



# Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

*Advocating for local, state, and national programs that promote quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities in partnership with Seattle Human Services and King County.*

## Monthly Meeting

**February 9, 2018**

### Members Present

City of Seattle	King County	Public Health / United Way
<input type="checkbox"/> Molly Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor David Baker, Kenmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty
<input type="checkbox"/> Debra Juarez, Sea City Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Becker	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Florence Klein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ava Frisinger, SCOA Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathe Matrone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Rogers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac McIntosh	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sawczuk	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Michel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Excused Absence</b>	Lorna Stone, Molly Holmes, Andrea Sawczuk, David Baker
<b>Guests</b>	
<b>Staff</b>	Gigi Meinig, Andrea Yip, Maria Langlais, Jon Morrison Winters, Karen Winston, Angela Miyamoto, Allison Bolls, Terry Ann Lee, Mia Kato
<b>Speaker</b>	Courtney Neubauer
<b>King County Staff</b>	Marcy Kubbs
<b>Public Health</b>	Mary Snodgrass
<b>City of Seattle</b>	Cathy Knight

**Welcome and Introductions: Ava Frisinger**

## Advisory Council Program

### What is the Long-Term Care Trust?

**Speaker:** Courtney Neubauer, Campaign Organizer, Washingtonians for a Responsible Future

#### Why support The Long-Term Care Trust Act bill?

- Senior population will more than double by 2030.
- 70% of older adults will need long term supports and services.
- Cost of long term care is rising.
- Increased cost to the state budget.
- Family caregivers are declining and family caregivers who leave the workforce to care for their loved one experience a loss of family income.

#### Who pays for Long Term Care?

- 7% Long Term Care insurance.
- 0% Medicare does not cover long-term care, only acute care.
- 62% paid by the State Medicaid budget.  
Note: Six percent of the State's budget is allocated to long term care. In 15 years the aging population is expected to double, costing the state \$6.3 billion.
- 22% Families.
- 87% of unpaid caregivers (850,000) provide \$11 billion in care.

#### What is the impetus for the bill?

It was based on the 2017 Milliman report to the legislature <http://responsiblefuture.org/milliman-study/> which found the number of individuals needing Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) will significantly increase. Most citizens are not prepared for the financial burden required to pay for those services. Only 7% have LTC insurance. The study recommended the state explore strategies to help individuals contribute toward the cost of LTSS including

- Help individuals and families pay for needed LTSS.
- Ensure individuals have access to some level of LTSS without impoverishing themselves to qualify for Medicaid.
- Reduce the likelihood of waitlists or reductions in Medicaid benefits as a way to address budget issues.

#### What does the Long-Term Care Trust Act include?

- Age – individuals 18 and over.
- Payroll deduction of .49%.
- Vesting period 10 years total.
- Public/Private partnership.
- \$100 a day benefit for 365 days.  
Note: The benefit could be spread over a longer period of time depending on how often it is used.
- Offers a choice of settings

## **Question and Answer:**

Question: Is it legal to use a payroll deduction?

Answer: The mechanism is designed to be similar to the “paid family medical leave” process passed last year.

Question: Will there be an inflationary adjustment?

Answer: The \$100/day benefit is indexed and will increase 3% a year.

Question: How will it be administered and monitored?

Answer: DSHS already administers and monitors Medicaid LTC and will likely remain an important partner.

Question: Is there support in the legislature?

Answer: Yes, it is receiving bi-partisan support.

Question: Will the benefit be portable for people who move out of state?

Answer: Not in the current version. Although the coalition is looking at the possibility.

Question: Will family caregivers have an opportunity to be paid providers?

Answer: The issue has been raised, more information to come.

Question: How long is the planning and implementation period?

Answer: The bill allows 7 years to work through details before implementation.

Courtney can be reached at: [Courtney@ResponsibleFuture.org](mailto:Courtney@ResponsibleFuture.org)!

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## **Business Meeting**

**Minutes:** Approved as written with one change – “Ava Frisinger was unable to attend the December meeting”

### **Partner Updates:**

Marcy Kubbs, King County Department of Community and Human Services.

- Reminded King County appointees to turn in their public disclosure forms.
- As part of the Veterans Seniors and Human Services Levy transition plan, a \$3.5 million RFP for senior centers will be out in March 2018.

Mary Snodgrass, King County Public Health

- The Community Health Centers received funding during the most recent federal continuing resolution.
- Public Health Services is asking the state legislature for \$5 million to continue public health services including: monitoring disease outbreaks, and maintaining clean water.

### **Planning and Allocations Committee:**

Dick Woo reported the committee received information about:

- The “Innerworkings of the ADS Budget”.
- Discretionary Budget.
- 2018 RFP schedule which includes senior centers, legal services, and transportation.
- Federal and state updates.
- The P & A Committee will review the Advisory Council By-Laws and make recommendations to the Advisory Council.

### **Advocacy Committee:**

June Michel reported the committee prepared for Senior Lobby Day. They updated their priorities based on where the bills were in the legislative process. Cathy gave background information about the bills supported by the W4A.

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

Ava Frisinger reported SCOA Advocacy priorities are similar to the Advisory Council’s and include the Long-Term Care Trust Act, and Consumer Directed Employment (6199).

### **NW Universal Design:**

Tom Minty reported

- January 11<sup>th</sup> the Steering Committee updated their mission statement.
- They meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 9-11.
- March 2018 meeting agenda is in the works meeting topic ideas include: “Housing Special Populations” with Rodger Tucker.

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

Karen Winston reported

- The MCAAE is in the process of identifying a liaison between the MCAAE and the Advisory Council.
- The MCAAE includes 5 appointed members, three of them are in the process of being appointed by the Mayor.
- Several MCAAE members will attend Senior Lobby Day with the Advisory Council.

### **Age Friendly: NA**

### **Director’s Report:**

- Cathy Knight thanked members attending advocacy opportunities in Olympia:
  - LTC Trust hearings: Cynthia Snyder, Dave Rogers, Jenny Becker.
  - W4A Lobby Day: Florence Klein, June Michel, Zelda Foxall, Andrea Sawczuk, Dave Rogers.
  - Senior Lobby Day February 22 at least 12 Advisory Council members will attend.

### **State**

- 2018 is an important year to lay the groundwork for the 2019 session.
- Consumer Directed Employment Program removes the administrative functions related to IP employment from Area Agencies and places them under a new administrative employment program. The bill #6199 has recently seen some controversy.

- Long Term Care Trust though not a perfect solution is a great start. While some may oppose because it doesn't go far enough it is a first step solve the Long-Term Care funding issues for individuals and the state.

**Federal**

The sequester was lifted for the military and other discretionary programs like the Older Americans Act.

**Announcements:**

Dick Woo visited Aegis Gardens in Newcastle designed for the needs of the Asian community. It's a new facility with lots of amenities.

**Adjourn:** 2:00 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**  
Friday, **March 9, 2018**

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