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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	✓	Tedd Kelleher	Department of Commerce Homelessness Presentation
	Sen Karen Keiser	WA State Senate	✓	Jessie Jorstad	Snohomish County Human Services Department-Homelessness and Older Adults
✓	Phillip Lemley	Association of Cities	✓	Cathy Maccaul Walt Bowen	AARP Senior Lobby
✓	Kathy Medford	Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care	✓	Jon Rudicil	w4a
	Rep. Andrew Barkis	WA House of Reps	✓	Bill Moss	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>May meeting minutes reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Action Items reviewed-all items completed.</p> <p>Council Chair Art Swannack announced that Representative Macri and Representative Barkis terms have ended and that Representative Appleton and Representative Chambers have been appointed to Council terms by the acting Speaker of the House.</p>
Overview Homelessness in WA State	<p>Presenter: Tedd Kelleher, Department of Commerce, Managing Director, CSHD-HAU, Housing Assistance Unit</p> <p>Tedd provided an overview of homelessness in Washington State. He shared that he will forward a copy of his presentation to the Council following the meeting.</p> <p>Tedd discussed service delivery infrastructure in the state, required performance outcomes, data and variables related in incidence of homelessness. The State ranks 5th highest per capita.</p>



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	<p>Also discussed what reduces homelessness, indicating a basic level of services is critical but data does not demonstrate that extra services reduce homelessness.</p> <p>Additionally, discussed housing affordability, demographic shifts and increasing income lag relative to rent increases.</p>
Older Adult Homelessness Trends Snohomish County-	<p>Jesse Jorstad, Snohomish County Human Services (please refer to the presentation attached to meeting minutes distribution email)</p> <p>Jesse provided a detailed presentation about how homelessness is addressed in Snohomish County, including prevention, crisis services, coordinated entry and rapid response system and provided an overview of the Snohomish County Partnership to End Homelessness (PEH) The vision of the PEH is: <i>'Every person in Snohomish County lives in safe, stable, and affordable housing with access to necessary services and economic opportunity'</i>.</p> <p>Additionally Jesse discussed the importance of robust analytics and reviewed data trends for older adults in Snohomish County including data on over 60 years of age households entering homeless coordinated entry.</p> <p>Major challenges for older adults include lack of transportation, difficulty maintaining a home and fewer housing options due to limited access to apartments, adult family homes and assisted living. Jesse provided an overview of supports and services in place to address these challenges.</p>



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ALTSA Update-Bill Moss	<p>Bill discussed the outcome of legislative session and plans for next legislative session which is a supplemental session.</p> <p>ALTSA is exploring an Adult Protective Services legislation reboot with focus on the fiscal part.</p> <p>Home Care Agency Parity is another area under consideration with focus on how the agency rate is converted.</p> <p>The ALTSA Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing is working on language for potential legislation that clarifies interpreter and American Sign Language requirements.</p> <p>Residential Services is working on a technical fix related to alignment with federal nursing home certification.</p> <p>The Consumer Directed Employment (CDE) project is still in process of deciding about the number of vendors to use.</p> <p>Discussed recent nursing home closures and how nursing home rates are developed and adjusted over time. Requesting a look at rebasing.</p> <p>Some nursing homes are converting to assisted living.</p> <p>Discussed some legislative approaches to address rates.</p> <p>The rate is a variable but don't think it's the main driver of closures.</p> <p>Home and Community Based Services (HBCS) have expanded at a much faster rate.</p>



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	<p>When we look a Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) we consider nursing homes an important part of the structure of services.</p> <p>Residential Care Services is maintaining clear expectations of the services required.</p> <p>Ron Vivion asked about the New Freedom waiver and if it will expand to other counties.</p> <p>It's possible although it's not in high demand.</p> <p>Reviewed policy reason for the Consumer Directed Employment model-to free up case management time.</p> <p>CDE will need to supplement funding request</p> <p>Initially it was planned for July 2020 implementation and has now been moved back.</p> <p>The last budget cycle had a reduction to the mandatory workload model- you can hire investigators but not supervisory and administrative support. AL TSA is going to work with the legislature to restore.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (w4a)</p>	<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>Dan Murphy discussed w4a legislative strategy for next legislative session.</p> <p>The priority focus is increasing funding for case management. He provided an abbreviated overview of key case management functions –authorize services, keep eyes out to make sure abuse/neglect issues are found and pick up on changes to services needs.</p>



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Senior Lobby	<p>The past legislative session they asked for 40 million dollars and received 7million. Want to go further.</p> <p>Dan and Jon Rudicil will forward additional detail about cost impact and case management services. Also discussed wanting to explore instruction to DSHS and the Health Care Authority about possible uses of Medicare funding to provide sustaining funding for transition services. Dan will forward additional information about this.</p> <p>Senior Lobby-Walt Bowen</p> <p>The Joint Legislative Executive Committee for Aging and Disability meeting schedule will likely be out in July</p> <p>The Trump Administration and republicans in congress are still focused on dismantling the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>Bob Leroy is no longer with the Alzheimer's Association but is going to remain Chair of the Dementia Action Collaborative Advocacy Committee.</p> <p>Discussed AARP initiatives focused on drug price reduction.</p>



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Legislative Session Planning Discussion	<p>Ava Frisinger led discussion about Council legislative priorities for 2020 legislative session.</p> <p>Discussed support for w4a focus on funding for hospital transitions to help people discharged from hospital to stabilize and also support for increased funding for case management services.</p> <p>The Dementia Action Collaborative will not have specific request next session.</p> <p>Discussed supporting Adult Protective Services legislation tightening up definition language for 'abuse' consistent with federal and state requirements. Will share information as it becomes available.</p> <p>There may be proposed changes to the guardianship legislation that passed last session. The Council will support changes to state guardianship law that improve the functionality of the law and clearly define the operational system. Information will be shared as it becomes available.</p> <p>Will keep monitoring issue of nursing home rates and proposed legislative solutions.</p> <p>Members reviewed 2019 Legislative Priorities. The document was edited to reflect priorities that were attained and modified to continue to monitor specific areas, e.g. senior housing and potential review of housing trust fund as topic; removed the trust act.</p>



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Excellence in Action Awards	<p>Marty Johnson announced that the notice soliciting nominations will be sent to AAA Directors this week.</p> <p>She requested that Council members contact Directors and Advisory Committee members about submitting nominations.</p>
Focus Areas	<p><u>Dementia Action Collaborative-Cheryl Townsend Winter</u> The DAC is moving forward with implementation of budget proviso funding.</p> <p>The legal/end of life toolkit is well underway- Karol Stevens asked about how it will be distributed.</p> <p>Cheryl shared that there will be a dissemination plan develop, it's in process. Cheryl discussed subcommittee work</p> <p>The DAC is working on enhancements for the website and a children's book about dementia is being finalized.</p> <p>Kathy Medford suggested sending to the book to the National Librarian Conference with recommendation it be offered to school system libraries</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments 	<p>Thank you letters will be sent to presenter.</p> <p>Reviewed current list of Council members and discussed vacancies. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM</p>



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Action ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
EIA Nominations notice	Rosemary Biggins	6/28/19
Thank you letter	Rosemary Biggins	ASAP
Welcome letters new Legislator appointments	Rosemary Biggins	ASAP
Provide Council with: 1) additional detail about cost impact and case management services. 2) More information about potential use of Medicare funding.	Jon Rudicil	ASAP