



**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**  
**February 14, 2020**

**Advisory Council Members**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CM Sofia Aragon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input type="checkbox"/> Jenny Becker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Michel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ava Frisinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston
<input type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input type="checkbox"/> CM Tammy Morales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sawczuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo
<input type="checkbox"/> CM Marli Larimer	<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder	

**Friends of the Advisory Council**

<input type="checkbox"/> Connie Bown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edna Daigre	<input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Winters
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Others present:

**Guests:** Tanya Zambrowsky, Mandy

**AAA Staff:** Cathy Knight, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Karen Heeney, Irene Stewart, Krista Sneller, Karen Winston, Jon Morrison Winters, Dominique Williams, Sara Godinez, Lenny Orlov, Lorraine Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

**Partners:** Ingrid Ulrey, Mary Snodgrass, Traci Adair, Alexis Rinck, Alexis Turla

I. **COVID-19 Presentation:** Ingrid Ulrey, Policy Director at Public Health - Seattle & King County

*Ingrid joined us to discuss the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and share how the County is responding to keep citizens safe and informed.*

- Virus is now called COVID-19
- Infection jumped from rats and snakes. Originated in China’s Wuhan district.
- 15 reported cases in WA
- 100 staff mobilized in Public Health to reach out and track people who may have contracted virus.

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- Federal measures to contain spread: only 11 designated airports will allow travelers from China to re-enter the US
- Important to address bias and Public Health is bring intentional in addressing and fighting stigma.
- No allocation of funding in President's budget to stop spread like in past with Zika, H1N1
- Quarantining infected people at their own homes is the safest and recommended solution to contain spread.

## II. Meeting Motions

- Motion to approve December meeting minutes
  - Ava: move to modify or correct minutes
  - Moved by Dick
  - Seconded by Larry
  - Passed unanimously among council members

## III. Committee Updates

### Executive:

- Will not meet after AC meeting.

### Advocacy:

- Section 8 housing vouchers are now open and will close in two weeks.
- HB 2907: authorizes a progressive revenue source through employer-paid payroll tax between 1/10 and 2/10 of 1%. Current version only applies to King County employers with employees who earn over \$150K. Would fund housing, homelessness, public safety, behavioral health.
- Passage of I-976 is complicating how transportation budget districts will access car tab revenue.
- Proposal for Medicaid Block Grants. This strategy whittles down Medicaid over time by turning an entitlement program into a grant and allows states to determine use.

### VSHSL Board:

- Echoing Advocacy Committee's notice about open Section 8 voucher period.
- Property tax exemption limit was increased. Need increased outreach to communicate change with King County residents.

### State Council on Aging

- Attended W4A Lobby Day and met with 14 legislators and/or staff. Most were receptive of our ask for \$3.4 million for the case management program.

### NW Universal Design Council:

- Upcoming wayfinding forum on February 27
- There will be an ADA celebration in July

- Will be participating again in Design Festival w/ WATAP again this year.
- Will be participating in Seattle Home Show, February 15 - 23
- Seattle Channel will be highlighting a Universal Design video.

Mayor's Council of African American Elders:

- Held 2020 retreat last month. Small group, but great discussion about this year's priorities.
- Additional discussion about Property Tax Assistance on site at senior centers
- Will be meeting at the SE Seattle Senior Center for February meeting
- Will have delegates attending 2/20 Senior Lobby Day

Age-Friendly Coalition:

- Seattle joined AARP network in 2016. The 2019 annual report highlights actions the City took to ensure that Seattle is a great place to grow up and grow old.
- Coffee Hours in 2020 will be jointly hosted with Seattle Public Library.

**IV. Partner Report:**

**Department of Community and Human Services:**

- Continuing coordination on RFPs with ADS
  - Senior Virtual Villages are open and will close February 24.
  - Evidence Based Health Promotion RFP will launch in mid-First Quarter 2020
  - Just opened VSHSL RFP for countywide I&A coordination
  - VSHSL funded mobile medical van - outreach to senior hubs
  - Coming soon: kinship care RFP. Expected to launch in late First Quarter 2020
- Continuing to develop deep network with senior hubs

**Department of Public Health:**

- Tracking COVID-19 updates closely.
- Interested in several bills (opioids, tobacco, gun violence) this legislative session. To date, 2000 bills have been introduced, with 1700 passing policy.
- Currently hiring program manager for the senior mobile medical van.

**Councilmember Morales - Seattle City Council (Alexis Turla, Chief of Staff):**

- CM Morales recently took office and is excited to serve District 2.
- She is dedicated to hearing from constituents and has office hours every Friday. Sign up for her newsletter for updates.
- Currently conducting walking tours with businesses and social services.
- Serving as Chair of Economic Development Committee and interested in growing community wealth and addressing business and community displacement.
- Other issues of interest include protection for renters, winter eviction moratorium, expansion of tiny home villages, and creation of walkable communities.
- Also serves on Labor Relations Policy and Public Safety and Human Services Committees
- Co-Chair for Unity Day in recognition of Black History Month at Town Hall on 28th, 5 pm

**V. Director's Report: Cathy Knight**

- Public Safety and Human Services Committee now monitors Human Services Department. Chaired by CM Herbold, who is interested in employment issues for older adults.
- Tracking several issues on a federal level:
  - Medicaid block grant: Currently an entitlement but could be capped in the future.
  - President's budget: Older American Act is flat funded with few cuts and will be a 7 year authorization.