

# 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 DECEMBER 12, 2008

### MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Seattle	King County	United Way
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Timmie Faghen
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Hurst, Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Snell	<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thelma Pegues
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pierre Loebel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silversity Madrazo, Member-at-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jonathan Wanagat
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Burgess, elected official	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaylene Moon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Moreland
<input type="checkbox"/> Marie Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rose Finnegan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Pitruzzello
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Houston Brown,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art Mussman, V Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Miller, AC Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert Gross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Slaminko	<input type="checkbox"/> Midge Levy
<input type="checkbox"/> Jacqueline Deerr-Lord	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy VonWald	<input type="checkbox"/> Amy Astle-Raaen

<b>Excused Absence</b>	Dr. Pierre Loebel, Tim Burgess, Marie Cook, Amy Astle-Raaen, Julie Peterson, Midge Levy, Barbara Hurst, Jacqueline Deerr-Lord
<b>Guests:</b>	Dave Okimoto, Jackie MacLean, Alan Painter
<b>ADS Staff</b>	Karen Winston, Doug Ricker, Gigi Meinig, Maria Langlais, Hector Sidoine, Rosemary Cunningham, Margaret Casey
<b>United Way Staff</b>	Linda Woodall
<b>King County Staff</b>	Linda Wells
<b>City of Seattle</b>	Pamela Piering

## MINUTES

**Michael Miller, Chair**, welcomed Advisory Council members to the holiday celebration. He asked those present to introduce themselves.

In association with the Area Agency on Aging for Seattle-King County and sponsored by:



## **2009 Slate of Officers**

Michael Miller thanked the 2008 Nominating Committee: Don Moreland, Kaylene Moon and Jacqueline Deerr-Lord. Michael asked the Advisory Council for a motion to elect the slate of Officers proposed by the Nominating committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following slate of officers:

- Chair: Cathy Von Wald
- Vice Chair: Phil Pitruzzello
- Secretary: Silversity Madrazo
- Officer at Large: Michael Miller

The Advisory Council unanimously agreed to elect the slate of officers

## **2009 Nominating Committee**

The following members were elected as the 2009 Nominating Committee: Midge Levy, Rose Finnegan, and Houston Brown.

## **2008 Highlights:**

Pamela Piering gave a summary of the 2008 Highlights

### *Legislative*

The Advisory Council had a positive impact on the following State legislative agenda items:

- Unpaid family caregiver funding
- Senior Farmer's Market funding
- Vendor increase of 2%
- Fall Prevention funding
- Consideration of the Medicaid income eligibility increase from 75% of poverty to 80% of poverty

### *Policy*

The Advisory Council hosted a policy debate on Initiative 1000 the "Death with Dignity Initiative". Pam suggested the Advisory Council should consider hosting similar debates in the future.

### *Advocacy*

The Outreach and Advocacy Committee collaborated with the Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care Advisory Council to produce the successful September Legislative forum.

### *Services*

- The Senior Nutrition RFP brought several new nutrition providers to King County including Lifelong Aides Alliance/Chicken Soup Brigade for home delivered meals and Catholic Community Services for congregate meals.
- The PEARLS depression screening program received new funding from the King County Levy.

### *Planning*

- ADS sponsored a Housing Report in collaboration with several partners – the final version should be out in January.
- Advisory Council members played a large role in enhancing the *Seniors Digest* publication this year. Members brought forward a number of effective ideas, acted as role models, and writers.

### **Officer Awards**

1. Michael Miller recognized the three 2008 Advisory Council officers: Art Mussman, Vice Chair; Barbara Hurst, Secretary; and, Silversity Madrazo, At-Large. He thanked them for volunteering their time and providing leadership to the Advisory Council.
2. Pamela Piering and David Okimoto recognized Michael Miller, Advisory Council Chair for his leadership, dedication and service to the Advisory Council and the community on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities.

### **Pass the Gavel**

Michael Miller thanked the Advisory Council for their hard work this year and acknowledged the Advisory Council will have work ahead of them in 2009. Michael called Cathy VonWald, the newly elected Chair for the ceremonial passing of the gavel. Michael expressed confidence Cathy will make 2009 a successful year.

### **Sponsor Introduction and awards**

Michael introduced the three sponsors: Dave Okimoto from United Way, Alan Painter from the City of Seattle and Jackie MacLean from King County. Each sponsor gave certificates to their appointees and a short presentation.

