

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Excused Absence	Debra Juarez, Marsha Andrews, Kathe Matrone, Carolyn Heersema, Molly Holmes, Mac McIntosh, Bev Heyden, Lorna Stone, Dave Rogers
Guests:	Diana Thompson, ADS Contracts and Administrative staff
Staff	Gigi Meinig, Lori Sanford, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Jon Morrison Winters, Karen Winston, Allison Boll, Mary Pat O'Leary, Irene Stewart
Speakers	Patty Hayes, Ingrid McDonald
United Way Staff	
King County Staff	Linda Wells
Public Health	Patty Hayes, Ingrid McDonald
City of Seattle	Andrea Yip

Welcome and Introductions – David Baker, Chair

Minutes were approved as written

Advisory Council Program: What does the Partnership with Public Health mean for the Advisory Council?

Patty Hayes, Director of Seattle & King County Public Health

Patty discussed the role of Seattle King County Public Health which is one of the largest most complex public health organizations in the nation. The organization is responsible for coordinating public health policies and services for:

- 39 municipal governments
- 39 Police jurisdictions
- 20 school districts
- 29 fire departments
- 39 emergency management agencies
- 41 water and sewer districts
- 17 hospitals and trauma centers.

What does Public Health do?

- Environmental health including food and water safety
- Communicable diseases
- Chronic disease and injury prevention such as tobacco cessation
- Maternal and child health
- Access to clinical care including responsibility for public health clinics and health care for the homeless.
- Emergency Medical Services
- Medical examiner
- Jail Health

Older adults are especially vulnerable to food borne illness, outbreaks of communicable diseases such as influenza and use the emergency response services. Public Health examines risk factors leading to illness and disability. They gather data from many sources to determine population risk factors, and predict health outcomes.

Public Health is essential, yet they have seen a 60% reduction in Federal grants. Resulting in flat funding even as the population growth is up 41% in Washington.

Ingrid McDonald, Policy Director, Seattle & King County Public Health discussed our shared priorities on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities. Seattle King County Public Health protects and improves the health and wellbeing of King County residents. She recently returned from Myanmar where she worked in global health. She saw firsthand the devastating effects of outbreaks of infectious disease, unclean drinking water and no emergency response system. She sees strength in partnerships between ADS Department of Community services and first responders.

King County is working on three important initiatives including:

The renewal of the Veterans and Human Services levy which will be voted upon this fall. One of the most important goals of the levy is to prevent homelessness and reduce unnecessary criminal

justice and emergency medical involvement. Over 2000+ low income housing units will be built, leading to an 80% increase in client self-sufficiency once they are linked to services.

Secondly, the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration project led by the King County Accountable Communities of Health. includes three components:

1. Regional innovation and system transformation strategies.
2. Caregiver Medicaid diversion which includes a broad array of service options enabling older adults and people with disabilities to stay at home and avoid more intensive care.
3. Supportive Housing and employment services for Medicaid clients with the most critical needs.

In addition, several consumer seats will be available on the new governing board. She encouraged Advisory council members or people they know to apply.

Future projects include:

- Prescription drug disposal program in which Mayor Baker took a strong leadership role to create 99 drop off sites including at the QFC and local fire stations.
- A new food safety rating system using emoji symbols to provide information about the restaurants food safety practices.

Business meeting

Partner Reports

King County: Linda Wells reported:

- Terry Mark retired in December of 2016. Denise Rothleutner, took her place as Deputy Director at the Department of Community and Human Services.
- King County Department of Community and Human Service continues to focus on the 2017 the Veterans and Human Services Levy. As you heard from Ingrid McDonald the process entails a number of steps before reaching the ballot. It is expected services will be expanded to include older adults, affordable housing, improvements to special needs transportation and victims of sexual assault.
- King County DCHS remains in transition as the Best Starts for Kids, Veterans and Human Services Levy, and the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency program processes continue.

City of Seattle – no Report

United Way – No Report

P&A Committee

Sue Shaw reported the committee did not meet due to the snowy conditions. Their next meeting is March 6.

Communication Committee

Eric Martinson reported the Executive Committee will develop the 2017 meeting agenda based on the feedback from the Retreat.

Advocacy Committee

Ava Frisinger reported the Advocacy Committee prepares for Senior Lobby Day February 23rd. The reviewed the legislative meeting schedule, and current bills of interest to seniors. The discussed strategies making their meetings with legislators effective.

State Council on Aging

- Ava Frisinger, State Council on Aging (SCOA) Advocacy Chair reported their priorities are similar to the Advisory Council. Each SCOA Advocacy member is responsible for tracking bills and key initiatives in the governor's budget. They also contact elected at key times.
- On February 7th, Ava and other W4A representatives met with several legislators to explain the importance of case management and health homes.

NW Universal Design Council

Tom Minty reported 54 people attended the quarterly meeting even though the weather and traffic was challenging. The meeting was held at the AIA Design Center on Western Ave which currently has a universal design exhibit. Tom encouraged people to drop by this interesting exhibit. "[Open to All: Designing for the Full Range of Human Experience](#)" Marthalee Galeota, access and disability program manager for the Starbucks Coffee Company, spoke on Thursday, February 9, 2017 about how organizations can make a broader commitment to human centered design.

Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

Karen Winston reported on behalf of MCAAE Chair, Mattie Taplin. The group is co-sponsoring two events including

- A celebration of Black History month with Mayor Ed Murray at the Central Area Senior Center (500 30th Ave S, Seattle) on February 27 from 5-7 PM.
- An informational called HIV is Ageless – An intimate look at HIV/AIDS among African American adults age 50+, Saturday, March 11, 3-5:50 PM, Rainier Beach Community Center (8825 Rainier Ave. S, Seattle). African Americans Reach and Teach Health Ministry (ARITH) is acting as co-sponsor.
- The Mayor's office has agreed to help recruit additional members for the MCAAE.

Director's report

Andrea Yip reported on behalf of Maureen Linehan

- Ava Frisinger, Maureen Linehan, ADS Directors and Theresa Tanoury, ADS Case Management Director met with key legislators about the importance of increasing the case management program rate to lower caseloads to 75 to maintain safety for clients.
- Reinvesting savings from CMS in Health Homes.
- Medicaid transformation Waiver initiative will affect family caregivers. The new programs will go live in July or 2017.
- The ADS Director hiring is progressing – we will know more soon.

Announcements:

Senior Lobby Day – February 23, 2017 – sign-up sheet

Group Health/Kaiser Permanente Senior Caucus looking for members

Adjourn –

2:00 PM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

March 10th Noon – 2:00 PM

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