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√	Members Present	Appointment	√	Members Present	Appointment
√	Jean Kindem	At-Large East	√	Patricia McIntyre	Pierce County Connections Advisory Council
√	Sandra Miles	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. Kelly Chambers	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
√	Karen Kiessling	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	√	Cheri Perazzoli	Hearing Association of America-WA Chapter
	Sen Karen Keiser	WA State Senate	√	Dianne Hawkins	Legislative Aide
	Phillip Lemley	Association of Cities	√	Walt Bowen	Senior Lobby
√	Kathy Medford	Southeast WA Aging and Long Term Care	√	Jon Rudicil	w4a
	Rep. Sherry Appleton	WA House of Reps	√	Susan Engels	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- Chairperson Art Swannack welcomed new members to the Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Miles, At Large West • Jean Kindem, At Large East • Karen Kiessling, At Large East <p>Members introduced themselves</p> <p>Agenda reviewed</p> <p>October meeting minutes reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Action Items reviewed</p> <p>Member Updates Kathy Medford- Southeast Long Term Care (AAA) is participating in a demonstration project linked to University of Washington that is focused on increasing medical information provided to local physicians through to use of Telemedicine.</p> <p>Kathy also shared that there is a signed contract for Consumer Directed Employment with one contractor</p>



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	<p>Patricia McIntyre discussed the recent Aging Out Loud Conference in Pierce County was a huge success and had a great turnout that also included conference attendees from out of state.</p> <p>Karen Kiessling discussed former Surgeons General statement about importance of focusing on caregivers.</p> <p>W4A Update- Jon Rudicil thanked everyone coming to the October Joint Conference</p> <p>Art Swannack provided an explanation of the purpose of the Joint Conference to the new Council members.</p> <p>General Discussion</p> <p>Peggi Moxley shared information about the guardianship conference that is held in Wenatchee every two years. Work is now underway to develop templates people can use to develop a living will, discuss when to stop driving and preferences around intimate relationships.</p> <p>Sandra Miles emphasized the importance of people having access to these types of material and how it is so important to focus on outreach to families and others about the availability of this information.</p>



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	<p>Art explained Council focus areas to new members. For example, guardianship is currently a focus area and Peggi has taken the lead. New members are welcome to participate in areas of interest.</p> <p>Marty Johnston provided information on Medicare Observation Status. A person must have a three day inpatient stay before transition to a skilled nursing facility. Days classified with observation status are not counted.</p> <p>involving Lutheran Services that includes elder abuse issues discussion with media</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>W4A</p> <p>Senior Lobby</p>	<p>W4A Update- Jon Rudicil thanked everyone coming to the October Joint Conference</p> <p>Art Swannack provided an explanation of the purpose of the Joint Conference to the new Council members</p> <p>Senior Lobby Update-Walt Bowen</p> <p>Walt provided a recap of the recent Senior Lobby Conference-presentations are available including David Mancuso's and will be forwarded to members.</p> <p>Legislative session starts on January 13th</p>



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	<p>The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability policy (JLEC) met yesterday- the meeting focused on in home behavioral health supports and AAA priorities, case managers was a big topic.</p> <p>Discussed nursing home closures</p>
<p>Legislative Priorities-Ava Frisinger</p>	<p>Ava Frisinger presented an overview of how the Council develops legislative priorities and shared the current draft priorities.</p> <p>Currently the draft priorities focus some issues under the rubric of housing and the Legislative Committee will have more discussion over the lunch hour about how to order the contents of the document. Following the meeting the draft will be updated and distributed to members before the next meeting</p>
<p>Hearing Loss Association of America-Washington Chapter Cheri Perazzoli, Director of Advocacy</p>	<p>Please refer to the 26 page attachment and the outline of the presentation distributed with the meeting minutes</p>
<p>General Member Discussion</p>	<p>Art conveyed that members have different backgrounds and different politics but all work together for issues concerning seniors.</p> <p>Joe Sharkey added that many members represent AAA Advisory Councils too.</p> <p>Pat McIntyre stated that she really appreciate learning about eastern Washington and issues that affect rural Washington.</p>



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	<p>Ava stated the members have a lot in common about what issues we support, legislative priorities as an example of concurrence and that it's a marvelous group</p> <p>Peggi Moxley shared that she has a legal practice in four counties and has the practical experience in areas like guardianship. She has been on the board of a local senior center in Wenatchee for the past 15 years. Additionally she's a member of the elder law section of the Bar and the Washington Academy, was a member of the workgroup that helped draft legislation for the Office of Public Guardian and is also on workgroup that help to develop guardianship legislation and currently in involved in addressing revisions to the guardianship law.</p> <p>Marty Johnston-it's been the professional and personal experiences members bring to table, and second when members share about innovative programs, example music use with people with dementia also experience of going to the hill and speaking with legislators</p>
<p>ALTSA Update-Susan Engels</p>	<p>Susan announced that the first CDE contract has been signed-Consumer Direct of WA. Negotiations still continue with the other apparent successful bidder.</p> <p>CDE is an initiate that takes the employment related worker tasks from case management to a contracted entity- this frees up more time for case management.</p> <p>Marty asked who will provide training. What is cost involved?</p> <p>The training will continue through the Training Partnership</p>



