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√	Members Present	Appointment	√	Members Present	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
√	Beth Anderson	AAAD Southwest WA Advisory Council		Vacant	Yakama AAA Golden Eagles Advisory Council TA representative
	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	√	Karol Stevens	Kitsap AAA Advisory Council
√	Lynn Ford	Lewis Mason Thurston AAA Advisory Council		Vacant	At-Large West
√	Ava Frisinger	ADS King County Advisory Council		Guests Present	
√	Marty Johnston	Aging and Long Term Care Eastern Washington Advisory Council	√	Chris Fournier	Office of Guardianship and Elders Service, Administrative Office of the Courts
√	Sen Karen Keiser	WA State Senate	√	Walt Bowen	Senior Lobby
	Phillip Lemley	Association of Cities		Cathy Maccaul	AARP
√	Kathy Medford	Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care	√	Jon Rudicil	w4a
	Rep. Andrew Barkis	WA House of Reps	√	Bea Rector	ALTSA



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AGENDA

Minutes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Review agenda• Review/approve minutes• Review of current action items• Member updates• Other business	<p>Member Introductions</p> <p>Agenda reviewed</p> <p>April meeting minutes reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Action Items reviewed-all items completed. The letter written by Council Chair Art Swannack about Older Americans Act funding was sent to Senator Murray. A copy will be provided to members.</p> <p>Chris Fournier, Office of Guardianship and Elder Services introduced himself.</p> <p>Member Organization Updates</p> <p>Cheryl Townsend Winter announced the Dementia Action Collaborative will be receiving project funding through a budget proviso. A total of \$1,015,000 was allocated and three of five projects were funded.</p> <p>Art Swannack discussed House Bill 1406. The bill provides counties and cities the option of passing through sales tax.</p> <p>Lynn Ford shared and discussed a news article in the 'Daily Chronicle' Lewis County newspaper. The article covered concerns and opposition to development of an Enhanced</p>



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	<p>Services Facility in Centralia. <i>Note: Subsequent to the Council meeting a 5/22 Chronicle article detailed withdrawal of the permit application: http://www.chronline.com/news/permit-application-for-care-facility-withdrawn/article_47d28072-7cf4-11e9-a122-b71d98f30a1c.html</i></p> <p>Aruna Bhuta discussed recently passed legislation related to eviction that extends the number of required days' notice of eviction.</p>
Partner Updates Senior Lobby	<p>Senior Lobby-Walt Bowen</p> <p>Walt distributed an AL TSA fact sheet about the Long Term Care Trust Act.</p> <p>Discussed the health care legislation that passed.</p> <p>The next Senior Lobby meeting is scheduled for June 17th.</p> <p>Fall conference planning is underway.</p> <p>Rashi Gupta, Senior Policy Advisor in the Governor's Office is replacing Jason McGill as liaison to the State Council on Aging.</p> <p>Briefly discussed implementation of the Long Term Care Trust Act and some of the components. Members may refer to the fact sheet that was distributed.</p> <p>w4a -Jon Rudicil</p>



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Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (w4a)	<p>Jon shared that Dan Murphy will attend the June Council meeting to discuss the w4a legislative agenda.</p> <p>The fall conference dates are October 23rd and 24th.</p>
Nominating Committee Excellence in Action Awards	<p>The Chair requested volunteers to form a nominating committee to develop slate for election of Council Officers. The following members volunteered: Georgiann Dustin, Peggi Moxley and Kathy Medford.</p>
Focus Areas	<p><u>Federal</u></p> <p>Discussed AARP initiatives related to Medicare drug costs including improving access to lower cost generic drugs.</p> <p>Also discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other legislation about generic drugs focused on pharmaceutical companies owning brand name drugs withholding or purchasing generic producers. • The book 'Big Lies' about corruption around drug development. • Medicare and generic drugs • Generic drugs are not always effective for some individuals, e.g. thyroid medication. • New York Times article about current shortage of inspectors in the Federal Drug Administration.



