



# 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.

## Advisory Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2018

### Members Present

<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor David Baker	<input type="checkbox"/> Florence Klein	<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Becker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ava Frisinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathe Matrone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac McIntosh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston
<input type="checkbox"/> Molly Holmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Michel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo
<input type="checkbox"/> CM Debora Juarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sawczuk

#### Others present:

- **Guests:** Melessa Rogers, RESULTS; Janice Davis, Mayors Council African American Elders (MCAAE); Seth Grainer, Sr. Manager, Advocacy, National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Jason Johnson, Interim Human Services Department (HSD) Director
- **AAA Staff:** Cathy Knight, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Gigi Meinig, Lori Sanford, Sarah Demas, Mary Pat O’Leary, Karen Winston, Jon Morrison Winters, Allison Boll, Lenny Orlov, Irene Stewart
- **King County Staff:** Ingrid McDonald

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

Ava introduced Jason Johnson, Interim HSD Director. Jason has been with HSD for 5 years, serving most of his time in a deputy director capacity. He thanked Ava for her ongoing leadership and everyone’s commitment of time and resources to make HSD stronger. He also acknowledged the work that Aging and Disability Services (ADS) does is elevated because of Advisory Council involvement. He has been working closely with Cathy Knight and the outstanding ADS staff to ensure that HSD’s divisions (Aging and Disability, Homeless, Youth and Family, and Domestic Violence) link more effectively. Related, Jason is an invited speaker for a “hackathon” on hunger and poverty; HSD invests in programs and services to address hunger and poverty in youth and older adults, and we need to start looking at these programs collectively if we want to positively impact food security for people of all ages and abilities.

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II. **Program:** RESULTS - The Power to End Poverty, Presentation by Melessa Rogers. [RESULTS](#) is a nonprofit organization that trains and mobilizes volunteers to become effective advocates in the movement to end poverty. Presentation will be posted with the minutes on the [Advisory Council website](#).

III. **Business Meeting**

A. **Minutes:** Correction to July meeting minutes. Mac MacIntosh had an excused absence. Sue Weston also had an excused absence. Advisory Council moved to approve minutes as corrected.

B. **Partner Updates**

Public Health/King County (Ingrid Ulrey, joined by “Errol”, the King County Courthouse therapy dog)

- Attended a conference last month in DC on aging and public health, which was the second national forum; public health professionals are recognizing the importance of focusing their work on the “boomer” and 65+ population. She will share more learnings from the conference with ADS staff.
- VSHSL implementation plan was approved by the County. Funding will be distributed to the Aging network, public health programs, and other social service programs. The Department of Community and Health Services (DCHS) is hiring a Lead Program Manager to manage the “senior” funds from the levy. (ADS Staff will send the announcement to the Advisory Council).
- Public Health recognizes the ongoing need to advocate and support federal programs, e.g. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). They are committed to educating communities about the importance of food access and are working with Kent to address areas of food deserts.
- They are looking at immigration issues and related impacts on national policy – e.g., people not seeking government benefits such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), due to fear of deportation.
- Patty Hayes, RN, Director of Public is aware that the opioid crisis is impacting older adults, and messaging and programs are needed to address this sector. Public Health services also need to look at domestic violence and mitigating the effects.

King County Department of Community and Human Services (Andrea Yip for Marcy Kubbs)

- DCHS received 38 applicants for VSHSL Senior Center RFP and all were funded. Half of the applications were for capital projects.

- Contracts are in process of being drafted and negotiations are under way. There has been a delay in contracts for capital projects due to need for additional Builders and Risk Insurance, and these contracts may extend into 2019. Advisory Council members who participated in the review process noted that the proposals demonstrated a lot of exciting and interesting programs, and they would like updates from DSHS once contracts are in place. ADS will send the award announcement to the Advisory Council, and the final list of contracts will be shared with P&A.

