



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
May 10, 2019

Members Present

<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor David Baker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CM Marli Larimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Becker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ava Frisinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Michel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston
<input type="checkbox"/> CM Debora Juarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sawczuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo

Pending Members Present

<input type="checkbox"/> Connie Bown	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams
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Others present:

Guests: Sherry Parker, Dave Rogers, Ailie Glover, Edna Daigre, Karli Christianson, Tariq Scott, Cynthia Winters

AAA Staff: Cathy Knight, Maria Langlais, Irene Stewart, Andrea Yip, Lenny Orlov, Jeff Sakuma, Lori Sanford, Allison Boll, Karen Winston, Phung Nguyen, Sara Godinez, Dottie Hepzibah Banks, Sariga Santhosh

King County: Ingrid Ulrey, Mary Snodgrass, Traci Adair

May was Older Americans Month. Presenters and guests shared how older adults connect, create, and contribute to their communities every day. Seattle City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw and King County Public Health Policy Director Ingrid Ulrey delivered city and county proclamations respectively.

I. King County Public Health Trends: Ingrid Ulrey, Policy Director

- What does Public Health do? Health promotion, health protection, health provision.
- Collect data and analyze trends in issues like climate change, age wave, etc.
- Today, 18% of the population is over the age of 65. By 2040, that number will be 25%.
- However, this new longevity bonus is not shared equally among population. There are gaps in Southern and Eastern parts of county. Social determinants of health is how we address this longevity gap.
- Top public health threats for older adults: dementia, opioid crisis, gun violence, homelessness

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- For more information and statistics, refer to the attached slide deck.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve April meeting minutes
 - Ava: move to modify or correct minutes
 - Passed unanimously among council members

III. Committee Updates

Executive:

- Still in process of finalizing topics and venues for 2019 meetings

Planning and Allocations:

- Budget and legislative updates: property tax exemption approved effective 2020. Income eligibility increased.
- New member orientation manual will be in June meeting.
- This is the planning year of the 2020 - 2023 Area Plan. P&A review rough draft at June P&A meeting, with public comments open from July 22 to August 5. Full council and partners will approve after.
- Lorna and Andrea met with CM Upthegrove's staff this morning to discuss Senior Centers RFP and about need for coordination with AAA to avoid duplicative processes.
- Keiro NW closure is coming by end of the year. Many lines of business will be closing.

Advocacy:

- Long-term Care Trust Act – Questions about whether interest go back into fund surplus, General Funds, back into aging network and services? DSHS will implement – AAAs hope to play a role.
- We need to connect and build relationships with County Councilmembers
- Social Security sound till 2035, but system will need improvements to sustain over time (e.g., scrap the cap).
- Drugs ads on TV will now show prices if costs per month is greater than \$35

State Council on Aging:

- Will have opportunity to explain case management funding statewide, with focus on impacts to rural areas.

NW Universal Design Council:

- Design Happy Hour was on April 25, 4:30 – 6 pm with amazing turnout - 90 people. (Best Plumbing - 4129 Stone Way N, Seattle)
- Applied to 2019 Design Festival and Remodeling Expo for next year.

- ‘How to Plan Accessible Public Events’ event is on April 25, 10 - 12 pm (Central Building, 810 3rd Ave, Seattle). Tim Minty will emcee event. 180 folks are already pre-registered. Video premiere. Event will be recorded by the Seattle Channel.

Mayor’s Council of African American Elders:

- All nominees for the Council are confirmed. Only 1 vacancy at this time
- This month's meeting at NW African American Museum. Agenda: Planning for Grandparents Day on second Sunday in September; Genealogy roots; Balance our tax code presentation.
- Working on Legacy of Love African American Caregiver forum in November.

Age-Friendly Coalition:

- Steering Committee meets on June 6
- Working on building a stronger framework for the steering committee – more accountable and engaged.
- Better connect coalition work to Advisory Council, MCAAE, and other partnership forums.

IV. Partner Report

- Collaboration with VSHSL - thank you!
- 4 RFPs in different phases: GRAT RFP closed on 4/19 with robust community input but did not receive any applications -- going back to drawing board. Working on Caregivers RFP. Adaptative devices RFP is open. Senior center RFPs is open till May 24.
- HB 1497: Bill on Foundational Public Health concerning communicable disease, access to clinical care, etc. Asked for \$100 million, but only received \$23 million.
- Healthcare through state exchange passed.
- Bill to raise age of tobacco sales to 21 passed. Long-Term Care Trust Act passed.

V. Director’s Report

- New staff introduction – welcome Phung Nguyen!
- Working on more collaborations with County Partners: Public Health and Community and Human Services.
- Passage of LCTCA: transformational legislation. Helping people plan for future. Next few years will be focused on education, raising awareness.
- Other success, Property Tax bill, Telecoil bill, Funding for Housing Trust Fund, Kinship Care, Adult Day Services.
- Case management funding (\$200,000 for the biennium) was disappointing. Dems had many tough votes this year and couldn't do too many budget priorities. Will schedule summer meetings with legislators to build awareness.
- House Appropriations are out. Increases in OAA programs such as SHIBA.
- There are concerns about the proposed Administration for Community Living reorganization, namely taking away authority and subject matter expertise at local level.