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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	√	Amber Leader	Governor's Office
	Sen Karen Keiser	WA State Senate	√	Bea Rector	ALTSA
√	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			



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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>Members Welcomed</p> <p>Agenda reviewed, Bea Rector will be attending to provide ALTSA Update – agenda approved.</p> <p>January minutes-Approved with Ron Vivion and Peggi Moxley abstaining.</p> <p>Action items- Guardianship letter will be discussed at today's meeting.</p> <p><u>Member Organization Updates</u></p> <p>Georgiann Dustin reported that the Northwest Regional Council Advisory Council met with legislators. They prepared discussion points ahead a time and the meetings went really well. The preparation really helped.</p> <p>Lynn Ford reported that she went with W4A group to meet with legislators.</p> <p>Ron Vivion discussed timing of meetings with legislators. Ron recommended the Council invite the Senior Center Association to present at a future meeting.</p>



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<p>Discussion with Governor's Senior Policy Advisor, Amber Heard</p>	<p>Discussion with Senior Policy Adviser Amber Leader</p> <p>Amber joined the Governor's Office last March with an initial focus on behavioral health and since November also advises on long term care and developmental disability issues and continues to familiarize herself on related policy issues. She previously worked in the Attorney General's Office.</p> <p>Amber and Council members discussed the status of the guardianship bill.</p> <p>In response to Amber's request to hear Council concerns about any other legislative or other issues members shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Support for increased funding for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program•Support for increase in case manager funding to address increased complexity of individuals served•Discussed rate setting for Nursing Homes•Discussed recruitment and retention issues•Concerns about workforce development•Concerns about wage levels for direct support workers•Concerns about lack of physicians with geriatric training•Discussed case manager investment—discussed case manager ratio and increase to caseload over the years•Discussed issue of dementia in rural communities and the need to consider rural areas and outreach



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Partner Updates	<p>Senior Lobby Update-Walt Bowen</p> <p>Walt reviewed the agenda for the 2/20/20 Senior Lobby event.</p> <p>He shared that it's been a very busy at session, it's passed the midway point. The revenue forecast is being presented today and that will be used to inform legislators about how much money there is to work and how to prioritize.</p> <p>Chairperson Art Swannack reported on the revenue forecast.</p>
ALTSA Update-Bea Rector	<p>ALTSA Update- Bea Rector</p> <p>Bea shared that Bill Moss will attend the March Council meeting-he was unable to attend today due to legislative session obligations.</p> <p><u>Implementation of the Public Charge Rule that goes into effect February 24th</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Impacts immigrants- if they receive certain services will not be able become citizens. It went up to the U.S. Supreme Court who ruled that it can go into effect while being litigated.•DSHS has developed a website link to information.•Rule is unique about who it impacts.•For OAA and state funded programs there is no impact, same for those related to WIC and school lunch programs.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Programs that are impacted include TANF, Medicaid funded LTSS and Medical, SNAP food stamps and Section 8 housing.•Does not impact lawful permanent residents, refugees and people who have sought asylum.•Does effect green card holders, people on visas.•Northwest Immigrants Rights Project and CLEAR are recommended resources. <p>AAA's are working on getting information and AL TSA is working on an informational bulletin.</p> <p><u>Workforce Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Have hired an entity to develop a website to promote education and outreach for building recruitment.•Working with OSPI about high school long term care curriculum- have 3, working on addressing challenges.•Roosevelt High School in Eastern WA is starting a curriculum in the fall.•Close partnerships with AAA other community entities are needed to be successful.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Working on developing marketing strategies to target identified groups for recruitment.•Have developed toolkit. <p>AL TSA met with Economic Services Administration yesterday to discuss how to work with Workforce Development Councils.</p> <p>Promoting as a legitimate job with flexibility, decent wages and opportunity to learn skills that are transferable.</p> <p>It's a multiple level endeavor that includes provider associations, State Agencies, the Training partnership, community colleges. Working on getting federal entities involved too.</p> <p>Currently are seeking volunteers for website review, for testing content and providing feedback.</p> <p>The following Council members agreed to volunteer for website review: Ron, Kathy Lynn Karol and Georgiann. (Sandra Miles and Marty Johnston also volunteered after the meeting)</p> <p>Kathy Medford discussed concerns about the wait time to take test.</p>



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	<p>Bea shared that is significant issue. There is a huge drop off when there is delay in taking test and to date attempts to address have not been effective and suggested ways the Council can support addressing this issue.</p> <p>The DOH website has some good study and review materials, the Training Partnership has some peer support as do Home Care agencies.</p> <p><u>Legislative Update</u></p> <p>1422 APS bill- creates ability to petition process to be removed from registry also clarifies language. Just needs a hearing and request that it move.</p> <p>2448- this not DSHS legislation-changes definition of Enhanced Service Facilities to clarify purpose/people served. This bill would fix problem of accurate description-request passage.</p> <p>Burien, Centralia, DesMoines have had involved discussions with City Councils to attempt to move forward with Enhanced Service Facilities.</p> <p>Currently of 76 people served, 52 people have remained. ESF have a good staffing model.</p> <p>No fiscal note associated with this legislation.</p> <p>Art will convey this information to the Association of Counties.</p>



