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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                             |   | <b>Guests Present</b> |   |
| ✓ | Marty Johnston       | Aging and Long Term Care Eastern Washington Advisory Council | ✓ | Judith Bendersky      | Office of the Insurance Commissioner                        |
|   | Sen Karen Keiser     | WA State Senate  | ✓ | Melanie McGuire       | 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   | ✓ | Susan Engels          | ALTSA   |



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## AGENDA

## Minutes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome</li><li>• Review agenda</li><li>• Review/approve minutes</li><li>• Review of current action items</li><li>• Member updates</li><li>• Other business</li></ul> | <p>Member Introductions-</p> <p>Agenda reviewed</p> <p>November meeting minutes reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Action Items reviewed and up to date.</p> <p><u>Member Updates</u></p> <p>Lynn Ford shared that Thurston County is doing a senior housing community process to develop tools to address housing and homelessness.</p> <p>Georgiann Dustin announced that tomorrow and Thursday their advisory group has appointments in Olympia to present issues to legislators- using real life cases as examples.</p> <p>Karol Stevens shared that Kitsap County received grant for training on how to be ambassadors for the 2020 census. The League of Women's Voters is also involved in providing people with information.</p> |



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|                            | <p>Ava Frisinger discussed Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council Advocacy Committee work with the legislature including advocating for increased case management funding.</p> <p>ALTCEW has received two grants. One is focused on case managers receiving training on computer programs that will address medications and can be used with pharmacists. Another grant involves Providence and health and wellness activities.</p> <p>Jean Kindem shared information about a recent presentation about the Gatekeepers program- it has somewhat gone by the wayside and not being utilized as well as it could be. Karen Kiessling commented that the Gatekeeper program is intended to focus on people who are socially isolated. Marty Johnston commented that the program has become fragmented, for example there is not just one number to call. Karol Stevens discussed the important asset that the Post Office is as a gate keeper, e.g. carriers noticing mail building up as potential sign of a problem.</p> |
| Partner Updates<br><br>W4A | <p>W4A Update-<br/>Jon Rudicil discussed the impact of the passage of Initiative 976</p> <p>Art noted that the gas tax money is only for road use- multi modal transportation is the most impacted by 976.</p> <p>The Transportation budget is the third largest in the state. Conveyed that Senate Chair of the Transportation Committee shared there is a plan to address one year duration of funding while waiting for the outcome of the legal process.</p>   |



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|  | <p>Art discussed the complexities of transportation budget and what it includes (including climate change and salmon restoration factors like culverts )</p> <p>Currently the court case is stayed and the state is currently putting tab money collected in escrow.</p>   |
| Legislative Priorities-Ava Frisinger   | <p>Ava Frisinger reviewed the current draft legislative priorities for Council approval. The specific funding request of 3.4 million will be added to the case management related priority. The final priorities will be distributed to members following the update to the document.</p>  |
| Medicare Presentation-Judith Bendersky, Office of the Insurance Commissioner | <p>Judith provided an overview of SHIBA and shared information on Medicare. The following topics were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SHIBA – Our mission, what we do, where we get our funding</li><li>• Medicare beneficiaries in Washington</li><li>• Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries in Washington</li><li>• SHIBA workforce – sponsors, community volunteers and agency staff</li><li>• ABCD's of Medicare – coverage choices</li><li>• Get Help Paying for Medicare</li></ul> |



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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Observation Status</li> <li>• Improvement Standard</li> </ul> <p>The following resources were distributed to members at the meeting:</p> <p>SHIBA tri-fold, Get Help paying for Medicare, Medicare Coverage Choices, Medicare &amp; You Handbook</p>  |
| <p>Council Member Travel Procedures-Melanie McGuire</p> | <p>Melanie reviewed Member Travel procedures and distributed related documents.</p> <p>Reviewed the document about the three hour rule- essentially you are normally on 'employee 8-5' schedule –reviewed the rule and provided examples of when you leave and when you are eligible for meals and what to document on your travel voucher</p> <p>The mileage rate went up this year to 58 cents per mile</p> <p>Reviewed the Per Diem Rate for meals and for lodging<br/>Discussed authorization for expenditures and Melanie's role to ensure that required procedures are followed including notifying her about any changes or cancellation of travel or lodging reservations.</p> <p>Reviewed Travel Reimbursement Form and discussed how the process works.</p> |



