



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 June 14, 2019

Members Present

<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor David Baker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CM Marli Larimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder
<input type="checkbox"/> Jenny Becker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams
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Others present:

Guests Edna Daigre, Cynthia Winters, Jon Rudicil, Steven Knipp

AAA Staff: Cathy Knight, Jason Johnson, Irene Stewart, Jeff Sakuma, Lori Sanford, Allison Boll, Karen Winston, Phung Nguyen, Sara Godinez, Sarah Demas, Jon Morrison Winters, Jody Sales, Jane Crum, Charleen Perras, Dottie Hepzibah Banks, Sariga Santhosh

King County: Mary Snodgrass, Traci Adair

June was LGBTQ Pride Month. Presenters provided an overview of local organizations and services that support older LGBTQ adults and talked about how unmet needs and barriers to quality and culturally competent care impact how LGBTQ communities age in place.

- I. **Panel Presentation:** Marsha Botzer (Ingersoll Gender Center Board Chair), George Dicks (UW Harborview Medical Center), Maureen Linehan (GenPRIDE Board Chair/Former ADS Director)
 - This year marks 50 years since the Stonewall riot of 1969.
 - Ingersoll Gender Center is the oldest continually-run trans-identity support group in the country. They exist because there is a gap in understanding of gender identity and is a resource for anyone who needs help. The organization has direct services like employment, but also work on trainings and policy and access issues. Ingersoll has 460 therapists within the PNW network.

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- LGBTQ older people of color are often low income and live in social isolation and stigma. This affects how and if communities access services.
- How can allies help?
 - Show up and advocate for the needs of sexual minorities
 - Recognize knowledge gaps and seek culturally sensitive trainings.
 - Acknowledge why the LGBTQ community and other marginalized groups gather: safety and community. Support ways to keep community intact.
- Where should policymakers focus efforts to support the LGBTQ older adults?
 - Invest in training for geriatric-focused experts
 - Develop baseline understanding of issues
 - Invite conversations/panels of subject area experts to learn

II. **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve May meeting minutes
 - Dick: move to modify or correct minutes
 - Andrea: motion moved
 - Sue: motion seconded
 - Passed unanimously among council members
- Motion to approve the updated New Member Orientation Guide
 - Dick: move to approve the contents of the guide
 - Lorna: motion moved
 - Larry: motion seconded
 - Passed unanimously among council members

III. **Committee Updates**

Executive:

- Cindy and Dick are in the process of being confirmed to VSHSL Board. Their nominations will be heard before the County Council on July 16.

Planning and Allocations:

- Reviewed 2020 – 2023 Area Plan updates. Karen Winston will present to full Advisory Council at the July 12 meeting.
- Voted as full council on revised New Member Orientation Guide. This was one of the priority projects of the P&A Committee in 2018.
- Congressman Adam Smith is scheduled to present at the August AC meeting.

Advocacy:

- Setting up appointments for Cathy (and any interested AC members) with County councilmembers to discuss AAA function and priorities. We need to build better relationships with County. Contact Sariga if you want an appointment.
- Alarming numbers of nursing home closures across King County – what can we do?

NW Universal Design Council:

- May 30 'Planning for Accessible Events' event had 252 attendees. Event was recorded by Seattle Channel with closed captioning.
- Next NWUDC Happy Hour is on June 26, 4:30 – 6:00 pm.
- Accepted into Seattle Design Festival: Doorway to Inclusion and Independence
- Tom attended Diana's 6/17 presentation to Bellevue City Council on rural elder abuse.

Mayor's Council of African American Elders:

- Met at Northwest African American Museum last month and had a presentation on balancing the tax code.
- Working in partnership with the museum for Grandfathers Day event on Sept 9.
- Next month's meeting will focus on Juneteenth celebrations and we'll screen the 'Speaking of Dying' movie.

Age-Friendly Coalition:

- Convening meetings with Age-Friendly attendees on ways to strategize and empower Steering Committee that will guide work of the Age-Friendly Coalition.
- Next meeting in the series is on June 21

IV. Partner Report

- DCHS is focused on RFP proposals:
 - Reviewing adaptive devices RFP and will be making announcements soon
 - Senior Hub RFP closed May 22 and updates will be coming this summer.
 - Awarded Connections to Caregivers grant to CARINA to expand their tool throughout King County.
 - Revising GRAT 2.0 RFP after an unsuccessful cycle. Will be reopening RFP mid fall.
- Public Health is tracking measles outbreak in County – national estimates count over 1000 cases, the highest rate in 25 years.
- Newest outbreak in King County is not related to earlier outbreak this year.
- MMR vaccines are recommended for vulnerable groups (infants, young children, pregnant women) and are available for free at all HealthPoint locations.
- Congresswoman Kim Schrier introduced the VACCINES Act (HR 2862), a bill that will increase immunization rates across the country and prevent future outbreaks.

V. Director's Report

- In September, Jason will present updates on budget and the new homelessness governance body that will manage future investments, policy, services, and strategies.
- Current focus is on VOCA funding for elder abuse program and Geriatric Workforce for an additional 5 years.
- We're also beginning to prepare for next legislative session. We're concerned about 6% increase over 15 years for Medicaid nursing rates that are too low for community providers and resulting in local nursing home closures.
- Will discuss city's 2020 priorities at next meeting.