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	<p>Members were encouraged to refer to AARP hand out about the pharmaceutical industry and policy issues.</p> <p>Members also discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislation related to reimbursement for drug costs- satellite clinics 20 or 25 miles from community health clinic 60% reimbursement• Community Health Clinics role and origins in the War on Poverty during the Johnson Administration. They are operating on fragile margin. There are challenges with recruitment but to get younger knowledgeable staff.• Impact of the Affordable Care Act in opening clinics to reduce ER use for non-emergent issues. <p><u>Dementia Action Collaborative</u></p> <p>A budget proviso in the recently passed budget provided funding for three DAC initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding for a telemedicine project built on the ECHO program at the University of Washington.• Funding for investigating existing evidence-based messages and public awareness campaign strategies and undertake a short-term digital awareness campaign in targeted areas of the state.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="705 526 1879 643">• Funding to contract with an organization that provides legal services and advanced care planning for individuals with dementia and their families, as recommended by the Dementia Action Collaborative <p data-bbox="655 695 1818 773">Cheryl described content of tool kit and work that is being done. There is a September target date for completion.</p> <p data-bbox="655 821 1304 862">Discussed integrating into work AL TSA is doing.</p> <p data-bbox="655 906 1766 946">Working on public awareness, outreach campaigns in at least 2 areas of the state.</p> <p data-bbox="655 992 1822 1114">There was a full member DAC meeting on April 24th focused on working on prioritizing recommendations. Also got ideas about how to disseminate url and brainstorm about potential partners</p> <p data-bbox="655 1162 1864 1284">Discussed the University of Washington based telemedicine program that received funding, They have been working on it with implementation planned for January and it will build on the existing ECHO program.</p> <p data-bbox="655 1333 1871 1414">Discussed an Echo program example of a physician working with a multi-disciplinary team to address needs of person with dementia and their family.</p>



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	<p><u>Guardianship</u></p> <p>Recently passed legislation will be discussed during the Office of Guardianship and Elder Services presentation.</p> <p><u>Elder Justice</u></p> <p>AARP is doing a tour around the state to increase public awareness about consumer frauds and scams.</p> <p>Members discussed recent scams focused on social security, property tax, public records and real estate.</p> <p><u>Senior Housing and Homelessness</u>- There is legislation concerning mobile/manufactured homes that extends eviction notice requirements from 3 to 15 days.</p>
Excellence in Action Awards Committee	The Chair requested volunteers to form an EIA committee. The following members volunteered to oversee the EIA process: Barry, Cheryl, Ron, Marty and Aruna.
Other Business	<p>Members welcomed Senator Keiser to the meeting</p> <p>It was a very successful legislative session</p> <p>Congratulations to all who worked on passage of the Long Term Trust Act.</p>



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	<p>Shared information about legislation that changes how property tax for effects seniors- with new law now have three tier system based on county thresholds will be very helpful.</p> <p>The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability will continue.</p>
<p>Office of Guardianship and Elder Services Presentation- Chris Fournier</p>	<p>Please refer to the PowerPoint attached to the email of minute's distribution. The minutes below reflect Chris and Council member discussion related to the presentation.</p> <p>Chris reviewed recent initiatives in Guardianship including recently passed legislation.</p> <p>Changes related to <u>House Bill 1329</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moves OPG from pilot in limited counties to state wide • provides more flexibility • acuity system implemented to determine size of case load <p>Have received some additional funding to serve more than 75 people who are low income and incapacitated.</p> <p>The number of professional guardians is down to 215. All public guardians are professional guardian, not all professional guardians are public guardians.</p> <p>1329 only applies to professional guardians.</p>



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	<p>In range of serving about 2% of low income incapacitated population as result of the funding increase</p> <p>Estimated to be up to around 100 to 120 people (increase 30 to 50 people)</p> <p>Request was made for Chris to provide more information about how many of total individuals are also receiving case management. Meeting follow up will include getting this data and information about number of people in residential and in home and community services.</p> <p>Mainly focused on guardianship of the person- helping people to access long term supports and services, other supports and address medical needs.</p> <p>Chris and members engaged in discussion about the role of public guardianship.</p> <p>They are now able to provide supportive decision making supports- assisted decision making.</p> <p>Reviewed Senate Bill 2SSB 5604 concerning the uniform guardianship, conservatorship, and other protective arrangements act. (refer to presentation for specific details)</p> <p>Guardianship under 5604 applies to all guardianships and the standard for appointment hasn't changed.</p>



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	<p>They now have to find that less restrictive alternatives have been considered--additional required findings that must be spelled out in court order.</p> <p>Conservatorship now has less responsibility to report to the court.</p> <p>Work groups are being put together for implementation.</p> <p>The legislation doesn't include definition of requirements to be a Conservator. The Office of Guardianship is working on developing professional standards. (not in statute)</p> <p>The summary of the bill is linked above.</p> <p>Priorities of the Office of Guardianship and Elder Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be updating the court rules, Certified Professional Guardian Board regulations.• Advancing University of Washington Guardian Certificate Program• Education and Training• Eliminating the grievance backlog – currently about 100 case backlog.• Securing adequate staffing and resources for the Office. <p>Members invited Chris to return to provide an update on progress made.</p>



