



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
July 12, 2019

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Others present:

Guests: Arielle Washington, Joon Bang

AAA Staff: Cathy Knight, Irene Stewart, Andrea Yip, Maria Langlais, Jeff Sakuma, Lori Sanford, Karen Winston, Phung Nguyen, Sara Godinez, Sarah Demas, Lenny Orlov, Harrison Lee, Mary Pat O’Leary, Nani Brockett, Krista Sneller, Sariga Santhosh

King County: Mary Snodgrass

This month, we learned from Joon Bang, President and CEO of National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA), the organization’s scope, programs areas, and advocacy efforts to support older adults and families in the Asian and Pacific Islander community and explored how the Advisory Council can help advocate for local API community needs.

I. Panel Presentation: Joon Bang, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging

- Joon has a long history with advocacy organizations and comes to NAPCA from Los Angeles.
- The API community have unique barriers in accessing supportive services. The stigma attached to disclosing mental health and financial needs is pretty significant. Many API elders are cared by family, but immigrants often experience cultural disconnect with

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caregiving. This is an issue as homelessness among older adults is expected to triple in 10 years.

- The API community is less likely to have Social Security income or savings. The shrinking middle class also contributes to financial instability.
- During civil rights movement in the 70s, Asian-American activists recognized a lack of services geared towards the API community. NAPCA started with a research grant from the Administration on Aging.
- The organization's headquarters is located in Seattle, but programs operate nation-wide and are well-represented in California.
- In 2019, NAPCA celebrates its 40th year. The economic development program for older adults, which includes [Senior Community Service Employment Program](#) (SCSEP), is the largest program serving 1450 clients over 50 years of age in various states.
- NAPCA is also the only API grantee of [Senior Environmental Employment Program](#) (SEE), which partners with the EPA to connect older adults with environmental justice work.
- A big focus area for NAPCA is economic justice and employment advocacy. People are living longer, but the current workforce does not accommodate older adults.
- There is also pushback from major corporations in hiring older workers.
- NAPCA is currently developing pilot projects in California to connect older adults to jobs through churches and community-based orgs.
- We need to explore possible connection between Age Friendly and NAPCA's work.

II. Meeting Motions

- Motion to approve June meeting minutes
 - Ava: move to modify or correct minutes
 - Motion moved and seconded by members
 - Passed unanimously among council members
- Motion to approve 2020 – 2023 Area Plan content ahead of two public hearings.
 - Dick: move to approve 2020 – 2023 Area Plan content
 - June: 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:

- ADS' annual budget is \$54 million with priority funding to programs like elder abuse, case management, etc. ADS is also responsible for updating the Area Plan every 4 years.

- Karen Winston, ADS Planner, is working on the upcoming Area Plan. It is important to note the King County Longevity Map in her presentation, which shows varied life expectancy projections based on where one lives in King County.
- Need to vote on the proposed Area Plan updates ahead of the 7/18 and 8/5 public hearings.

Advocacy:

- President will not pursue immigrant status question in 2020 census, but reaching hard-to-count populations remains a hurdle.
- The census efforts have resulted in 400,000 temporary jobs.
- Diana Thompson was recognized at the Sound Generations 'Inspire Positive Aging' award on June 26. Ava and Larry, along with several ADS/HSD staff were in attendance.
- The committee discussed Dementia Mental Health Advance Care Directive.
- Members also received in-depth information about case management program and funding issues that need further clarification ahead of future legislator visits.

State Council on Aging

- Members talked about future coordination with AARP on the case management crisis and Guardianship Act (looking at updating 12 sections).

NW Universal Design Council:

- Members are working on networking events to infuse new faces to Steering Committee.
- The Council will participate in Seattle Design Festival Block Party (August 23 - 24) and will be presenting with Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP) on how to solve common design challenges for older adults and people with mobility issues.

Mayor's Council of African American Elders:

- Council celebrated Juneteenth with a potluck and screening of 'Speaking of Dying' in June meeting.
- Organizing first 'Grandparents Day' in Seattle (Sunday, 9/8) in partnership with Northwest African American Museum. The speaker is Dr. LaShawnda Pittman.
- July meeting - Friday, SE Seattle Senior Center. Invited Beth Boram, Beacon Development Group

Age-Friendly Coalition:

- Members have been meeting regularly to rebuild the coalition's Steering Committee and provide a framework that better connects the various regional coalitions and committees working on aging issues, including the Advisory Council and MCAAE.

IV. Partner Report

- Partners are tracking proposed updates to [Section 1557](#), the nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in certain health programs or activities.

Public comment period closes August 13 and Public Health and DCHS will submit joint comments against proposed rollbacks on protections.

V. Director's Report, Cathy Knight

- We are perfecting our message on the need for funding increases to our case management program. Last session, the Governor's budget included a \$9.9 million ask, but only received \$1.7 million, which translates to a little over \$200,000 for King County.
- The Senior Lobby Conference this year will be Oct 24 at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma.
- The Budget and Policy Center's Budget Matters Conference will be on October 2.
- The newly-formed Long-Term Care Trust Act commission will be headed by Senators Keiser and Conway to oversee implementation and administration of the insurance benefit.
- This year marks anniversaries of the Older Americans Act, ADA, and Medicaid/Medicare
- We are still worried about threats to safety nets under current administration.
- Seattle City Council passed a bill that requires city to renegotiate provider contracts with Human Services Department to keep up with inflation. We are also coordinating with King County about leveraging VSHSL funds to strengthen and support AAA programs.
- Several ADS staff will attend the n4a annual conference in New Orleans, July 28 - July 31. ADS will be receiving award for 'the Creating Accessible Events' event and toolkit.

VI. Future Meeting Speaker/Topic Ideas

- Discussion about hospital districts and how they impact care: KC Health or Vashon Island group
- Fall prevention panel and movement-based work
- Conversations on end of life planning + death with dignity
- Guardianship program: Claudia Donnelly