
**AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES
SPONSORS MEETING**

TO: SPONSOR MEETING PARTICIPANTS
FROM: PAMELA PIERING, DIRECTOR, ADS
RE: JANUARY 21, 2010 SPONSORS MEETING
DATE: JANUARY 14, 2010

**Aging and Disability Services
Sponsors Meeting
January 21, 2010, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. .**

Seattle Municipal Tower
700 Fifth Avenue, Conf. Rm 6070
Seattle, WA 98104

City of Seattle, Chair

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| Information
5 min. | 1. Introductions – Chairperson Kip Tokuda , City of Seattle |
| Decision
5 min. | 2. Review and Acceptance of November 19, 2009 Sponsors Meeting Minutes (Attachment I) |
| Discussion
50min | 3. There’s No Place Like Home: Aging Trends in Homelessness and Housing – Pamela Piering, Moderator
Panelists: Bill Block (Committee to End Homelessness)
Judy Summerfield (HSD Homeless Intervention and Block Grant Administration)
Debbie Thiele (Seattle Office of Housing)
Carole Antoncich (invited - King County Homeless Housing Program) |
| Discussion
10 min. | 4. State Budget Cuts – Pamela Piering |
| Information
10 min | 5. Advisory Council Report |
| Information
10 min | 6. Director’s Report – Pamela Piering |

Persons wishing to provide comments must call Aging & Disability Services at 684-0648 by January 20, 2010. Thank you.

SEATTLE-KING COUNTY AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES SPONSORS' MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 19, 2009 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Seattle Municipal Tower
700 – 5th Ave, Conf Room 6070
Seattle, WA 98104

PRESENT: Sponsors/Liaisons: Alan Painter, City of Seattle,
Jackie MacLean, King County
David Okimoto, United Way of King County
Linda Woodall, United Way of King County
Linda Wells, King County

Advisory Council: Don Moreland

ADS Staff: Pamela Piering
Rosemary Cunningham
Tom Warner
Mary Pat O'Leary
Tom Warner
Jane Crum

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Alan Painter, Chair. Introductions were made.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER 23, 2009 SPONSORS MEETING MINUTES

The Sponsors moved, seconded and approved the minutes of the October 23, 2009 Sponsors meeting as written.

DISCRETIONARY CASE MANAGEMENT AND FLEXIBLE CLIENT FUND – TRENDS AND CASE EXAMPLES

Rosemary Cunningham introduced this agenda item explaining that this is an introduction to the January Sponsors' meeting topic of aging and homelessness. This presentation focuses on the growing trend of homelessness among Aging and Disability Services' (ADS) discretionary case management clients. The following statistics were presented to show client demographics for the ADS Case Management Program serving very high risk older adults:

1,040 Clients (2008)	60+ Population 2000
43% live alone	26% live alone
66% people of color	15% people of color
79% very low income	9% low income
52% 75+ years of age	39% 75+ years of age
36% Limited English speakers	5% Limited English (65+ age group)

As ADS prepares for the aging of the population, we need to start thinking systemically about the connection between aging network services and homeless prevention services. One resource

ADS has available is the Amy Wong Client Fund (AWCF). The AWCF helps fill the gap to provide help other sources of funding cannot cover, often preventing homelessness (by providing one-time rent and utilities payments, rent deposits, mattresses, etc).

Rosemary introduced Linda Wells, King County Aging Coordinator, former Aging and Disability Services staff. Linda explained that the AWCF was named after a devoted ADS Case Manager, Amy Wong, and was added to the City of Seattle's Combined Charities list of agencies. It was fashioned after the Taylor Bequest flexible fund and provides people with items or services that can prevent homelessness or delay institutionalization.

The AWCF fills in gaps to provide funds based on individual client needs and choice. Some of the eligibility requirements are: Age 60+ years; Income limit - 300% Federal Poverty Level; Asset limit - \$10,000 or less (single adult); must be a Case management client; Needs assistance with activities of daily living.

Tom Warner, ADS Case Manager, was introduced and gave two examples of how the use of the Amy Wong Client Fund successfully aided two clients. The first client, injured on the job and now unable to work, homeless, living in a warehouse on a pallet on a cement floor, with worsening health conditions, was helped by Tom and available resources. Through the Amy Wong Fund, Tom was able to provide Metro bus tickets enabling visits to the doctor and Social Security office, a Safeway gift card for food, and first and last month's rent as Tom helped the client in a Section 8 voucher apartment provided through the King County Housing Authority. Approximately \$350 was spent from the AWCF that saved this man from continued hardship and homelessness. Tom reiterated that ADS doesn't indiscriminately use the fund without knowing that there is a plan in place to improve the client's future well being.