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|                     | <p>When Melanie sends out meeting notice it is very important that people respond so she can inform the hotel about attendance numbers and also make timely reservations for members.</p> <p>Reviewed travel policy and procedure.</p>   |
| Council Focus Areas | <p>Federal- Members discussed monitoring Social Security Disability and possible proposed cuts in the Trump Administration budget in the areas of Social Security, Medicare and Medicare. Also following proposed cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.</p> <p>Guardianship- Art received a spreadsheet last night; Art will send out. There needs to be language rescinded so that it would revert to the previous language on the books and then could have things added to it over time and have realistic goals. Very complex process last session that had opposition by various groups. The Council will work on writing an advisory letter to convey significant concerns.</p> <p>Discussed Senate Bill 6287. This bill is focused on addressing challenges in the guardianship legislation.</p> |



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| Committee Reports         | <p>Public Awareness- Lynn explained the function of the committee to new members.</p> <p>Legislative Committee- will work on drafting an advisory about guardianship legislation concerns.</p>   |
| ALTSA Update-Susan Engels | <p>Susan reviewed ALTSA request legislation and other bills of interest and discussed those that had impacts on services, clients, etc. of ALTSA or people with disabilities and older adults in general.</p> <p><u>Legislation Update</u></p> <p>Parity <a href="#">2380/6249</a>- takes the existing parity statute and updates. Four years ago there was a tax code change that then resulted in some inequities on the home care agency side. Also addresses FMLA deduction needs.</p> <p>NH rates <a href="#">2328</a> /6250- Nursing facility rates- currently there is a four year lag on rebasing- legislation will change to annual rebase.</p> <p>LTSS Trust <a href="#">2423/6267</a>- fixes some language in the Trust Act.</p> <p>Acute Hospital <a href="#">6275</a> –would impact LTSS-when we do assessments in the hospital would be required to be done within ten days. Would also put ETR into statute<br/>Would also require a study. This is focused on people with extraordinary care need.</p> <p>Harassment and Discrimination Long Term Care Workers <a href="#">2681/6205</a>- concern is about people with behavioral challenges and to mitigate. Employers must disclose when a</p> |



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|       | <p>recipient of care has challenges. Developmental Disabilities advocates are working on some concerns.</p> <p>Domestic Worker Rights <a href="#">2511</a> /6247- this legislation is focused on rights of domestic workers. DSHS has submitted comments.</p> <p>Enhanced Services Facilities <a href="#">2448</a>- this legislation changes the scope of care provided by enhanced services facilities from a focus on treatment to support and services and modifies admissions standards for enhanced services facilities to require that the person be medically and physically stable and updates the behavior-and history-related factors that must be considered when determining eligibility for admission.</p> <p><u>Consumer Directed Employment (CDE)</u><br/>Have signed one contract. One of the vendors, PPL dropped out so now negotiating with Consumer Directed of WA. Planning on mid 2021 piloting by July 1<sup>st</sup> for half the state and the other half by fall of 2021. They are working on how the infrastructure will be organized statewide Right now working on setting up the Commission for the Rate Setting Board-at this point plans for bargaining have not been determined.</p> <p><u>Older Americans Act Funding</u><br/>Shared latest information about 2020 Older Americans Act Funding. There are some increases to Title 3B and 3C2, Title VII Elder Justice and SHIBA 6%.</p> <p><u>Long Term Care Trust Act</u><br/>Hoping to hire a new LTC Trust manager in near future.</p> |





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

## Action ITEMS

| ACTIONS  | Assignee                   | Due Date |
|--|----------------------------|----------|
| Legislative Priorities final copy to members       | Ava Frisinger              | ASAP     |
| Draft Guardianship Advisory letter                 | Legislative Committee      | ASAP     |
| Send Welcome letters to new members of legislature | Public Awareness Committee | TBD      |