



Washington State Council on Aging

Meeting Title: March 2019 Washington State Council on Aging Meeting
 Location: SeaTac, WA

Date: 03/26/19

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
√	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		Sue Cameron	At-Large West
√	Ava Frisinger	ADS King County Advisory Council		Guests Present	
√	Marty Johnston	Aging and Long Term Care Eastern Washington Advisory Council	√	Vicki Lowe	American Indian Health Commission WA
	Sen Karen Keiser	WA State Senate	√	Walt Bowen	Senior Lobby
√	Phillip Lemley	Association of Cities	√	Jon Rudicil	w4a
√	Kathy Medford	Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care	√	Cathy Kinnaman	ALTSA
	Rep. Andrew Barkis	WA House of Reps	√	Beal 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 –added secure email and public awareness project</p> <p>February meeting minutes reviewed and approved with typo correction</p> <p>Action Items reviewed</p> <p>The Council advisement letter in support of funding for the Dementia Action Collaborative was written and sent to the Governor and specific legislators.</p> <p>Pat McIntyre shared information about a recent event focused on aging into the future in Pierce County 2020-2030. About 300 people participated.</p> <p>Kathy Medford shared information about a national volunteer program, ‘Village to Village’ that provides services to its membership group like volunteer driving, housekeeping and home repair. One is operating in Yakima.</p> <p>Kathy also volunteers with the Volunteer Services program which is focused on people with lower income.</p>



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	<p>Marty Johnston shared information about two agencies that recently exposed financial malfeasance.</p> <p>Lynn Ford shared information about an organization that focuses on non-profits operations, including fiscal –they offer technical assistance to non-profit organizations.</p> <p>Art discussed importance of an organization’s access to legal counsel.</p> <p>Members discussed the DSHS secure email system and how occasionally by default they may receive a secure email. Information was provided on how to access the email.</p> <p>Lynn talked about new members joining Council committees. The committees meet during lunch. There are two committees, one is Public Awareness- focused on community outreach about the Council and issues of concern. Ava Frisinger described the Legislative Committee that generates priorities after session analysis of what legislation have passed and determines priorities for the next year. The committee also develops the two-sided legislative priorities document. The document provides both broad and specific statements of position.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>Senior Lobby</p>	<p>Senior Lobby-Walt Bowen</p> <p>There are forty-five days left in legislative session.</p> <p>A budget has been introduced from the House and includes a proposal for new taxes.</p>



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<p>Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging</p>	<p>The recent state revenue forecast was positive.</p> <p>Reviewed the recent Senior Lobby Day, there was some weather impact that effected attendance.</p> <p>The next regular meeting is April 15th.</p> <p>Reviewed some of the bills that Senior Lobby has been monitoring.</p> <p>Session is supposed to end at end of April.</p> <p>Discussed the status of the Long Term Care Trust Act. It has passed House and is in Senate and set for executive session tomorrow.</p> <p>Discussed senior property tax exemption legislation</p> <p>w4a –Jon Rudicil</p> <p>Jon has done a preliminary review of the House budget that came out yesterday. There is nothing for the Area Agencies on Aging related to indexing.</p> <p>The budget provides for funding an increase to the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)</p> <p>The budget does not provide for the increase sought for case management</p> <p>Reported that there is \$230,000 in The House budget for DAC related activities</p>



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<p>Indian Health System and Medicaid: Raising Awareness of Barriers to Care Vicki Lowe, Executive Director American Indian Health Commission</p>	<p>Vicki Lowe, Executive Director of the American Indian Health Commission provided a comprehensive presentation 'Indian Health System and Medicaid: Raising Awareness of Barriers to Care'.</p> <p>Ms. Lowe described broader historical context for current health disparities and provided information about :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · I.History: Tribal Sovereignty and Treaties · II.Government to Government Relations · III.Indian Health Care Delivery System · IV.Medicaid Regulations for American Indian and Alaska Natives · V.Medicaid Payments to Indian Health Care Providers · VI.State level decisions impacting Delivery of Care to AI/AN <p>The presentation is attached to the Council minutes distribution email for reference.</p>
<p>JLEC Discussion-Ron Vivion</p>	<p>Ron provided an overview of the structure and work of the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability (JLEC). JLEC was established about six years ago and prior to existence aging and disability issues were spread out among various legislative committees. JLEC has allowed for a more focused approach on policy.</p> <p>Currently there are four members of the House and four members of the Senate.</p> <p>There are some legislative members retiring or ending their JLEC term.</p>



