



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
April 9, 2021

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo		

Friends of the Advisory Council

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edna Daigre	<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Lambing	
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Others present:

Guests: Carl Keiser, JJ Wong, Shelley Puariea

AAA Staff: Helen Howell, Cathy Knight, Maria Langlais, Irene Stewart, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Andrea Yip, Angela Miyamoto, Allison Boll, Karen Winston, Sue Siegenthaler, Brent Butler, Jane Crum, Lori Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

Partners: Traci Adair, Mary Snodgrass, Alexis Rinck

I. VSHSL Services and Programs for Older Adults – Traci Adair (Older Adults and Healthy Aging Unit, King County Department of Community and Human Services)

This month, we got an overview of [VSHSL funded programs](#) and received status updates on services that support older adults in King County.

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II. Meeting Motions and Council Business

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

III. Committee Updates

Advocacy

- Received update on [HB 1218](#) from Pamela at Long-Term Care Ombudsman office.
- Discussed status of bills in legislature on long-term care, affordable housing, and progressive revenue. Sariga sent priority bills tracker prior to meeting to AC members.
- Enjoyed AgeWise article on rise of violence against AAPI communities from Dick Woo.

Planning and Allocations:

- Learned about 2020 Area Plan Report Card. Upcoming Area Plan draft ready in summer.
- Received city, state, and federal budget update.

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

- VSHSL term ends are coming up. Cindy has expressed interest in staying on, but we need a replacement for Dick.
- Seniors Committee received a presentation on virtual villages.

State Council on Aging

- No updates

Northwest Universal Design

- Tom and his business partner start their continuing education classes for realtors about accessibility in homes next Wednesday, 4/14 through the University of Washington.

Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- At the March meeting, staff from Washington State Department of Health returned to conduct a focus group on vaccine distribution efforts within BIPOC communities.
- Speakers for April meeting will include staff from Community Health Partners of Washington and Dr. Debby Tsuang (Puget Sound VA/UW) who will present on cognitive aging and mental health in African American older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Waiting on Mayor's office for approval of recent applicants to MCAAE.

Age Friendly Seattle (MCAAE)

- Team received a multicultural programming award for Coffee Hours!

IV. Partners Report

Seattle King County Public Health Department (Mary Snodgrass)

- County is averaging 238 new COVID cases daily with steepest increase in adults 18-34.
- King County is in Phase 3 of reopening, but Public Health is watching contagious variants.
- Still seeing downwards trend in COVID-related hospitalizations overall among older adults, but areas most impacted remain are in South King County.
- Vaccination efforts in county going well. 45% of King County residents have at least one dose as of today, and 85% of older adults over 65 have at least one dose.
- On 4/15, adults over 16 will be eligible for vaccines. Vaccine supply will improve by May.
- Healthcare systems like UW, Harborview, Swedish and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance have mobile vaccination teams for people experiencing homelessness and homebound adults.

Department of Community and Human Services (Traci Adair)

- Caregiver respite and community building RFP with ADS is in the works. There will be a community planning session in May for input.
- King County has a wage survey for contracted providers to understand performance and ensure competitive wages for community groups serving priority populations.

Sound Cities Association (Alexis Rinck)

- 38 member cities continue to engage with Public Health Director, Patty Hayes, on vaccination efforts, specifically opening high-volume sites (ex: Microsoft at Redmond).
- Working with County Executive, who released the proposed COVID supplemental budget last week that includes funding from the American Rescue Plan, for vaccine distribution.
- The new regional homelessness authority has hired its CEO! SCA will be participating in subregional planning to ensure homelessness services fit the needs of each city.

V. Director's Report (Cathy Knight)

- Biden administration released its "skinny" budget that includes increases in non-defense discretionary spending and removes sequestration caps.
- Our legislative advocacy is powerful and effective! Last year, we were worried about proposed cuts to the LTSS budget. Now, we're hearing that no cuts are on the table.
- Legislature will be releasing its proposed budgets next week and the forecasts look good. Incoming federal funds should further replenish state coffers.
- City of Seattle committed \$1M in innovation funds to support anti-hate legislation. HSD will be releasing mini, one-time grants for eligible CBOs.