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	<p>6205 Domestic worker bill has passed senate- now in House, this bill is intended to create safe work environments and also provide some protection to some people that have challenging behaviors. The developmental disability (DD) community did a lot of work on this legislation.</p> <p>Bea worked closely with DD advocates and other advocates- DSHS moved to support the bill after several amendments—DD advocates have concerns about adequacy of training for staff working with people with behavioral challenges-discussed importance of individualized care-statute allows for client specific training, and that could include training by client in clients home- that has not happened-have had several discussions with SEIU about this and self direction.</p> <p>Art asked if with number of amendments is there change in who is supporting it.</p> <p>Bea responded yes and there are still some stakeholders that are not in support. Early on in the bill it was developmental disability advocates speaking up and it's now evolved to include long term care and traumatic brain injury (TBI) advocates.</p> <p><u>Acute Hospital Situation</u> There are people who are in the hospital longer than they need to be.</p> <p>We've improved---January 370 in and moved 320 out---still about 300 people in hospital longer than 30 days.</p> <p>The available residential capacity is not always in the right location.</p>



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	<p>Also focused on helping people out of Western State Hospital.</p> <p>There have been nineteen nursing home (NH) closures with some in transition to Assisted Living.</p> <p>Most closures relate to: higher percentage of Medicaid residents, physical plant is old and needed upgrades are not affordable, people selling NH and land is high value.</p> <p>Discussed nursing home rebasing</p> <p>Vendor rates not adjusted for inflation</p> <p>Delta Rehabilitation has announced its closure—half of the people residing there have TBI.</p> <p><u>Planning for next legislative session</u></p> <p>For the March meeting Bea requests Council members to consider what they see as higher priority among many priorities.</p> <p><i>List of areas</i></p> <p>Vendor rates</p> <p>AAA case management caseload</p>



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	<p>Assisted living rates</p> <p>Nursing Home rates</p> <p>Acute hospital issues and the need for capacity development for providers to serve people with complex needs.</p> <p>Personal Needs Allowance- to increase for people who live in own home- conversations of raising it to 120 or 138% poverty- (to promote people staying in their homes).</p> <p>Home delivered meals rate increase</p> <p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tax credits• Change testing• Changes to training, testing other incentives to help people pay, other incentives• Low interest loans• Capital dollars• Pipeline and retention



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	<p>Are there opportunities to incentivize opening Adult Family Homes- e.g. if there were capital funds and arrangement to take percentage of Medicaid clients.</p> <p>In a limited budget world what should (about) three priorities be?</p>
Legislative Committee	<p>Guardianship legislation- Peggi Moxley sent out information about the background of the legislation.</p> <p>Group of stakeholders conveyed concerns last year and were informed they would be worked on this year.</p> <p>Senior lobby passed a related resolution and David Lord from Disability Rights Washington wrote a document about continuing concerns and needed changes.</p> <p>The original legislation is supposed to be implemented Jan 2021. All sorts of training for various entities is required before implementation-training needs to change.</p> <p>Third point is don't pass something that rural counties need to implement and don't receive funding for.</p> <p>Discussed difference in number of judges in urban and rural areas- also example of King County that has judges that focus on guardianship vs. other counties judges have multiple areas they cover.</p>



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	<p>Discussed how counties use different forms (there isn't uniformity about how process works).Reviewed current bill report.</p> <p>People who work in guardianship want to slow the timeline to allow for adequate time to make changes and to provide training. Discussed costs. Relates to seniors, persons with developmental disability turning 18 and persons with mental health issues. Looked at above areas.</p> <p>Rights to be restored, delay in implementation. For the above 2 points looking for agreement in letter. The third point- about funding concerns (unfunded mandate) and secondary effects.</p> <p>Twenty years ago it cost 10 dollars to record document and 1 for each other pages---now those costs have significantly increased.</p> <p>Members discussed the letter and length of it.</p> <p>Art conveyed that he appreciates all work that went into this and suggests short letter to the governor from Council (because budget)</p> <p>If letter to legislature it should be a bullet point list expressing concern.</p> <p>Art requested that Ava and others work together with Peggi to develop a 6287 advisory letter.</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 4:10PM</p>

Action ITEMS

ACTIONS	Assignee	Due Date
Draft Guardianship Advisory letter	Legislative Committee & Peggi Moxley	ASAP
Send planning for next legislative session document to members	Rosemary Biggins	TBD