



# Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

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**To:** ADS Advisory Council Members and interested others

**From:** Joe Hailey, Chair, Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council

**Subject:** ADS Advisory Council March Meeting Agenda

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Agenda and Announcement for the  
Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council Meeting

**Friday, March 10, 2023 - VIRTUAL MEETING**

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81147051690>

*Aging and Disability Services is committed to ensuring the health and safety of community volunteers, guests, and staff and will continue limiting gatherings at this time. We anticipate hosting virtual meetings when it is fully safe for everyone to resume in-person meetings.*

Schedule	
<b>10:00 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Advocacy Committee</b>
<b>12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Homelessness in King County – 5 Year Plan: Alexis Mercedes Rinck (Director of Sub-Regional Planning, King County Regional Homelessness Authority)</b></p> <p><i>This month, we'll hear from King County Regional Homelessness Authority about their proposed five-year plan to reduce homelessness in King County. This presentation will include an overview of the plan, goals and strategies forward, and a Q&amp;A for attendees.</i></p>
<b>1:00 - 1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>RSJ Moment: “Too young, too old, or just a woman?”</b> by Deepa Fernandes and Ashley Locke (WBUR, October 11, 2022).
<b>1:15 - 1:45 pm</b>	<p><b>AC Business</b></p> <p>I. Approval of February Minutes</p>

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	<p>II. Reports from Committees and Councils (20 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocacy Committee - Larry Low</li> <li>○ Planning &amp; Allocations Committee - Lorna Stone</li> <li>○ VSHSL Board Seniors Committee - Cindy Snyder</li> <li>○ NW Universal Design Council - Tom Minty</li> <li>○ Mayor’s Council on African American Elders - Karen Winston</li> <li>○ Age-Friendly Seattle - Dinah Stephens</li> </ul> <p>III. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Department of Community and Human Services - Traci Adair</li> <li>○ Public Health Seattle/King County - Caren Goldenberg</li> <li>○ Sound Cities - Hali Willis</li> </ul>
<b>1:45 - 1:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Director’s Report: Mary Mitchell</b>
<b>1:55 - 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>

**Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings and Other Advocacy Events**

- **April 14, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**  
Noon - 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA

\*No public meeting in May to accommodate annual retreat

- **June 9, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**  
Noon - 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA

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# ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

March 10, 2023, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

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## AGENDA

Larry Low, Committee Chair

Item	Presenter	Time
<b>1. Welcome!</b>	Larry	5 min
<b>2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes</b>		
<b>3. Advisory Council Check-in</b> Share information on recent advocacy and partnership activities and emerging issues. As a result, members will have a better understanding of the committee's collective work and identify connections that support their advocacy priorities.	All	40 min
<b>4. Advocacy Issues</b> Federal  State • Legislative session updates  Local	ADS Staff	30 min
<b>5. Closing</b> • Review of Action Items	Sariga	1 min



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## Advisory Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2023

### Advisory Council Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input type="checkbox"/> CM Marli Larimer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty	<input type="checkbox"/> CM Tammy Morales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex O'Reilly (pending)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> CM Kim-Khánh Van	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo		

### Others present:

Guests: Pauline Lapin, Gwen Urrutia, J Wong, Abdi Isaak

AAA Partners: Traci Adair, Caren Goldenberg, Hali Willis

HSD Staff: Tanya Kim, Mary Mitchell, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Irene Stewart, Karen Winston, Lori Mina, Dinah Stephens, Sarah Barkman, Jessica Chow, Sariga Santhosh

### I. **Accountable Care Organization’s Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO-REACH) Model: Pauline Lapin, Director, Seamless Care Models Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)**

Following up on last month’s presentation about ACO-REACH, we heard more about the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, lessons learned about accountable care organization models, and work done to test models that can inform and improve CMS programs, including traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage.

### II. **RSJ Moment: “[Biden has good news, but Americans are in a bad mood](#)”** by Elaine Kamarck (Brookings, February 3, 2023).

### III. **Meeting Motions and Council Business**

- Motion to approve February meeting minutes
  - Moved by Barb
  - Seconded by Cindy
  - Passed unanimously among council members

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## IV. Committee Updates

### Advocacy

- Members have been busy tracking bills moving through the legislature.
- Met with 13 state legislators during W4A Lobby Week – The King County delegation was mostly supportive of our asks.

