

# 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

**JULY 14, 2017**

### MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Seattle	King County	Public Health/United Way
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Molly Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor David Baker, Kenmore	<input type="checkbox"/> Marsha Andrews
<input type="checkbox"/> Debra Juarez, Sea City Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Bev Heyden	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Florence Klein	<input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Heersema,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston,
<input type="checkbox"/> Kathe Matrone	<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac McIntosh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sawczuk - pending
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Michel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ava Frisinger, SCOA Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Becker - pending
<input type="checkbox"/> Sue Shaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Rogers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irma Farsch	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Excused Absence</b>	Debra Juarez, Marsha Andrews, Carolyn Heersema, Kathe Matrone, Sue Shaw, Bev Heyden, Cindy Snyder, Lorna Stone
<b>Guests:</b>	Auburn Senior Center participants and staff
<b>Staff</b>	Gigi Meinig, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Terry Ann Lee, Karen Winston, Mary Pat O'Leary, Rowena Rye, Lynda Hunter
<b>Speakers</b>	Jennifer Gahagan, Mary Dolliver, Janelle Tarasewicz, James Harms, Asha Rawlins, Lynda Hunter and resource table hosts
<b>United Way Staff</b>	
<b>King County Staff</b>	Linda Wells
<b>Public Health</b>	
<b>City of Seattle</b>	Cathy Knight

## **Advisory Council Program: Senior Employment Fair Auburn Senior Center**

Auburn Senior Center Director, Radine Lozier opened the event and introduced the moderator, Lynda Hunter, a Volunteer Coordinator with the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens. Lynda works to meet the needs of older adults in the job market. She also coordinates the Seniors Training Seniors program, a computer skills training program taught by volunteers.

Lynda introduced the following resource table hosts who shared key points about services available from their organization.

- Aging and Disability Services – Karen Winston, Rowena Rye
- Shield Health Care – Ian Harrington
- Caycare - Steph Hilfer
- Multi Service Center of South King County - Lisa Shively
- Neighborhood House – Steven Van (RESUME Review)
- Goodwill - Jim Kenney
- WorkSource - Anne Masters, Erin Stewart, Mary Dolliver (RESUME Review)
- Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens Employment – Rowena Rye (RESUME Review)
- Social Security - Asha Rawlins, Noi\_Senlouangrat
- Auburn Food Bank – Debbie Christian
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program “RSVP” – Jennifer Gahagan
- Department of Corrections – James Harms (?)
- Metro - Lori Blanton
- City of Auburn Human Resources - Janelle Tarasewicz
- Hopelink - Mark Carson, Mobility Coordinator
- Harlow's Bus – Dan Evans

Five panelists gave information about the way their programs support older adults looking for work or wish give back to the community by volunteering.

**Jennifer Gahagan**, Program Manager Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) specializes in connecting people 55 and older to volunteer opportunities right for them. RSVP is the largest volunteer organization in the nation and meets critical community needs in King County. Volunteers are celebrated, appreciated and receive accident and liability insurance. For more information click the link <https://www.solid-ground.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

**Mary Dolliver**, Business Services Consultant, described WorkSource as a great place to gain skills and training to prepare for today's employment opportunities. It offers computer labs, job interview preparation and help creating cutting-edge resumes. They offer classes targeting the needs of mature workers. Hundreds of jobs are posted on the WorkSource website. Users may filter their job searches by job type. The website also posts job fairs, free classes and opportunities for educational financial aid. <https://www.worksourcewa.com/>

**Janelle Tarasewicz**, Employment Manager, City of Auburn coordinates human resources programs, and services. She encouraged people looking for jobs in the Auburn area to check out the City of Auburn Employment Website at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/auburn> for the most recent job postings and volunteer opportunities.

**James Harms** - Regional Systems Administrator, Re-entry Division, Dept. of Corrections manages a team of Transition Specialists and Housing Voucher Specialists who support people moving from prison to the community. Team members reduce barriers, provide access to education, vocational training, apprentice programs and life skills to assure a successful transition to the community through job placement and housing.

**Asha Rawlins**, Claims Technical Expert, Social Security Administration helps working Social Security recipients understand their benefits which may be affected by the amount of income they receive. She also works with Social Security Disability recipients who no longer are able to work.

## **Business Meeting**

**Minutes:** Were approved

**Nominating Committee** Lorna Stone, June Michel, and Mac McIntosh were elected at the previous meeting and plan to meet on August 11 to create the 2018 slate of officers.

### **Partner Updates**

#### King County – Linda Wells

- Irma Farsch was approved for Advisory Council membership.
- Veterans Seniors and Human Service Levy update. The Regional Policy Council approved a property tax rate of 10 cents per thousand and a one third funding split between veterans, human services and seniors. August 1<sup>st</sup> is the final date to submit the proposed levy as an initiative.

Public Health – No Report

City of Seattle – No report

### **Planning and Allocations Committee**

Dick Woo, P&A Committee member presented:

1. The 2018 discretionary allocation recommendations to the Advisory Council.
  - Discretionary funding for 2018 is status quo. Committee members unanimously voted to forward the proposed “as is” budget to the Advisory Council for approval before the public comment period.
  - A 2017 proposal for one-time only carry-over funds was approved by the P&A Committee. The extra funds were a result of ADS taking a conservative approach in budgeting in anticipation of a potential reduction of federal and state dollars, similar to what ADS experienced in 2013. The final amount available will be determined after 2017 Older Americans Act and SCSA funding are confirmed. The funding proposal is located in the table below:

Service Area	Proposed 2017 One-Time Add	One-Time Only Funding Description
Case Management	\$148,000	Discretionary case manager in south King Co. to work with hospitals and primary care; additional PEARLS resources.
Home Delivered Meals	\$160,000	Summer produce bags for homebound seniors; support increase requests for halal meals and staffing for more complex clients; increase food costs due to switch in vendor.
Health Promotion	\$15,000	Fall prevention; CDSME; support for caregivers
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$323,000</b>	

2. The P&A Committee also reviewed and approved the draft 2018-2019 Area Plan Update. The update includes new and/or revised objectives to be presented to the public during the July 19 to August 2 public review process.

