

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

Creating choices for elders and adults with disabilities in Seattle-King County

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MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

CITY OF SEATTLE	KING COUNTY	UNITED WAY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thelma Coney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Yeager	<input type="checkbox"/> Midge Levy, Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanne Brekke-Selk	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Verhei	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam John	<input type="checkbox"/> John Holecek	<input type="checkbox"/> Thelma Pegues, Member-At-Large
<input type="checkbox"/> Alexandra Tu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timmie Faghin
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Rasmussen	<input type="checkbox"/> Ann Dennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Moreland, Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rose Finnegan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Pitruzzello
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Houston Brown, Vice-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art Mussman	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Miller
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert Gross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Slaminko	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candace Inagi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Astle-Raen

Excused Absence Alexandra Tu, Tom Rasmussen, Larry Verhei, John Holecek, Ann Dennis, Midge Levy, Thelma Pegues, Michael Miller

Guests

ADS Staff Pamela Piering, Rosemary Cunningham, Karen Winston, Marcy Kubbs, Margaret Casey, Andrea Yip, Doug Ricker

United Way Staff Linda Woodall

King County Staff Linda Wells

MINUTES

For the program portion of this meeting the Advisory Council attended a Special Briefing of the Long Term Care Task Force at the Hilton Conference Center in SeaTac. Among the speakers were Dr. Robert Friedland, Director of the Center on An Aging Society, Georgetown University, and Dr. Josh Wiener, Senior Fellow at RTI International, two nationally recognized experts in the field of aging.

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BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes

Action Taken: It was moved/seconded and passed that the August 11, 2006 minutes be approved as written.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Seattle City Council

There was no report.

Planning & Allocations Committee

Joanne Brekke reported the public comment period on funding recommendations for 2007 Discretionary allocations closed on August 15th. It included a public hearing held August 11th. The committee reviewed the public comments received and determined no changes were needed in the allocation recommendations previously released. The committee requested final approval from the Advisory Council on its recommendations for 2007 Discretionary allocations.

Action Taken: It was moved/seconded and passed that the Advisory Council approve the Planning and Allocations Committee funding recommendations for 2007 Discretionary allocations.

State Council on Aging

Joanne Brekke indicated the State Council on Aging did not meet in August.

Outreach & Advocacy Committee / Health Care Task Force

There was no report. See report on the Legislative Forum.

Communications Committee

The latest Seniors Digest is out and as usual is a great issue.

Legislative Forum

Timmie Faghin reported that the Legislative Forum this year was “Fabulous” and thanked Linda Wells for her early work in organizing the event, and Doug Ricker in particular for his work preparing for the forum over the last several months. Timmie indicated many positive comments were received including:

- Accommodations for people with disabilities
- Good racial/topical diversity of speakers
- Choice of caterers
- Louise Parry award – recommendations to do it again.
- Online Registration
- Flyers & cards
- Pam Piering presentation

Suggested improvements for future Legislative Forums included the following:

- Allow more time for networking
- Manage questions from the audience so they are pertinent to the discussion
- Consider another month for the forum when more legislators might be available
- Consider providing a larger screen for captioning
- Have packets stuffed & name tags alphabetized in advance
- Start and end event earlier
- Have more balance between aging and disability issues
- Suggest solutions in addition to identifying problems

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence

Don Moreland reported that the Advisory Council was copied on a letter to Robin Arnold-Williams, Secretary of Department of Social and Health Services in which the ACLU expressed its disappointment in a proposed regulation on Estate Recovery Protection that would treat a surviving partner of a same sex relationship more harshly than a surviving spouse.

Announcements

Don Moreland announced the following upcoming events and passed around sheets so members could sign-up to attend.

1. The Statewide Gathering of Advisory Council & State Council on Aging Members is scheduled from October 26th from noon to 2:30 pm at the Seattle Municipal Tower.
2. Senior Lobby Conference will be on Friday, October 27th at the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac.

Nominating Committee

Dr. Robert Gross presented the slate of candidates for officers for 2007. They are:

1. Chair – Don Moreland
2. Vice-Chair – Lorna Stone
3. Secretary – Midge Levy – (Invited to serve - her interest in serving to be confirmed)
4. Member-At-Large – Houston Brown

Retreat Committee

Don Moreland appointed the following members to the 2007 Retreat Committee:

1. Lorna Stone
2. Phil Pitruzzello
3. Thelma Pegues

John Barnett had two comments. They were:

1) John suggested contacting the appropriate Advisory Council liaison when recruiting new members as each appointing body may have specific qualifications they are looking for.

2) John commented that he felt privileged to be able attend the Special Briefing on Long-Term Care and proposed that Advisory Council support long-term care legislation.

Action Taken: It was moved/seconded that the Advisory Council study the issue of Long-term Care, including monitoring Long Term Care Task Force activities with the goal of identifying a Long-Term Care proposal the Advisory Council can support.

Membership

Don Moreland reported that Audrey Jernigan has regrettably resigned from the Advisory Council due to health issues.

Director's Report

Pamela Piering reported on a number of items.

1) Long-Term Care Special Briefing - Pam thanks members for attending the Special Briefing this morning as it was an excellent discussion of issues.

2) Senior Centers Report – On Wednesday, September 20, from noon to 1 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 600 4th Avenue, a report on the future of Senior Centers will be presented at a special meeting of the Housing, Human Services and Health Committee. ADS has not been informed of the content of the report but will try to obtain copies once released.

3) Funding Opportunities

a) Medicaid State Agency Grant Application - Rosemary Cunningham submitted a grant application for Medicaid funds in collaboration with Harborview Medical Center, Evergreen Health Care and local Community Health Centers. The grant would fund services for adults with chronic diseases and provide \$3.4 million over a two-year period.

b) Health Promotion Grants – The Administration on Aging has funding for health promotion activities available. Senior Services will apply for a grant for \$50,000 for their health promotion activities.

c) King County Veterans & Human Services Levy – Pam reported that earlier this year Don Moreland provided feedback to King County on their Veterans & Human Services Levy that included \$7 million for veterans and \$7 million for social services, requesting that services for older adults be included. As a result of Don's input, ADS will receive \$1 million over 6 years for the PEARLS interventions to treat minor depression in older adults.

4) Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Conference – Next week Pam will be at a CDC conference in Atlanta speaking on health promotion. She will describe some of the innovative partnerships that have been created in Seattle-King County to support healthy aging such as the Seniors' Farmer's Market program and the Healthy Aging Partnership.

5) Conflict of Interest - Pam reported that the City's Ethics & Elections Office recently tightened the definition of conflict of interest to include instances where an individual might be perceived

of having a conflict of interest. This has resulted in individuals, who might be highly qualified to serve on boards such as the Planning Commission, being considered ineligible. It is anticipated a new ordinance will provide a compromise position so individuals with expertise will be able to serve providing they declare their potential conflict of interest.

6) Statewide Gathering of Advisory Council and State Council on Aging Members will take place on Thursday, October 26th from noon to 2:30 pm in 4050/4060 Conference Rooms of the Seattle Municipal Tower. A light lunch will be provided followed by breakout sessions on such topics as legislative issues and Area Plan development.

7) Senior Lobby Conference will take place on Friday, October 27th from 9:00 to 3:00 pm at the Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport, 18740 International Blvd (Pacific Highway South) in SeaTac.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Note New Room
for this Meeting!

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Friday, November 3, 2006

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

5876 / 5878 / 5882 Conference Rooms

Seattle Municipal Tower

700 – 5th Avenue

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Don Moreland, Chair _____