### Planning & Allocations Committee

- Met for the first meeting of 2023 on 2/6. Discussed planning timeline for the development of the 2024 – 2027 Area Plan, which includes 6 strategy mapping sessions to address equity.
- No budget updates but will know more by April meeting.

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

- Discussed addiction and the levy's rental assistance program at the last meeting.
- 2023 is the final year of the current levy. Board will have a special meeting next week to start planning for the next iteration.
- VSHSL summit will be 5/3 and 5/4 at the Museum of Natural Flight. Staff are soliciting input for topics and keynote speaker.

### Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Had a great second happy hour event last month at Light Art, a vendor specializing in sound canceling equipment. Lots of potential at spaces like restaurants and for people experiencing hearing loss or cognitive decline. Lots of new faces at the event.
- Council also supported the second iteration of the housing forum last month.
- Exploring participating in the Seattle Design Festival. Council is reaching out to architecture firms or other businesses that might be interested in cosponsoring project.

### Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- Members met last month for their annual retreat, where they discussed 2023 advocacy goals. Discussion will continue at the February meeting. Areas of interest include, rising housing costs, health disparities, and affordable healthcare.
- February meeting is hybrid. Members can join in person at Byrd Barr Place, or virtually.

### Age Friendly Seattle

- The Age-Friendly team's anti-ageism training for City of Seattle employees is in production. Hope is for roll-out to coincide with Older Americans Month in May.
- Age-Friendly continues to host Civic Coffee Hours in community and rotate locations. For the next event, presenters from King County Mobility Coalition will discuss intersections between transportation and healthcare access.

## V. Partners Report

### King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)

- Working with AARP, ADS, Age-Friendly Seattle, and Universal Design Council on the housing forum has been an exciting collaboration. 45 people attended the January event in Renton. Next event on 3/6 will be on Zoom and will discuss innovative ways aging service providers can coordinate and partner with local housing authorities.
- The King County Women's Advisory Board is diving into aging as a topic of interest. Dinah provided a great overview women's issues and aging at a recent meeting.

### Public Health Seattle/King County

- Public Health is worried about the tri-demic (COVID-19/flu/RSV). Incidence rates for all three illnesses are going down, but public needs to be vigilant. Flu shots and COVID-19 boosters are highly recommended. Vaccination rates for older adults is high (68%).
- There is a Shigella outbreak affecting few restaurants and homeless encampments. Anyone experiencing symptoms should reach out to primary care or urgent care.

### Sound Cities Association

#### **Behavioral Health Crisis Care Centers Levy:**

- King County is considering a new levy that will:
  - Create five new regional crisis centers - at least one in North, Central, South and East King County - with 24-hour walk-in and quick hand-off from law enforcement.
  - Preserve and restore residential treatment beds
  - Grow the behavioral health workforce pipeline
- Levy would be a 9-year levy lid lift and would raise \$1.25B over 9 years.
- The proposed levy was passed by County Council in late January and will appear on the April ballot. The King County executive is required to submit an implementation plan by end of 2023. If it passes, Levy collections would begin in 2024.

#### **KCRHA Five Year Plan:**

- The five-year plan includes 7 goals to reduce homelessness (especially unsheltered homelessness), streamline homelessness response system, and increase regional coordination. Each goal has strategies (each with a two-year plan), and metrics.
- The plan recommends \$8.4B in additional one-time costs *over five years* for temporary and permanent housing capital, diversion programs and admin to manage new funds and \$1.7-\$3.4B in additional new *annual* operating costs.

## VI. Director's Report

- February is Black History Month. The Mayor and Seattle City Council [signed a joint proclamation](#) honoring and recognizing Black history in Seattle.



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## Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

February 10, 2023

### I. Attendance

- Advisory Council Members: Diana Thompson, Joe Hailey, Zelda Foxall, Barb Williams, Alex O'Reilly (membership pending)
- ADS Staff: Mary Mitchell, Maria Langlais, Sariga Santhosh
- Guests: J Wong, Vicki Lockwood

### II. Committee Votes

- Motion to approve January meeting minutes
  - Minutes moved by Joe
  - Seconded by Barb
  - Passed unanimously among present members