**Motion** was made and passed to support the P&A committee recommendations and forward them to the sponsors for final approval:

- The draft 2018 Discretionary allocations;
- One-time only funding of approximately \$323,000 and potential additional allocations, if funding is available, up to \$400,000; and
- The draft 2018-2019 Area Plan Update.

Advisory Council members were invited to attend the public hearing, hosted by the P&A committee, on Wednesday, August 2, at 10:00 a.m., in the Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4080. Please contact Karen Winston should you have questions at 206-684-0706 or email [karen.winston@seattle.gov](mailto:karen.winston@seattle.gov).

### **Advocacy Committee**

Ava reported Advocacy Committee members provided details about their recent community activities and made suggestions for future Advisory Council program speakers.

Legislative update:

#### Federal

While n4a is still analyzing the federal funding bill, they do anticipate major cuts to senior employment and SHIPS (SHIBA in our state). The committee suggested that W4A target their messages to Washington State Congressional Appropriations Committee member(s).

Advocacy Committee members expressed their concern about the proposed Senate changes to the Affordable Care Act and related impacts on Medicaid clients, including older adults who rely on Medicaid for long term care.

#### State

The Washington Legislature passed an operating budget just before the June 30 deadline. Area Agencies on Aging received a rate increase of 2% for Case Management, and it looks like this increase will also be applied to SCSA and Family Caregiver programs. An additional \$3M for senior nutrition programs was funded; this idea was put forward by Sen. Sharon Brown (8<sup>th</sup> district) after spending time on a home delivery route with Meals on Wheels program staff. Health Homes also remained in the budget. The Capital budget has not passed and continues to be contentious.

### King County Veterans Seniors and Human Services Levy

The County Council approved a compromise levy proposal for the November ballot. Maria will send details to the Advisory Council. Briefly, the proposal includes a 10-cent valuation rate instead of the original 12-cent proposed by the county executive. The proposal will fund three “program buckets” – veterans, older adults, and other vulnerable populations. Revenue will be distributed evenly between these buckets after certain conditions have been met, including increasing the number of homeless veterans who receive permanent housing.

### **State Council on Aging (SCOA)**

Ava - attended WA State Council on Aging. They continue to wait to find out whether their budget priorities passed including:

- Continuation of the Joint Commission on Aging (vs. a committee) created by the legislature. The current commission has a broad group of participants in addition to legislators including representatives from agencies.
- Adequate funding for public guardianship.
- Support for the Dementia Action Collaborative.

### **NW Universal Design**

Tom Minty gave the Northwest Universal Design Council Update. He reported the NWUDC Transportation Forum on Monday, June 19 was a great success! More than 50 individuals joined the discussion about *last mile solutions* to improve access to healthcare. Everyone was clearly engaged during the discussion and the forum was a terrific opportunity to continue to promote Universal Design and an accessible, coordinated transportation system.

Currently, the NWUDC is on a brief hiatus while the Aging and Disability Services planning unit is looking at how their role providing staff coordination of NWUDC aligns with the new body of work that is emerging under the Age-Friendly Communities umbrella. If you have any questions or feedback, you may contact Jon Morrison Winters or Andrea Yip, ADS planning staff.

### **Mayor’s Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)**

Karen Winston reported Dr. Jim DeMaine, who recently presented to the Advisory Council on the topic of “Our Lives our Choices” will give a similar presentation to the MCAAE at the SE Seattle Senior Center on September 21.

### **Age Friendly Update**

Florence Klein reported Candace Faber from Seattle IT asked the Age Friendly Task Force for feedback, and interest about a hackathon-style event the City of Seattle is planning the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Florence along with Molly Holmes also attended the “Older Women’s Forum” Committee. The most pressing concern was housing challenges especially the ability of seniors to remain in Seattle given the rising costs. In addition, they discussed the challenge of using positive semantics when describing aging and finding opportunities.

### **Director’s Report**

Cathy Knight reported

- ADS partnered with Kelley Ross Pharmacy on an Award-winning senior drug education program. The program provides assistance to older adults’ managing their medications in their home. Kelley-Ross Pharmacy Group provides group education and in-home

medication coaching to adults 65 years of age or older on-site at seven low-income housing buildings in Seattle. During in-home medication coaching visits, the pharmacist identifies each resident's health- and medication-related needs and then works with the on-site resident services team to ensure each resident's needs are addressed.

- Legislative Update
  - Passed: Area Agency on Aging Case Management, Health Homes, and Home delivered meals received an increase.
  - Not passed: hearing aids for Medicaid recipients, No capital budget yet, concern from some legislators about Governor Inslee's veto of the B&O tax break.
  - Federal Repeal and replace vote scheduled for next week. Which could mean big changes for Medicaid.

**Adjourn –**

2:00 PM

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**August 11, 2017**

**Seattle Municipal Tower**

**700 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room 4060**

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