



# 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 December 10, 2021

### Advisory Council Members

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

#### Others present:

Guests: Aja Hazelhoff, Patrice Carroll, Edna Daigre, Diane Snell

AAA Partners: Mary Snodgrass, Traci Adair, Hali Willis

AAA Staff: Mary Mitchell, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Irene Stewart, Allison Boll, Jon Morrison Winters, Dinah Stephens, Lenny Orlov, Angela Miyamoto, Sue Siegenthaler, Jane Crum, Lori Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

#### I. City of Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan Update: Aja Hazelhoff + Patrice Carroll (Office of Planning and Community Development)

*This month, we heard from staff at the Office of Planning and Community Development about efforts to update the City of Seattle’s [Comprehensive Plan](#), a framework used to guide the city’s growth for the next 20 years. The presentation included background information, next steps, and opportunities for attendees to share how growth planning should accommodate the needs of older adults and people with disabilities.*

#### II. Meeting Motions and Council Business

- Motion to approve November meeting minutes
  - Moved by Barb
  - Seconded by Larry
  - Passed unanimously among council members

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In partnership with:



- Motion to approve slate of 2022 officers (Chair - Joe Hailey; Vice-Chair - Lorna Stone; Secretary - Cindy Snyder; At-Large - Diana Thompson)
  - Moved by Larry
  - Seconded by June
  - Passed unanimously among council members
  
- Motion to approve 2022 state legislative agenda (funding parity for Medicaid case management, fixing WA Cares, raising Personal Needs Allowance)
  - Moved by Larry
  - Seconded by Lorna
  - Passed unanimously among council members

### III. Committee Updates

#### Advocacy

- Members requested Death with Dignity presentation in 2022.
- Finalized 2022 state legislative priorities. Needs Council vote next.

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

- No updates

#### Northwest Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- No updates

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

- No updates

#### Age Friendly Seattle

- Introduction to Dinah Stephens – new Age-Friendly Program Manager
- 11/18 Coffee Hour - Rex Brown, Director of HSD's Safe and Thriving Communities Division
- 34 episodes of Close to Home since pandemic started. In 2022, Coffee Hour and Close to Home will merge to monthly events. Exploring hybrid options.
- Hired new Age-Friendly Program Manager. Her first day will be November 24<sup>th</sup>.

### IV. Partners Report

#### **Department of Community and Human Services (Traci Adair)**

- Finished with VSHSL senior programming RFPs for the year. Working on getting stories for annual report that will be presented to King County Council in 2022.
- Susan McAllister, formerly with HSD, started as DCHS Deputy Director this week.
- Recently notified five recipients of the two ARPA-funded senior center RFP processes for intergenerational programming and COVID response: India Association of Western

Washington; United Indians of All Tribes; Southeast Seattle Senior Center; Sound Generations - Lake City/Northgate; Seattle Indian Health Board

**Public Health Seattle/King County (Mary Snodgrass)**

- King County's seven-day incidence rate is 94 cases per 100,000 people, which is considered substantial transmission as defined by the CDC.
- Majority of COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths continue to among the unvaccinated.
- Public Health is seeing rise in Omicron cases among vaccinated people in King County. Best precaution is to get vaccinated (including boosters), mask up and avoid crowds, test, and stay home when you have symptoms.
- In King County, 85% of people ages 12 and over are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and 91% of people 12 and older have received at least one dose.
- Anticipating vaccines for children under 4 years of age will be available in April or May.

**Sound Cities Association (Hali Willis)**

- King County Council adopted significant updates to their policy documents that guide their operations for the next 10 years and beyond. SCA caucus to the Regional Transit Committee was deeply involved in the process - new documents place greater emphasis on equity for priority populations (people of color, people with disabilities, low-income immigrants, refugees, people who speak languages other than English, etc.)

**V. Director's Report (Mary Mitchell)**

- December marks official return to home visits for case managers. This is critical work as some clients have not been seen by case managers in almost 2 years.
- Hiring process for Deputy Director, which will include ADS/aging portfolio, is still ongoing. Will wrapped up by end of the year before starting the hiring process for ADS Director.
- Department is busy planning for a new administration, Mayor-elect Bruce Harrell.
- Sharing gratitude for:
  - DCHS and Public Health for a valuable partnership that allows AAA to function and respond as effectively as it does.
  - AC members for showing up to our meetings and continuing to be strong advocates for older adults in King County in the pandemic era.
  - Dick Woo and the current/incoming members of AC officers for stepping into leadership roles at such a critical time for ADS.