



Washington State Council on Aging

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

Date: 6/26//18

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		TBD	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	√	Senator Joe Fain	Colville
				Frazier Willman, LA	
√	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 Mccaul	AARP
√	Kathy Medford	Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care	√	Jon Rudicil	w4a
	Rep. Andrew Barkis	WA House of Reps			



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AGENDA

Minutes

Topic	Key Points and/or Decisions Made
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Review/approve agenda • Review/approve minutes • Review of current action items • Member updates • Other business 	<p>Member Introductions</p> <p>Agenda reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Minutes reviewed with correction of date to May 22nd.</p> <p>Actions items reviewed-no outstanding items.</p> <p>Kathy Medford provided an update on Consumer Directed Employment (CDE). Kathy discussed impact and distributed a map showing number of individual providers in the state that will be impacted by the CDE. Each number on map represents a unit. Sher also distributed a document with number of clients authorized for LTSS. She also shared concerns about tracking in more rural counties.</p> <p>Aruna Bhuta shared she met with Kathy Miller (former Council member) and discussed Kathy's work on residential needs for older adults in rural communities.</p> <p>Suzanne Holmes discussed Older Americans Month and media coverage. One example shared was a newspaper article that featured 3 adults- a 79, 72 and 60 year old. The article profiled volunteer contributions made and peoples backgrounds'. Suzanne also discussed senior involvement in the pike minnow program. One third of Wahkiakum county is 60 years of age and older. Wahkiakum county is kicking off Eat , Play and Read-summer lunch program-started with a 1300 member grassroots group- Kiwanis Club has also contributed funding.</p> <p>Susan Welsh shared that Kitsap County held an Older Americans conference and provided information on caregiver support.</p> <p>Lynn Ford announced that LMT AAA has a new Executive Director, Nicole Kiddoo. She is planning to attend the September meeting. Lynn shared that the Lewis County thrift shop has made \$18,000 and has \$40,000 as a target for the year.</p>



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	<p>Senator Keiser discussed local senior centers and exploring policy questions about contracted services.</p> <p>Susan Welsh and Lynn Ford noted funding concerns for senior centers in their planning service areas.</p> <p>Members discussed how senior centers doing, what their needs may be, and how, or if they are, transitioning to meet needs of baby boomers.</p> <p>Members engaged in discussion about inter-generational community centers</p> <p>Joe Sharkey discussed the senior center without walls concept with target being people at home with disabilities. You can find more information at www.seniorcenterwithoutwalls.org</p> <p>Sharon Curley commented on the role of Tribes and elder services. In September, there is a national meeting for tribes and senior centers. It's important to focus on engaging tribes</p>
<p>October Joint Conference Planning</p>	<p>Walt Bowen is leading the planning effort.</p> <p>The Joint Conference is scheduled for October 10th followed by the Senior Lobby Conference on the 11th. There will be a reception at 5 PM on the evening of the 10th.</p> <p>Walt will invite all members of the JLEC on Aging and Disability to Senior Lobby.</p> <p>Suzanne discussed tabling outreach and swag for the October conference.</p> <p>Lynn and Georgiann Dustin volunteered to work on planning the conference agenda.</p>
<p>Partner Updates-</p>	<p>Senior Lobby-Walt Bowen</p> <p>There was a \$300 million increase in the June state revenue forecast.</p>



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There is potential future increase in revenue related to internet purchases.

June is National Alzheimer's month.

This month there was a report issued by Social Security Trustees that revised original projections of depletion of social security funds.

Discussed misperceptions about how social security is funded- it is not part of the federal budget, however congress has raided fund over the years.

Discussed removing the social security earnings cap as a means to address the funding gap.

Immigration policy also has impact.

The state legislature passed 3000 bills last session.

On August 7th, there is a primary election. Congressional seats, state legislative seats and state supreme court judges (3) are on the ballot.

There is a broad push by the federal Administration to make people work while on Medicaid.

The fiduciary rule for investment brokers (brokers representing clients best interest) is set to be eliminated and the Consumer Protection Bureau is being weakened.

At the next Senior Lobby meeting, they will be reviewing federal tax law impacts.

Discussed retirement challenges- including how corporate mergers have/are affecting employee pensions.



