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

| ☑ CM Sofia Aragon | ☑ Larry Low | ☐ Lorna Stone |
| ☐ Jenny Becker | ☑ June Michel | ☑ Diana Thompson |
| ☑ Ava Frisinger | ☑ Tom Minty | ☑ Sue Weston |
| ☐ Zelda Foxall | ☐ CM Tammy Morales | ☑ Barb Williams |
| ☑ Joe Hailey | ☑ Andrea Sawczuk | ☑ Dick Woo |
| ☐ CM Marli Larimer | ☐ Cindy Snyder |

Friends of the Advisory Council

| ☑ Connie Bown | ☑ Edna Daigre | ☐ Cynthia Winters |

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, Dominque 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.
• 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 Heath 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
  o Ava: move to modify or correct minutes
  o Moved by Dick
  o Seconded by Larry
  o 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
  o Senior Virtual Villages are open and will close February 24.
  o Evidence Based Health Promotion RFP will launch in mid-First Quarter 2020
  o Just opened VSHSL RFP for countywide I&A coordination
  o VSHSL funded mobile medical van - outreach to senior hubs
  o 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.