In further discussion with the Sponsors, the statistic of the amount of money used from the Amy Wong Fund for Rent/Utilities/Moving was reviewed: \$39,000 used in 2000, \$47,000 used in 2004 and \$90,000 used in 2008. The use of AWCF for rent, utilities and moving doubled since 2000. By 2025 23% of KC population will be 60+ versus 15% now.

The Sponsors appreciated this presentation and having a chance to further look at this growing concern. During this time of severe economic downturn, loss of employment, and dwindling resources, increased coordination is needed.

The topic for the January Sponsors meeting will be on Aging Trends in Homelessness and Housing and will open discussion to strategize about how best to collaborate/communicate across homelessness systems and the aging network to prevent homelessness and move older people into stable housing.

H1N1 UPDATE

Mary Pat O'Leary gave a brief update on the H1N1 situation in King County. She reported that as of the November report (11/12/09) from Public Health preliminary data shows that hospital visits for flu like illness had gone down. Mary Pat and Dick Sugiyama are on the Emergency Service Function (ESF) 6 on food and shelter for the City that works with the EFS 8 on Public Health services to stay informed and proactive. The internal campaign of avoiding the flu by

coughing in your sleeve and use of handily placed hand sanitizers hopefully has helped to avoid the spread of the flu among staff and clients.

The Sponsors thanked Mary Pat for her good work and report.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Don Moreland filled in for Cathy VonWald, Chair. Don reported that he will be leaving the Advisory Council after his long tenure and thanked the Sponsors for the opportunity to work with them and with Pamela Piering. He appreciated Pam's talent for knowing how to convey complicated issues in an understandable way to legislators and officials. He is encouraged with the leadership of the Advisory Council and new members coming aboard, the council is increasingly needed to advocate in a gentle yet powerful way to decision makers throughout our area. Timmie Faghin is returning to the Council as Chair and she is very capable and will make an excellent leader of the Advisory Council.

Don reported that despite the looming budget cuts, some good things have happened, like the passing of referendum 71, the passing of the Seattle Housing levy, and the failure to pass Initiative 1033.

Don reported on yesterday's meeting of the State Council on Aging (SCOA). The forecast looks grim for Senior Citizen Services Act which is the most flexible funding source for services for seniors. The top two priorities of the SCOA is for maintenance of the Senior Citizen Services Act funding and for continued funding for home care services to insure that the most vulnerable seniors have a voice and are cared for.

SPONSORS BUDGET UPDATE

Alan gave a brief update on the City's budget as it is close to passing its final stage. All indications are that the Human Services budget is status quo with basically no inflationary adjustments for contracted services. The City Council has approved funding to support advocacy through the Human Services Coalition, and to replace services in the same area of town where a senior center is at risk of closing. They also directed HSD to conduct an analysis of senior centers in Seattle. In summary, the City Council restored most of the service program cuts that were in the proposed budget.

Jackie MacLean reported that the King County Budget will be circulated today or tomorrow. Indications are that the King County Council will restore \$150,000.00 that was cut from the \$300,000 allocated to an RFP conducted last year in unincorporated areas of King County. The Council also added funding to two Senior Centers that had proposed cuts.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pam thanked Don for his kind comments, but acknowledged that the AC members have worked hand in glove in educating, meeting, convening, and talking to a number of leaders during this fall. The effort was fervent because the outlook is so bleak. There likely will be cuts in the Medicaid Personal Care budget with raised eligibility requirements. This will affect about 400 people in King County from Medicaid case managed home care, approximately 200 from ADS and approximately 200 from agency subcontractors.

There will likely be reduction to home care agency rates who are already reeling from the recent switch from provider agency to IP providers. Some agencies have lost 40% -50% of their workforce, a rate cut would really impact their service and business. Senior Citizens Services Act is likely to have drastic cuts; Pam is already receiving inquiries about scenarios if reductions are made.

Pam wanted to end on a positive note, reporting that on November 5-6 she attended the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Think Tank in Washington DC. She was one of fourteen Area Agency on Aging Directors invited to plan and brainstorm for the upcoming reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. Since the passage of the Older Americans Act in 1965, the number of older adults 60 and older has doubled and that number is expected to double again by 2030. To respond to these challenges programs must embrace and enhance new management plans and systems, leverage additional dollars from multiple funding streams, and cultivate new partnerships. Pam was pleased to report that the King County Area Agency on Aging is on the leading edge of many of the initiatives; for example the King County Care Partners embracing medical/social model, the PEARLS program and efforts to promote livable communities.

The Sponsors thanked Pam for her leadership and are proud that she was one of few selected to consult on the future of the Older Americans Act.

