



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
November 13, 2020

Advisory Council Members

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<input type="checkbox"/> Jenny Becker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Michel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson
<input type="checkbox"/> Ava Frisinger	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sawczuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo
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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: Andy Nicholas, Kevin Lambing, Laura Lee Sturm, Marvin Eng, Liz Mills, Jon Rudicil, Nora Andermeier

AAA Staff: Cathy Knight, Maria Langlais, Irene Stewart, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Sue Siegenthaler, Jon Morrison Winters, Jane Crum, Sariga Santhosh

Partners: Traci Adair, Mary Snodgrass

I. Progressive Revenue 101: Andy Nicholas - Washington State Budget and Policy Center

This presentation discussed how Washington State’s upside-down tax code exacerbates economic and racial inequities and limits our ability to fully invest in communities. Andy covered progressive revenue options and advocacy strategies for the upcoming session.

II. Meeting Motions

- Motion to approve September meeting minutes
 - Dick: move to modify or accept minutes
 - Moved by Cindy
 - Seconded by Lorna
 - Passed unanimously among council members

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III. Committee Updates

Executive

- Will meet briefly after the AC meeting.

Advocacy

- Members attending Zoom meetings and webinars to identify advocacy opportunities.
- Revenue Committee recommends sending letter to Governor Inslee urging him to reject harmful cuts to the LTSS system and pursue progressive revenue options.

Nomination Committee

- Committee advanced the following slate for 2021 officer elections: Dick Woo (Chair), Lorna Stone (Vice Chair), Secretary (Cindy Snyder), Member At-Large (Diana Thompson)
- Members will vote at December meeting

Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Board

- Attended 9/17 meeting of full VSHSL Board, where new officers were elected. Current chair, Chris Porter, is stepping down and replaced by Robert White.
- Leo Flor provided update on the regional homelessness authority, which won't be fully operational until 2021. They're recruiting for the Executive Director and Board positions.
- Learned that 84% of the COVID-19 deaths in King County are elderly people aged 60+.
- Stable funding sources like the VSHSL are important during an economic downturn. For more information about what the levy funds, visit website:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/levy/funding/awards.aspx>

State Council on Aging

- Learned more about the COVID-19 vaccine at last meeting and priority populations.
- Worked on the 2021 legislative agenda, including stable funding for the LTC Ombudsman program through the Department of Commerce.
- Members formed a new subcommittee focused on social isolation to identify recommendations for governor. Lots of discussions about high-speed internet and pilot programs that provide hardware to make phone calls, access Zoom, and stay connected.
- ALSTA is organizing a similar workgroup to address isolation after UW School of Social Work's report on the joint impacts of COVID-19 and isolation on older adults.

Northwest Universal Design

- No updates

Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- Council continues to meet virtually on Zoom. At the October meeting, members discussed COVID-19 vaccine and community reservations about the vaccine.
- The African American Caregivers Forum is tomorrow, November 14, from 12 to 2pm.

IV. Partners Report

Seattle King County Public Health Department (Mary Snodgrass)

- King County is averaging 421 new COVID-19 cases a day. Two months ago, we were at 50 cases a day. A key indicator is incidence rate - how many new cases per population over 14 days - which is currently at 230 cases per 100,000 people in King County. Public Health's goal is 25 cases per 100,000 people.
- Median age of COVID-19 deaths is still 80, but all age groups are seeing increase in case counts. Half of cases are among 25 - 49 year age group. Incidence rates are 4-5x higher among Hispanics and 2x higher among Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islanders, American Indian and Alaskan natives, compared to whites.
- Cities in South King County along the i-5 corridor continue to experience the highest incidence rates in the county. Incidence rates in Auburn, Kent and Federal Way are 459 per 100,000 people, compared to the countywide average of 234 per 100,000 people.
- Public Health is brainstorming strategies to manage a surge in calls to its public information call center, including adding new staff, adding information in Spanish, and directing people to English and Spanish COVID-19 websites.
- Governor will likely enforce more restrictions around gatherings around the holiday season to protect hospital capacity.
- Public Health participates in local, state and national COVID-19 vaccine planning. A small amount of vaccine will be available by end of the year, but priority will be given to health care providers and higher risk populations like older adults. Current distribution schedule shows higher risk populations should have access by next spring, and the general public around next summer.

Department of Community and Human Services (Traci Adair)

- Older Adults team is still connecting with levy-funded senior centers every other week and discussing how VSHSL funds can be used to address social isolation and improve internet connectivity and access.

V. Director's Report (Cathy Knight)

- ADS is monitoring increases in COVID-19 cases in congregate sites like Seattle Housing Authority buildings and following guidelines to continue serving clients.
- No progress on another economic relief bill. If ADS does not receive additional stimulus dollars by the start of the year, we'll lose funds for programs like nutrition (home delivered meals, grocery delivery, etc.) New administration will be more receptive.
- City's budget deliberations are ongoing and we'll learn more around Thanksgiving week.
- Health One program will be expanding to 1-2 teams in 2021
- HSD is hosting forums on its Safe and Thriving Communities division to collect feedback.
- Several ADS staff won the Seattle Management Award for their work this year around race and social justice and environmental stewardship.