### III. Member/Guest Updates

- Joe:
  - Signed in support of various housing bills:
    - [HB 1124](#) (requiring 6 months' notice before significant rent increases)
    - [SB 5202/ HB 1149](#) (\$4B ballot referendum for affordable housing).
    - [HB 1388/ HB 1389/ SB 5435](#) (mobile home owner protections)
    - [HB 1260/SB 5480](#) (stability for people with work-limiting disability or incapacity)
    - [SB 5256/ HB 1186](#) (expanding child welfare housing assistance)
  - Participated in calls with legislators during W4A Advocacy Week, with Senator Nguyen's staff (2/1) and Representative Fitzgibbon (2/3).
  - Attended W4A Advocacy Day webinar on 1/23 to prepare for legislator visits.
- Zelda
  - Participated in legislator calls during W4A Advocacy Week with Senator Hasegawa (1/31) and Representative Bergquist (2/1).
  - Attending AARP Advocates check-ins on Monday to track activity during session.
  - Signed in support of [HB 1388](#) (mobile home owner protections) and ADU bills.
  - Still working on expansion of Child Tax Credit. President Biden mentioned it as a priority in his State of the Union address.
  - Will be meeting with Reps. Smith and Jayapal about a national renters' tax credit.
  - Will be performing at a storytelling program for families and children on 2/11 and 2/16 in honor of Black History Month.

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- Diana:
  - Participated in legislator calls during W4A Advocacy Week with Senator Dhingra's (2/1) and Representative Walen's (2/6) staff.
  - Supporting various bills and budget items with Bellevue Network on Aging:
    - [SB 5183](#)/[HB 1128](#) (increasing PNA in assisted living facilities)
    - Additional funding for AAA Medicaid Case Management program, Health Home program and Dementia Resource Catalyst sites (W4A priorities)
    - [SB 5179](#)/[HB 1281](#) (Death with Dignity bill) and [HB 1051](#) (anti robocall bill)
    - [SB 5366](#)/[HB 1329](#) (prevents utility shut-off during extreme heat events)
    - [HB 1222](#) (coverage for hearing instruments)
  - Been reading the book 'The Real Anthony Fauci' by Robert Kennedy Jr.
- Barb:
  - Learned Judy Kinney will be resigning from End of Life Washington, but there is commitment from organization to get the Death with Dignity bill over the finish line.
  - Participated in calls with legislators during W4A Advocacy Week, with Senator Pedersen and Representative Chopp (2/3).
  - Attended League of Women Voters Washington and Fix Democracy First's advocacy week and spoke in support of several voting rights bills.
  - Saw a play recently at the ACT Theatre called, 'The History of Theater' that focused on Black theatre artists during Black History Month.
- Alex:
  - Participated in calls with legislators during W4A Advocacy Week, with Representative Springer (1/30) and Senator Frame (2/2).
  - Supporting [SB 5486](#) (wealth tax bill), [SB 5179](#)/[HB 1281](#) (Death with Dignity bill) and [HB 1045](#) (Evergreen Basic Income pilot program)

#### IV. Federal, State, Local Issues

- Federal:
  - Met with Rep. DelBene's staff on 1/25 to provide an overview of Area Agencies on Aging, the AC's federal priorities, and identify ways to collaborate on aging issues.
  - Mary and other AAA Directors will be attending the USAging policy briefing in April. Policy focus continues to be funding for Older Americans Act (especially IIIB and family caregiver programs) and home and community based services.
- State:
  - W4A advocacy week debrief and suggestions for future meetings:
    - Provide data sharing how many people legislation/funding would impact
    - Opt for Zoom meetings (over Teams) when offered a choice
    - Identify point person (ADS staff) for follow-up questions from legislators
    - 15 minute meetings are hard, so preparation makes a difference.
    - Sending reminder email with priorities to legislator and/or aide right before meeting so they're familiar with our issues.



- Lots of legislators shared that funding levels won't be as generous this year to account for inflationary increases. Will know more by 3/20 revenue forecast but initial numbers are looking good.
- All three W4A budget requests are on track for budget inclusion:
  - Case Management: Sponsors in House (Tharinger + Bateman) and Senate (Muzzall)
  - Health Home: Sponsors in House (Tharinger) and Senate (Randall)
  - Dementia Resource Catalyst: Sponsors in House (Tharinger) and Senate (Robinson)
- Deadline to get bills (non-budget) out of committees is 2/18. If a policy bill doesn't get a hearing next week, it'll likely die this session.
- Senior Lobby will host a virtual advocacy day on 2/23 from 8:30 to 11:30 am.
- Local:
  - It's the renewal year for the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy. County Council will need to pass the new iteration before it goes on the ballot for fall.