



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

March 11, 2022

Advisory Council Members

<input type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CM Marli Larimer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input 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: Kathy Van Olst, Eileen Alexander, Elizabeth Wilson, Terri Cleveland, Edna Daigre, Shirin Velji, Steven Banks, Pran Wahi, Essence Shelton, Sina Jackson, Pamela Williams

AAA Partners: Hali Willis

AAA Staff: Michael Bailey, Mary Mitchell, Maria Langlais, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Jeff Sakuma, Karen Heeney, Kathi Church, Kristine Broome, Alexis Espindola, Allison Boll, Dinah Stephens, Angela Miyamoto, Sue Siegenthaler, Irene Stewart, Dinah Stephens, Jane Crum, Lori Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

I. Elder Abuse: Kathy Van Olst and Eileen Alexander (King County Prosecutor’s Office) + Kathi Church, Karen Heeney, and Alexis Espindola (Aging and Disability Services)

This month, we heard from core members of the Seattle/King County Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team about elder abuse in King County and efforts to protect older adults and vulnerable adults from exploitation. This presentation included recent trends, the collaborative work of the multidisciplinary team, and a Q&A session.

II. Meeting Motions and Council Business

- Motion to approve February meeting minutes
 - Moved by Larry
 - Seconded by Dick
 - Passed unanimously among council members

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III. Committee Updates

Advocacy

- Discussed community safety as crime continues to rise in King County.
- Lots to celebrate at the end of the 2022 legislative session: \$24M for case management, raising the Personal Needs Allowance threshold, and \$ for hospital transitions.

Planning & Allocations Committee

- Good news for budget at state level, but state of city budget is unknown. City departments are asked to hold off on submitting budget requests until we know more.
- Discussed committee work plan and will provide input on two RFP processes in 2022 – Senior Nutrition and Senior Centers.

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

- Learned that less than half the older adults in King County eligible for property tax exemptions are taking advantage of the program, despite raising the threshold so more people qualify. Should invite staff at County Assessor's office back to AC meeting.
- Sat in on county's Wage and Benefit Study presentation. 233 local nonprofits participated in the survey. Nonprofits were impacted due to pandemic and low wages made it hard to recruit and retain staff. Full report will be released soon with more details.

Northwest Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Convened inaugural Universal Design Council meeting last Wednesday. We now have a steering committee that meets the first Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. Next step is to discuss what public engagement will look like.
- Shared information about an upcoming event with Charles Durrett, a pioneer in senior co-housing, on April 8, where he'll discuss solutions to homelessness.

Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- At the March MCAAE meeting, members will receive an overview of Age-Friendly Seattle and what the team has accomplished in the last five years.

Age Friendly Seattle

- Working on the Age Friendly report and will present findings to AC in the summer.

IV. Partners Report

Sound Cities Association

- Legislative session ended this week and Sound Cities is excited about significant funding boost for transportation. Still researching impacts on SCA member cities.

V. Director's Report

- The state legislative session ended on March 10 and will go down as one of the best years on record for AAA priorities, including:
 - \$24M for AAA Case Management programs – fully funded! This represents a 23% raise bump, but it is a long-overdue investment after 24 years of neglect.
 - Passage of [SB 5745](#) and \$58M to raise Personal Needs Allowance limit – fully funded!
 - \$4.2M for AAA hospital transition work – partially funded.
 - Increases for Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and home delivered meals
 - Includes state match for federal ARPA funds.
- Inflation and loss of one-time COVID funds mean we can't rely on this windfall in future sessions. The new state contracts start July 1, and AAAs will begin contract negotiations with ALTA in coming months to ensure flexibility as program and client needs evolve.
- News is not as optimistic on the federal front as 2022 appropriations were passed without substantial increases to the Older Americans Act, which is disappointing after decades of flat funding and high inflation.
- HSD Deputy Director, Michael Bailey, shared efforts are underway to start a competitive process to hire a permanent ADS Director. We'll share a survey to invite folks interested in participating in the process (job posting review, resume review, interviews, etc.) Goal is to hire by July 15. Timeline for hiring process attached below.

ADS HIRING TIMELINE