Pam announced that the Advisory Council Holiday Meeting is on December 10, and the members look forward to hearing from the Sponsors directly. The next Sponsors meeting is scheduled for January 21 where budget and Homelessness and Housing issues will be focal points of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Summary prepared by Jane Crum, City of Seattle

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Governor



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January 12, 2010

Honorable Members of the Washington State Legislature:

Last session we worked together to produce a balanced budget that addressed the revenue shortfalls created by the national and international economic downturn. By the time I signed the budget into law in May, we had solved a shortfall that had grown to \$9 billion.

We ordered state agencies to curtail hiring, travel, personal service contracts and other services where immediate savings were possible. The freeze on salary increases remains in effect. We then crafted a three-part solution that included cuts to services, use of one-time federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money, and fund transfers (including the Rainy Day Fund) to fill the gap.

Unfortunately, our revenue continued to decline while the demand for state services rose. A combination of these and other factors have created another \$2.6 billion shortfall.

In December, I submitted a state financial plan for the remainder of our two-year budget period that addressed this shortfall. I was legally required to submit a budget that is balanced to current revenues, and that is what I did. But I did so with the greatest reluctance. That budget is not true to the values I believe in and which have guided me through my public service. It is not a budget I can live with nor is it one I believe Washingtonians can live with.

In the face of a \$2.6 billion shortfall, this financial plan reduces many vital services, some to the bone. In other cases, programs are suspended that are crucial to many of our citizens and our quality of life.

The decisions that produced this budget were very troubling to me. They do not represent sound public policy for our state, nor do they serve our citizens well. We cannot ride out this recession and come out ready to rebuild our economy on top of this budget.

Therefore, today I am submitting a new budget that I believe better reflects Washington values and principles. This budget more adequately funds our public schools, pays for the basic safety net for our most needy, helps more of our students achieve the higher education they need, and sets the stage for a more prosperous future.

I have enclosed a document that outlines the restorations in my budget. I am proposing funding for essential programs such as:

- The state's Basic Health and Apple Health plans.
- Our general assistance program for the most needy.
- Levy equalization funds for our public schools.
- State financial aid to allow more students to attend higher education.
- Early childhood education and kindergarten.
- Adult medical, dental, vision and hospice programs.
- Developmental disability and long-term care services.

To be clear, my new budget does not avoid many harmful reductions to (and even elimination of) some vital services. It contains more cuts than revenue to address our \$2.6 billion problem.

As the legislative session progresses, I pledge to work with you to secure the additional revenues needed to restore the programs that a no-new-revenue budget could not accommodate. I will be submitting proposals to introduce greater tax fairness by closing loopholes that have either outlived their usefulness or are no longer equitable in today's tough economy. I expect that Washington state will receive additional resources through the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP), Fiscal Stabilization Funds and possibly waivers for Basic Health Plan provisions. However, we do not yet know what these amounts will be.

Any revenue enhancements that I will propose will not hamstring our families and businesses as they recover from the recession. I look forward to continuing a dialogue with you as we work together on behalf of the people of our state to identify fair and strategic solutions to our budget shortfall.

The task that awaits us is significant. It can be conquered only by putting aside partisan politics and working together to craft a solution that protects some vital services needed by our state's citizens while helping us emerge stronger from the economic downturn.

I look forward to working with you to accomplish these important priorities.

Sincerely,



Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

Enclosure

Restorations to the Governor's 2010 Supplemental Budget

GFS Dollars in Millions

K-12 Levy Equalization Increases	165.012
Basic Health Plan	160.575
Higher Education State Need Grant	146.435
Redesigned General Assistance - Unemployable Program	84.472
K-12 All-day Kindergarten, Gifted Program and Reading Corps	42.011 *
Working Connections Child Care Option	39.500
Maternity Support Services	28.050
Optional Medicaid Services	21.091
Developmental Disabilities/Long Term Care – Housekeeping and Offsite Laundry Services	18.339
Long Term Care/Developmental Disabilities – Homecare Agency Provider Services	14.095
Early Childhood Education Program (ECEAP) for 3-Year-Olds	10.500
Senior Citizens Services Act	6.967
Adult Hospice Care	6.161
Outpatient Drug Treatment and Detox Services	5.393
HIV/AIDS Client Services and AIDSNET Grants	4.859
Foster Care Rates	4.144
Outpatient Community Mental Health Services	4.137
Children's Apple Health Insurance	4.112
Mental Health - Inpatient Hospital	2.889
Developmental Disabilities Individual and Family Services	2.000
Middle School Career and Technical Education program	1.943
Volunteer Chore Services	1.877
Crime Victims Compensation Program	1.545
Jail Services Funding for Mentally Ill Offenders	1.145
Children's Public Health Nurses	0.712
Aging Family Caregiver Support and Respite Care	0.628
Regional Law Enforcement Training	0.280
Grand Total	778.9

* Includes \$33.567 million in Education Legacy Funds, reflected in fund transfers