



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
 December 14, 2018**

Members Present (CHECK AGAINST LIST)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor David Baker	<input type="checkbox"/> Florence Klein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Becker	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ava Frisinger	<input type="checkbox"/> Kathe Matrone	<input 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:** Cynthia Winters (MCAAE), Barb Williams, Lesley Steinman, Connie Bown, David Kelly, Aimee Verrall
- **AAA Staff:** Audrey Buehring, Cathy Knight, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraty, Allison Boll, Angela Miyamoto, Jane Crum, Irene Stewart, Karen Winston, Lori Sanford, Sariga Santhosh
- **King County:** Patty Hayes, Leo Flor, Mary Snodgrass, Traci Adair

I. 2018 HIGHLIGHTS AND 2019 PRIORITIES FROM AAA PARTNERS:

Audrey Buehring, Deputy Director (Seattle Human Services Department):

- Strengthening partnerships and aligning priorities of City of Seattle, King County Community and Health Services and Seattle-King County Public Health. Most recently, expanding services under Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy
- Submitting [Age Friendly Seattle Action Plan for 2018–2021](#), which involved planning and engagement with 2,000 Seattle residents over two years and was endorsed by Mayor Durkan, to AARP Livable Communities.
- Launching Medicaid Transformation Demonstration waiver program to expand caregiver support services for those not yet Medicaid-eligible. The returned Medicare savings were used to expand community-based options and outreach to caregivers in King County.

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- Experimenting with noncompetitive bidding processes for Community Living Connections and Family Caregiver Support network in King County. Staff is working with qualified service providers and testing new models for a more collaborative approach to achieve health equity.
- In 2019, HSD will need advisory council to play a critical role in protecting safety nets and preserving needed funding at state level to ensure continuity of services offered through the ADS case management program. They can also continue to play a critical role through advocacy and partnering with the Mayor oppose federal policy and budget threats to vulnerable populations.

Leo Flor, Director (King County Department of Community and Human Services)

- Implementing City of Seattle and King County priorities into programs – Traci Adair will be responsible for program creation
- Getting better at aligning AAA/ADS with King County resources
- Setting aside \$20 million for seniors through VSHSL -> a new opportunity to fund previously-starved services
- Another senior center RFP is currently in the works. Through VSHSL, \$4 million will be awarded every year for senior centers
- In 2019, DCHS will need the advisory council to speak up for community needs and continue holding King County accountable to community.

Patty Hayes, Director (King County Public Health)

- Partnering on Social Determinants on Health to understand what that means to community
- Continuing vigilance and action despite what's going on in DC. Even if ACA is dismantled or attacked, Public Health will not change coverage standards.
- Anticipating long legislative session
- Governor's budget included \$2.3 million to offset the loss of federal SNAP dollars
- Working with Governor on raising tobacco age to 21
- Watching state level STD levels with focus on disparities across age and racial groups. Increase in syphilis and AIDS (older adults are likely not as impacted)
- Watching latent tuberculosis levels, working to bring back latent TB program that treated TB at latent stages (\$600, cheaper) before it converts to full-blown TB.
- Focusing on opioid crisis and treatment, specifically on how to shape response to be more flexible and nimble.

II. COMMITTEE UPDATES/ HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

Executive:

- Dick Woo and Cindy Snyder selected as representatives for VSHSL Board
- Retreat location will be finalized and sent in the next few weeks
- Public charge comments period garnered 210,000 individual responses

Advocacy:

- Public charge comments period ended with exceptional public response
- Senate passed Farm Bill, removing work requirement for SNAP
- Strong legislative advocacy; getting electeds to come speak at events
- Meetings with elected several times in the year ~12 times (including Olympia and DC)

Planning and Allocations:

- Revised advisory council by-laws
- RFP for senior centers to coordinate city and county processes
- Revised new member orientation packet
- Updated job roles
- Held pubic hearing for discretionary funding in time for County budget

Universal Design:

- Opportunity to network at steering committee – speed dating style?
- ADA Accessible forums
- Interest in participating in more transportation related forums
- Maybe joining Seattle Home Show/ Seattle Design Commission to increase visibility

Mayor’s Council of African American Elders:

- Was busy every month in 2018
- Highlights include: Senior Lobby Day (February); Retreat (March); Dr. Jim deMaine End of Life Presentation (April); Juneteenth Celebration Potluck (June); Statewide Advisory Council Meeting and Senior Lobby Conference (October); Caregivers Forum (November); Advocating for Change Report (November); Holiday Meet-n-Greet (December)
- Submitted 2018 priority advocacy report to Mayor

State council on Aging:

- Looking for at-large Western Washington member (Cheryl Townsend Winters position)

III. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Money requested for case management is in Governor’s budget
- Date for Senior Lobby Day is now February 26

IV. MOTIONS

- Motion to modify and approve November meeting minutes
 - Ava – move to modify or correct minutes
 - Passed unanimously among council members

- Motion to require rural King County communities, especially Vashon Island, have access to emergency medical care through senior vouchers and expanded water taxi service.
 - Ava – move to vote
 - Cindy – seconded
 - Ava - move to discuss
 - Discussion about who to send funding request and whether the island has Medic One or ambulance services
 - Passed unanimously among council members

- Motion to require rural King County communities have adequate access for emergent and urgent medical care.
 - Ava – move to vote
 - Bruce – seconded
 - Ava - move to discuss
 - No discussion
 - Passed unanimously among council members