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Committee Reports	<p data-bbox="653 492 919 524">Committee Reports</p> <p data-bbox="653 574 957 607"><u>Legislative Committee</u></p> <p data-bbox="653 660 1871 781">Current legislative priorities will be re-sent before the next meeting. Want to do things to build on work of DAC. Will be following implementation of 2SSB 5604. Will also coordinate with w4a and senior lobby.</p> <p data-bbox="653 833 1759 911">Discussed career paths and difficulty of getting people into and retaining people in caregiver employment.</p> <p data-bbox="653 963 1860 1083">Discussed challenges of people in rural areas and their needs. Art suggested considering having Area Agency staff with rural experience present at a Council meeting. Ron suggested rural issues are something to consider for JLEC as a focus area.</p> <p data-bbox="653 1135 1776 1294">Transportation as big need in rural areas across the state and with rural its time not necessarily distance---vary from slightly from rural to frontier. Also Issue of limited resources and impact on emergency preparedness. Different models of community response.</p> <p data-bbox="653 1346 1824 1424">Karol shared that Kitsap County is working on emergency preparedness drills-breaking community down into sectors.</p>



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	<p>Members engaged in additional discussion about emergency preparedness and requirements, e.g. list of people who are vulnerable, evacuation needs, mapping resources.</p> <p><u>Public Awareness Committee</u> Shared reminder that if you haven't gotten your Older Adults month letters to editor to please do so by the end of May.</p> <p>Discussed Alzheimer's friendly communities, transportation and resource for seniors in isolation.</p>
AL TSA Update	<p>AL TSA Update- Bea Rector</p> <p>Shared information about recent notifications AL TSA has received about nursing facility closures. Currently aware of three facilities in King county- these are 82, 35 and 14 bed facilities. One of the agency's closing a facility is also closing a home care program. Closures primarily relate to challenges with retaining adequate workforce and Medicaid rates. Exploring options with one facility to convert to assisted living with an enhanced rate.</p> <p>Discussed long term support workforce (direct support workers) and minimum wage challenges. We have some graphs that track minimum wage and Collective Bargaining Agreement for Individual Providers.</p> <p>The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) has put out state grant opportunities for managed fee for service model for those states that don't have them. The managed fee</p>



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	<p>for service model in our state is focused on individuals with high intensity needs. Return on Investment (ROI) is possible when you target highest risk population.</p> <p>The Health Care Authority has been working with the Department of Health and rural stake holders about how to address service delivery in rural areas. One consideration is proposing a global payment strategy to address financial fragility of hospitals in rural areas.</p> <p>It may be of benefit to the Council to consider the Health Care Authority as a future presenter and to ask about how they are thinking about rural service delivery health and long term supports and services.</p> <p>ALTSA remains very busy implementing the recently passed budget and assigning out key responsibilities for implementation, convening work groups and other related outcomes of legislative session.</p> <p>Ron asked if there are ALTSA legislative goals moving to next year that the Council can support.</p> <p>One area is APS legislation. ALTSA is currently looking at potential next steps.</p> <p>Another area under consideration next year is home care agency parity. The Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) has changed significantly since passage of the parity bill and there isn't agreement about how the agency rate is converted in CBA rate.</p>



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	<p>ALTSA is also considering work on the Enhanced Service Facilities statute to bring it into better alignment with the support needs of the individuals being served.</p> <p>Discussed Senate bill 5251- Kinship Care legal aid services. The bill requires legal services to coordinate with ALTSA in consultation with Department of Children, Youth and Families. This will address complexities of taking care of medical, educational and other needs via legal advocacy services. More than 47,000 individuals in Washington State are caring for one or more relative children.</p> <p>Bea let members know that she won't be able to attend the June meeting because she will be at a national workforce meeting. Cathy Kinnaman, Deputy Director of Operations will be attending.</p> <p>Bea shared that she wanted to acknowledge the 3 members, Aruna, Barry and Cheryl who are coming to the end of their terms on the Council having each served six years. She reflected on the developments and changes that have occurred in this time frame. Six years ago there was no Dementia Action Collaborative or Community First Choice (CFC) program that brought additional services and 90 million dollars to state, the 1115 waiver was a pipedream and now we're serving several thousand people, a thousand people are receiving supported housing and the Accountable Communities of Health are in communities around the state. There has also been a great increase in mental health and dementia services. The Council and these individuals have been instrumental in the development of person center supports and we could not do without you as volunteers. We hope you continue, your thought leadership is needed and we have deep appreciation for you and all you've done.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments 	<p>Melanie McGuire will attend the September meeting to review travel and reimbursement policy and procedures.</p> <p>Representative Frank Chopp has resigned as Speaker. Currently Representative Jon Lovik is serving as Speaker.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 1:43 PM</p>

Action ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
Members send Older Adult Month LTE's by end of month	Members	5/31/19
Resend the current Legislative Priorities to members.	R. Biggins	By next meeting
Date about number of people with public guardian and receiving state case management supports	R. Biggins and C. Fournier	TBD