



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 11, 2022

Advisory Council Members

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<input type="checkbox"/> CM Kim-Khánh Van	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams
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Others present:

Guests: Judy Kinney, Daniela Loria, Terri Cleveland, Edna Daigre, Alli Riese, Pamela Williams, JJ Wong

AAA Partners: Mary Snodgrass, Traci Adair, Hali Willis

AAA Staff: Mary Mitchell, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Allison Boll, Jon Morrison Winters, Dinah Stephens, Karen Winston, Angela Miyamoto, Dinah Stephens, Jane Crum, Lori Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

I. End of Life Planning and Advocacy: Judy Kinney (Executive Director) + Daniela Loria (Outreach Manager), End of Life WA

This month, we heard from staff at End of Life WA about end of life options and efforts to preserve a person’s right to a full range of end of life choices in Washington state. This presentation included an introduction to advance planning, patient rights, and a Q&A session

II. Meeting Motions and Council Business

- Motion to approve December meeting minutes
 - Moved by Cynthia
 - Seconded by Larry
 - Passed unanimously among council members

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- Motion to send letter of support for [HB 1141](#) (Death with Dignity bill) to members of the Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee.
 - Moved by Diana
 - Seconded by Lorna
 - Passed unanimously among council members

III. Committee Updates

Advocacy

- Members were busy with advocacy activities in January and February.
- Cathy MacCaul joined to provide legislative updates of AARP's priorities.
- [SB 5745](#) (increasing Personal Needs Allowance) will have a hearing today. Advocacy Committee discussed sending a letter to Senate Rules Committee to hold a vote before the Feb. 15 deadline.

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

- County staff is preparing for the third VSHSL renewal. The new levy will run from 2023 to 2029. The first Levy was approved in 2005 for six years and renewed in 2011 and 2017 for six years. The Seniors category was added in 2017 and the county continues to coordinate with ADS to spend around \$20M on aging programs and services every year.
- The board needs members for the Seniors committee. Recruitment is a challenge.

Northwest Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Working with Dinah Stephens and Jon Morrison Winters to compile list of people who have shown interest in the Universal Design Council. Next step is outreach to individuals to establish a new steering committee to direct the Council's work.

Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- MCAAE members met the new HSD Deputy Director, Michael Bailey at the January MCAAE meeting. Members also received a presentation from the Washington Homeownership Resource Center, which works to increase and preserve homeownership opportunities throughout the state.
- MCAAE confirmed 2022 advocacy items: supporting extremely low-income housing in King County and working with Public Health and community-based organizations to address health disparities among Black elders. Members will create an advocacy report and present findings to Mayor Harrell by the fourth quarter.
- At the Feb. 18 MCAAE meeting, members will receive an overview of the Sharing History through Active Reminiscing and Photo imagery (SHARP) pilot project in Seattle. This is a replication of a 2016 SHARP Portland study, which is a culturally celebratory walking program intended for African Americans with early-stage memory loss.

Age Friendly Seattle

- Working on the Age Friendly report highlighting the last five years of accomplishments. Will share findings and next steps at a future meeting.

IV. Partners Report

Department of Community and Human Services (Traci Adair)

- DCHS is working on VSHSL renewal. Jennifer Lehman is the new VSHSL Renewal Manager and will engage with the Advisory Council about next iteration of the levy soon.
- Working on the 2021 VSHSL annual report. Will be available in spring or early summer.
- County received American Recovery Plan Act funds; some of it will be directed to ADS programs. DCHS staff are currently in a review process and will put the money out soon.

Public Health Seattle/King County (Mary Snodgrass)

- King County's seven-day incidence rate is 434 cases per 100,000 people. It was 89 cases per 100,000 people in December and 1000 cases in January. The quick spike is due to the Omicron variant. Hospital capacity remains a concern.
- In King County, 84% of people ages 5 and over are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and 92% of people 5 and older have received at least one dose. 81% of residents ages 65 and over have received a booster or additional dose.
- There are discussions at national, state, and local levels around the right time to start rolling back COVID-19 mitigation measures. Governor Inslee announced he will be lifting the outdoor mask mandate for events with 500 or more people on Feb. 18. An announcement about a target date to lift the indoor mask mandate is coming soon.
- Anticipating vaccines for children under 4 years of age will be available in April or May.
- On a personal note, this is my last day with Public Health. I'm moving out of state to be closer to family. Thank you to the AC for being such a valuable community partner!

Sound Cities Association (Hali Willis)

- Link light rail is going to be expanding east in 2023 and adding two more stops in Redmond. In 2024, Metro will be restructuring its bus service on the eastside to account for the new light rail services. There will be virtual information sessions in the coming weeks for anyone interested in learning more and providing feedback.
- The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) recently released their regional transportation plan for public comment. This is a long range, regional transportation plan and is attached to federal transportation funding. Metro and PSRC identified people with disabilities and older adults as priority populations on the new plan.

V. Director's Report (Mary Mitchell)

- HSD Deputy Director, Michael Bailey, will join us at a future AC meeting to see the great work you're doing!
- Planning is underway to start the hiring process for the ADS Director position.
- Mayor Harrell will be delivering his first State of the City address on Feb. 15.
- Received notification that the eviction moratorium in Seattle is set to expire on Feb. 28. ADS staff is connecting with other city departments and community partners to see how we can support older adults who could be facing eviction.