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	<p>Senator Keiser discussed the impact of the elimination of the social security offset. This change amends the statute that governs the offset of workers' compensation benefits paid when an injured worker is also receiving Social Security disability or retirement benefits- RCW 51.32.220</p> <p>Council members discussed the current status of the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>Senator Keiser is working with Commissioner Krieder's office (Office of Insurance Commissioner) about laws and standards and working on a rule that prohibits junk insurance.</p> <p>W4A- Jon Rudicil shared they are in process of working with Area Agencies on Aging on legislative forums and also working with Alzheimer's Association.</p> <p>AARP is working on the 'Disrupt Dementia' campaign with focus to develop new modalities of treatment.</p>
<p>Family Caregiver Month Planning</p>	<p>Lynn Ford announced the theme this year is 'Caregiving Around the Clock'.</p> <p>There are not any sample letters yet and she will send out when it is issued. She would like the Council to focus on proclamations at the city and county level.</p>
<p>Nominating Committee Discussion</p>	<p>Phil presented slate of candidates for Council Office: Art Swannack, Chairperson, Lynn Ford, Vice Chairperson and Barry Lamont, Secretary.</p>
<p>State Plan on Aging</p>	<p>The final draft of the State Plan on Aging was reviewed for approval. Discussed newly added sections following public comment period and discussed the chronic disease data. The State Plan was approved for submission to the federal Administration on Community Living.</p>
<p>2018/19 Meeting Topics</p>	<p>Presentation ideas for 2019</p> <p>Members made the following recommendations for meeting topics:</p>



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	<p>Presentation ideas for 2019, continued</p> <p>Medicare savings plan for low income people- Office of Insurance Commissioner Speaker.</p> <p>Medicare and Social Security</p> <p>Homelessness and housing (affordable housing)</p> <p>The Dementia Action Collaborative Update</p> <p>Long Term Care Ombudsman Program- State Ombudsman</p> <p>Transportation Update - Evan Olsen, Dept. of Transportation.</p> <p>Food Security presentation- Northwest Harvest</p> <p>Brain Health</p> <p>Supportive technology in the home- what is available What is on the horizon- and what is current policy.</p> <p>Behavioral Health</p> <p>Western State Hospital- behavioral health support needs in general</p> <p>Mental Health and Older adults</p> <p>Pearls Program</p> <p>Medical Marijuana</p> <p>Older Adult Suicide</p>
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	<p>George Dicks as potential presenter- was in charge of Harborview geriatric mental health.</p> <p>Senior employment issues-number of seniors going back to work- some economic some social interaction needs. What are the trends?</p> <p>Companis Workers Association- Gary Davis</p> <p>League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) - Current concerns and Latino family caregivers.</p> <p>Tribal Issues- Sharon Curley 2 hour presentation</p> <p>Update on funding for Office of the Courts/Guardianship Issues</p> <p>LGBTQ issues, health disparities - request Karen Fredrikson-Goldsen</p> <p>Long Term Care Insurance Update-w4a - November meeting</p>
<p>Council Focus Areas</p> <p>Federal Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Action Collaborative (DAC) • Guardianship/WINGS • Senior Housing and Homelessness • Elder Justice 	<p>Federal</p> <p>Phil presented overview of deficit projections.</p> <p>A new Veterans Administration Director has been appointed.</p> <p>Money Follows the Person- Senator Cantwell is supporting legislation to reauthorize- the Empower Care act (S.2227 https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2227/cosponsors).</p> <p>DAC update- in process of finalizing legislative decision package.</p>



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	<p>Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month in June-sent email with information to members yesterday.</p> <p>The DAC website continues to be enhanced- anticipate it will be complete by fall.</p>
Committee Reports	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p><i>Public Awareness & Education:</i></p> <p>Discussed outreach table at the October conference and potential swag.</p> <p>Discussed outreach tri-fold with Council members.</p> <p>Need to double check brochure inventory.</p> <p><i>Legislative Committee:</i></p> <p>Most of legislation of import happening at the federal level.</p> <p>Reviewed the bill process-from when a bill number is attached. Also discussed tools available on the state legislative website.</p> <p>Discussed meeting with legislators.</p> <p>Ava also discussed use of property taxes as funding source in King County. 3.7 million dollars -put out a Request for Qualifications targeting senior centers for special projects including infrastructure, capital and programs.</p> <p>Ava is engaged in this process for group in Seattle; they are also looking at broadened definition of senior center.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments 	<p>No additional updates or comment.</p> <p>No public comment</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:15PM</p>
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Action ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
Family Caregiver Month draft letter	Lynn Ford	Pending release of theme materials
Send reminder information to AAA Directors soliciting Excellence in Action award nominations; Distribute nominations and related materials to Awards Committee	Rosemary Biggins	ASAP

Next Meeting: September 25th 8:30 AM at the Radisson SeaTac