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	<p>Regarding cost- there's not a cost savings-what we are 'buying' is that case managers who were hired to do clinical work. The focus is that case management will have burden of these tasks.</p> <p>Long Term Care Trust Act-the first meeting planned for mid-December and the related Commission in process of forming. Last week there was a retreat with w4a and ALTSA Long Term Care Trust Act staff.</p> <p>Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)</p> <p>Electronic Visit Verification is a federal requirement for personal care delivered in the home. There are six data elements that are required and the State has a lot of them already.</p> <p>When the federal statute first came out the plan was to implement in January of 2019 but states did not think it was feasible to implement on that timeline. Washington applied for an extension and received a one year delay- so will need to be in compliance by 2021.</p> <p>One of the data points that needs to be verified is location- so when you are in the home it's not so much privacy issue because state knows the address. Advocates raised concerns about community based locations and privacy concerns and new CMS guidance requires verification of location of service at beginning and end of providing it. It does not apply to workers who live in the same home as the person they support.</p> <p>Currently we are asking stakeholders what the requirement should be and are</p>



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	<p>discussing different approaches/technologies to meeting the requirement.</p> <p>What do Council members think?</p> <p>Kathy Medford discussed technology issues in rural/frontier areas and that outliers need avenue for an accommodation.</p> <p>There are options being built in to address that need.</p> <p>The burden of this will fall on home care agencies</p> <p>There is issue of multiple languages and needs to translate</p> <p>coordinates that will be transmitted will be provided by contractor</p> <p>Art shared that he heard there were concerns about violation of privacy if required to report location. In rural Washington people have concerns about violations of privacy</p> <p>AL TSA had already agreed to mask the location coordinates so the scope of access will be narrow-proposing that it will be up to employer if the location verification is required</p> <p>Jon Rudicil emphasized that AL TSA has been very focused on privacy</p> <p>Art stated that its key that emphasis is placed on communication with the person/seniors receiving service</p>



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	<p>So hearing the Council leans toward privacy as priority.</p> <p>Karen made the point that people have issue of privacy on their minds, e.g. on line look up and then receive ads.</p> <p>Art stressed that it's important that there is clear caring communication about what the state must do as a federal requirement, explaining this is what will be captured and this is how it will be used. The concern is that people will hesitate to receive services otherwise</p> <p>Kathy agreed that keeping privacy in mind is key</p> <p>Art used example of some home locations in rural areas are not necessarily known- some just want to be left alone-back to importance of communication.</p> <p>MAC/TSOA 1115 Medicaid Waiver Demonstration</p> <p>As members know, AL TSA has been running demonstration initiatives Medicaid Alternative Care (MAC) and Tailored Supports for Older Individuals (TSOA)</p> <p>We're in year three of the five-year demonstration. At this point we're really looking at how to evaluate the success of the program and also to look at are there ways that any successor program should change.</p>



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	<p>So we are undergoing looking at a lot of data, what are commonalities of people who come to the program? Are we serving people we didn't expect to serve? Ways to change how people are being served. This has led to interest in lowering amount people have to pay towards their care/participation. Will look to next biennium to readdress and will continue to look at and figure out what's the right direction to go with these services</p>
Focus Areas	<p>Federal- discussed concern about proposed cut to Medicare in the federal (Administrative) proposed budget</p> <p>Guardianship-Comments about Uniform Guardianship act---about potential proposed changes to the legislation that passed last year</p> <p>Senior Housing Discussed property tax exemption</p> <p>Elder Justice- discussed funding for increased focus on elder justice in the Affordable Care Act</p>
General Discussion	<p>Members welcomed Representative Kelly Chambers to the meeting and requested she share a bit about her background.</p> <p>Rep. Chambers grew up in Tacoma and for the past fifteen years has been the owner of Visiting Angels Home Care Agency*</p>



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	<p>One of her volunteer endeavors is with an organization that provides Veteran flights to Washington, DC for special honorary events.</p> <p>Her current committee assignments are Transportation, Health Care & Wellness, Commerce & Gaming and Rules.</p> <p>Her husband ran a farm in Nebraska and they currently have a vineyard.</p> <p>Representative Chambers asked members what current concerns they have.</p> <p>Sandra Miles expressed concern about trend of nursing home closures and Medicaid rates for Supported Living Programs.</p> <p>Members also conveyed concerns about housing issue in general. Rep. Chambers shared information about a housing model in Tacoma where in exchange for a place to live a person can pay rent and/or provide support to a senior. Can this model be an option to tap into as part of existing housing inventory? Rep. Chambers suggested that students that are on verge of homelessness as example of who might benefit from use of this model.</p> <p>Jean Kindem discussed a recent Spokane news article about high school students who are homeless.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other updates and member comments • New business • Public comments 	<p>None</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned at 1:50PM</p>

Action ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
Legislative Priorities	Ava Frisinger	By January Meeting
Family Caregiver Month LTE's	Members	ASAP