members to look for town halls in May that are being scheduled by legislators.
w4a-Cathy Knight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed a recent town hall conducted; a lot of people are really upset about property taxes. • w4a shares the Councils legislative priorities • w4a recently had a lobby day and included thanking legislators for respite training requirements and for supporting investment in Health Homes that will allow the state to generate increased savings. • We want to thank everyone for their hard work to continue to advance the Long Term Care Trust Act • The Consumer Directed Employment system (CDE) will free up case managers to do more clinical work. Moving forward we will need to plan for future increases for case management work and viable caseloads.



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Updates and discussion on WASCOA focus areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guardianship/WINGS 	Guardianship/WINGS Peggi Moxley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for a more sustainable model to pay professional guardians • There are currently 3 guardianship related bills that are still live • A replacement for Shirley Bonden has been hired. Peggi will forward contact information when available.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments 	Suzanne shared that Helen Spencer needs to resign from the Council and encouraged members to send their best wishes, she will be missed. Suzanne announced that she will be resigning from the Council effective the end of June and Cheryl Townsend Winter will assume the role of Chair until new officer election occurs in September. No public comment Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM

ACTION ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
Send thank you letters re: SB 5179	Ron Vivion <i>Rosemary Biggins</i>	ASAP

Next Meeting: March 27th at Radisson SeaTac