City of Seattle – no report

### C. Committee Reports

- **Nominating Committee (Ava):** Kathy Matrone, Andrea Sawczuk, and Zelda Foxall volunteered to serve on this committee.
- **Executive Committee (Ava):** The committee didn't meet in July or August. Focus will be on recruiting new Advisory Council members to replace members whose terms are expiring at the end of the year. All members need to help identify people who are willing to serve, including younger members of the community. June extended an invitation to Seth Grainger with the MS Society.
- **Planning and Allocations (P&A) Committee (Dick Woo):**
  - P&A met Monday, August 6 and the Discretionary Budget was adopted. 2018 actual funding positive, with OAA funding receiving additional \$140,000 and an additional \$112,727 for nutrition. ADS staff are working to identify gaps, including gaps in priority areas and will make recommendations to the P&A committee next month.
  - King County Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) announced the Senior Center RFP awards for \$3.7 million. \$12,500 was set aside for each applicant to do property tax exemption outreach, education and referrals. Details for this new funding allocation are being worked out which includes the number of referrals, training and data requirements.
  - The Committee went over the updated job descriptions and will submit suggested changes (member, officers, and committee chairs) to Andrea Yip. Revised job descriptions will be forwarded to the Advisory Council for their feedback/input. Dick reminded the advisory council that their role is to advise and endorse, not to make funding decisions.
- **Advocacy Committee – (June Michel)**
  - The committee will be supporting legislative forums on 9/14 in Tukwila and 9/28 in Bellevue. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet for a role at the forum(s) and whether you need a ride to the event(s). Part of our

advocacy role is volunteering to register voters at the forums. They will have information about voting in multiple languages at the forums.

- The proposed citizenship question on the census is an emerging issue. It was removed in 1950 but may be coming back. Concern that if citizenship question remains on the form, the result would be a decrease the number of eligible clients for ADS services due to federal funding formulas. **Motion:** June made a motion to have the AC write a letter removing the citizenship question from the census. Motion approved and seconded.
- **State Council on Aging** (Ava): No meeting in July or August
- **NW Universal Design** (Tom Minty): The sponsored presentation “*Designing for Special Populations*” on July 24 was well attended and positively received. The next event is October 4 on the topic of remodeling for aging in place. Please contact ADS Staff, Jon Morrison Winter, if interested in attending NWUD Council Steering Committee Meetings.
- **Age Friendly Coalition for Seattle and King County** (Maria Langlais): Next meeting will be August 17. Topic will focus on racial equity – e.g., how can Age Friendly Seattle support inclusion in the community. Maria will forward the announcement out to the Advisory Council and encouraged council participation in the coalition. Please contact Sarah Demas or Lenny Orlov for more information.
- **Mayor’s Council on African American Elders** (Karen Winston):
  - Introduced new MCAAE member, Janice Davis.
  - The MCAAE July 20 meeting included a presentation by Andrea Caupain Sanderson, Executive Director, Byrd Barr Place, and Heyward Watson, Capitol Hill Housing, to discuss the Liberty Bank/Africatown Plaza project, located on 24<sup>th</sup> and Union. More information forthcoming on the community and effects of gentrification, e.g., those still living in the area and those who were disperse because of the project.
- **Director’s Report** (Cathy Knight)
  - Reminded members that it’s important to be informed and stay involved with the November elections coming up. There is much good work being done on behalf of older adults and adults with disabilities, so it’s also an important time to thank our legislators for their advocacy and support.
  - Cathy and several ADS staff attended the [n4a conference](#) in Chicago. She will work with Irene to get some of their learnings in upcoming issues of [AgeWise King County](#). Issues of concern to n4a include the need to continue to message the importance of SNAP. They are also

beginning to talk about their advocacy role on the 2020 Census; the citizenship question could impact AAA allocations.

- At the state level, W4A intends to advocate for case management rate increases and major investment in dementia services during the 2019 state legislative session. Advisory Council members will play an important role in advocating for these priorities. The October 10<sup>th</sup> statewide gathering and Oct 11 Senior Lobby Conference, both at Hotel Murano in Tacoma, will be an important forum in which to learn more about the priorities and related advocacy strategies.

**Meeting adjourn @ 1:45 p.m. to celebrate Gigi Meinig!**