*Alan Painter, City of Seattle Sponsor*, reported the City is refocusing priorities and will place its resources on basic needs to assure a safety net for citizens and families in most distress.

*Jackie MacLean, King County Sponsor*, gave an overview of the future strategy proposed by the County Executive to handle budget cuts, most which will require legislative approval.

1. Make available “lifeboat funding” through June of 2009 for Programs slated for elimination.
2. Give the King County Council the authority to raise revenue
3. Eliminate dedicated funding streams required by the State which will make funds flexible enough to respond to the greatest need.
4. Collect a \$.05 soda tax for public health funding
5. Impose a utility tax in unincorporated King County. Currently unincorporated King County does not pay this tax.

*David Okimoto, United Way Sponsor*, began by saying this is the greatest recession since the depression of the 1930s. United Way and its partners are preparing a \$2.3

million emergency package to assist people with basic needs. Even \$2.3 million is a small amount compared to the need. He ended by noting that it is time for the community, government and non-profits to get creative.

**The Advisory Council broke into groups with each appointing Sponsor. Below is a summary of the group discussion:**

***City of Seattle***

Alan gave a short introduction then asked each Advisory Council Member to introduce themselves and discuss any issues or priorities which need attention at the local level. The City of Seattle appointees identified several priorities below:

- Reduce homelessness
- Increase housing stock for people with low incomes
- Adhere to universal design principals when developing or renovating housing
- Increase resources for Senior Centers
- Assure the safety of walkers and provide new sidewalks in certain neighborhoods
- Increase the availability of low cost and mobile dentistry
- Develop a strategy to educate the community on issues facing the elderly and disabled

Alan informed his group that the Mayor is now vice president of the US Conference of Mayors. In this position he will have contact with the new administration. Alan asked for suggestions to pass on to the national level. The following ideas surfaced:

- Single payer health care
- Built environment and universal design standards
- Special needs transportation
- Evidence based health promotion programs

Alan then he asked the group to consider items for the State to prioritize and they came up with the following:

- Viaduct
- 520 bridge
- Increase federal match for Medicaid to 80%
- Improve health care system
- Increase the number of 501-3C programs to encourage more donations
- Invest in living wage jobs
- Invest in affordable housing
- Create veteran education and housing programs

***United Way***

David Okimoto predicted that the State will prioritize the frail and disabled in the upcoming budget. He also predicted that non profit organizations, including faith based organizations, will be needed to help pick up the slack and will become more involved. United Way is examining how to increase volunteer involvement.

Dave also pointed out a need for research to identify:

1. How will the current economic crisis impacts older people?
2. What are some indicators we can identify to assess the impact? The group suggested food security and housing costs as possible indicators.
3. How can we use baby boomers as a resource?

He spoke briefly about United Way's main source of revenue

- \$40 million from donors generally from large organizations like Microsoft or JP Morgan, and;
- \$60 million as a pass through to designated agencies.

The United Way appointees identified several priorities:

- Food security
- Housing and rental costs
- Prescription drugs made available and/or affordable to patients including HIV patients
- Part-time employment opportunities for younger retirees

### ***King County***

Jackie McLean continued her discussion about the strategies proposed by the County Executive to handle the budget cuts. She went into further detail on the lifeboat strategy which will provide programs enough revenue to continue operating through June 30, 2009 and time to find additional funding sources.

She suggested the Advisory Council may want to consider supporting global initiatives that will attract broad support and partner with advocates representing other vulnerable populations. She noted this is a good time to ask for changes that don't have costs associated with them.

The King County appointees expressed concern about the following issues:

- Budget cuts to Adult Day Health
- Budget cuts to the Health Department
- King County budget cuts in general
- State budget cuts
- Other revenue generating approaches

### **Announcements**

1. Don reported the retreat is scheduled for Friday, January 9 at the NW African American Museum. Michael Shadow an international expert on communications has agreed to be our keynote speaker.
2. Kate Slaminko reminded members to bring a gift wrapped white elephant to exchange at the retreat.

### **Adjourned**

The Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:00 PM

**Advisory Council Retreat**

**January 9, 2009**

**8:45 AM - 3:30 PM**

**NW African American Museum 2300 S. Massachusetts St  
Seattle, WA 98144**

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**February 13, 2009**

**Noon – 2:00 p.m.**

**4060 Conference Room, Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Ave  
Seattle, WA 98124**

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