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	If Council members are aware of Senators or Representatives that may be interested, please send recommendations to Ron.
Council Focus Areas Federal Dementia Action Collaborative Senior Housing and Homelessness Elder Abuse Prevention Guardianship	<p>Federal Phil Lemley reviewed the Administration’s budget. He also shared information on issues provided by the National Council on Aging. Members discussed the federal budget deficit, the status of the Affordable Care Act and the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act that is due in September of this year.</p> <p>Dementia Action Collaborative (DAC)-Cheryl Townsend Winter Cheryl discussed a recent presentation about the State Plan on Alzheimer’s.</p> <p>DAC subcommittees are reviewing priority areas for recommendations to present to the DAC as a whole to decide priorities.</p> <p>Current DAC membership is at about 80 members.</p> <p>The proposed House budget includes the following: \$300,000 in the Department of Health budget for one-time funding is provided for implementation of an initiative recommended by the Dementia Action Collaborative. The Department of Health must investigate existing evidence-based messages and public awareness campaign strategies and undertake a short-term digital awareness campaign in targeted areas of the state. (General Fund-State)</p>



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	<p>\$233,00 in the ALTSA budget for the Department 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. (General Fund-State)</p> <p>Council members discussed recent local news articles and coverage of homelessness. One recent article discusses integration of support services with law enforcement.</p> <p>Ron suggested the Council consider this area, older adults and homelessness as an area to advise the governor. In Snohomish County there is a significant increase of older people with chronic disease who are homeless.</p> <p>Lynn discussed concern with adequacy of data collected that identifies older people including tracking age.</p> <p>Kathy discussed use of medical team navigation</p>
ALTSA Update-Bea Rector	<p>Bea introduced Cathy Kinnaman. Cathy has recently been appointed Deputy Director of Home and Community Services. Cathy may provide the ALTSA update at some of the Council meetings in the future.</p> <p>ALTSA is currently reviewing and analyzing the House proposed budget</p> <p>The APS bill didn't pass either chamber but it's in the House budget.</p>



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	<p>AAA case management was built into the Governor's budget via Mental Health Transformation at about 14 million and funded at less than a million a year in the House budget. We need to have more discussion.</p> <p>The DAC funding proposed in the House is not amount asked for but there is some funding. It appears to be related to legal advance care planning and public awareness.</p> <p>Discussed House Bill 1532- TBI Council- it's about creating information about traumatic brain injury risk associated with domestic violence.</p> <p>Electronic verification got partially funded. Need to regroup about funding viability.</p> <p>Asset verification- Medicaid, under institutional there is need to review asset verification- federal government passed statute and we have to have system up by 2021. There is funding for a one year pilot and feasibility study.</p> <p>Medicaid Transformation Demonstration-funding provided for initiatives 2 and 3. Still reviewing initiative 1 at Health Care Authority.</p> <p>There is a proposed 5% increase for the assisted living rate and a proposed increase for skilled and private duty nursing.</p> <p>The PNA is fully funded</p> <p>Adult Family Home, In home and parity Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) is fully funded.</p>



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	<p>Mental Health related budget request is largely funded but the AAA component is not fully funded.</p> <p>Specialized Dementia beds- request for 100 and 50 are proposed in the budget.</p> <p>Enhanced Service Facilities- funded some but not all that was requested.</p> <p>The propose budget does fund FTE's requested for wrap around supports and for more intensive stabilization/prevention/wrap around services to stay in place.</p> <p>The Long Term Care Trust Act was funded, including stand up funding for the associated commission. ALTSA will have role.</p> <p>Tribal Kinship Navigation was extended including funding for quality enhancement.</p> <p>JLEC funding is in the House budget.</p> <p>Consumer Directed Employment is not funded in the House budget. This is a significant issue as federal statue has 2021 deadline for implementation. Have had on going meetings providing further clarification about expectations</p> <p>Going to be meeting with AAA's about intentional planning around case management functions/responsibilities and positioning to move forward.</p>



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	Cathy Kinnaman in Deputy Director role will provide supervision to HCS Office Chiefs and planning for the growing demand for services and growing agency.
Committee Reports	<p>Public Awareness Committee: Distributed public speaking document. Reminder members that Older Americans Month is in May. Discussed distribution of media contact lists.</p> <p>Legislative Committee- Provided detailed section of Council Legislative Priorities to members of JLEC.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments 	<p>Members engaged in discussion about prescription medication costs.</p> <p>Cheryl discussed sending a follow-up letter to Jason McGill about adequate funding for DAC projects.</p> <p>Ava discussed components of 'Baby Boomer Boot Camp' that helps people to prepare for next phase of life sooner than later.</p> <p>No public comment</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM</p>

Action ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
DAC funding follow-up letter	TBD	ASAP
Send Media List of OAA Month	Rosemary Biggins	ASAP