



**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**  
**June 11, 2021**

**Advisory Council Members**

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

**Friends of the Advisory Council**

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

**Guests:** Peter Tassoni, Tamara Roberts, Terri Cleveland, Pamela Williams

**AAA Staff:** Mary Mitchell, Jeff Sakuma, Irene Stewart, Andrea Yip, Karen Winston, Karen Heeney, Kathi Church, Alexis Espindola, Sue Siegenthaler, Jane Crum, Lenny Orlov, Lori Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

**Partners:** Alexis Rinck

**I. Elder Abuse Awareness Proclamation: ADS Elder Abuse Case Management Team**

June 15<sup>th</sup> was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Staff from the ADS Elder Abuse Case Management shared Mayor Durkan’s proclamation to bring awareness of local efforts to address elder abuse.

**II. Disability Savings Programs in WA State – Peter Tassoni (Disability Workgroup Manager, Washington State Department of Commerce) and Tamara Roberts (Endowment Trust Fund Manager, Arc of Washington State)**

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This month, we received an overview of two programs – [Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund](#) and [Washington State ABLE Savings Plan](#) – that support people with disabilities take steps toward planning for a secure financial future.

### III. Meeting Motions and Council Business

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

### IV. Committee Updates

#### Advocacy

- Members attending debates with Seattle mayoral candidates.
- Committee is in the process of developing the 2021 federal priorities. A final draft will be available at the July Advisory Council meeting. Priorities include increasing investments in Older Americans Act (OAA) and home and community-based services (HBCS), stabilizing Social Security, and supporting the broader safety net system.

#### Planning and Allocations

- Discussed Area Plan update with emphasis on COVID-19 impacts on AAA programs and services. Lead planner, Karen Winston, will present at the July AC meeting. Public comments open July 19 and Committee will host public hearing on August 2.
- ADS will receive \$7.4M in COVID-19 funding from the American Rescue Plan to be spent before September 2024. Grant requires a \$1.5M state match (\$500,000/year till 2024)
- City budget process is in full swing. HSD submitted its 2022 budget to Mayor's office for review. Mayor is tentatively scheduled to make budget speech on September 21.

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

- Cindy will be on the review committee for the caregivers grant.
- AC members interested in serving on the VSHSL Board with Cindy, contact Sariga.

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

- At the May meeting, members connected with Mary Mitchell (interim ADS Director).
- At the June meeting, Zyna Bakari from the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle will share updates about vaccine efforts in the Black community.
- MCAAE partnering with PSARA to host mayoral candidate forum in July. Details pending.

#### Age Friendly Seattle

- May Coffee Hour with Dick Woo and ADS staff went well.
- The June Coffee Hour and Close to Home programs will have speaker panels in celebration of Pride month!

## V. Partners Report

### Sound Cities (Alexis Rinck)

- Last AC meeting as Sound Cities liaison. Transitioning to new role with the new regional homelessness authority as their Sub Regional Planning Manager.
- Interim Public Health Director, Dennis Worsham, meeting with SCA members on a bi-weekly basis to provide a public health updates on COVID-19 and vaccination rates.

## VI. Director's Report (Mary Mitchell)

- HSD is developing hiring plan for open Deputy Director position. Once that position is filled, recruitment efforts will start for the ADS Division Director.
- State will resume in-person client visits and home assessments on July 12. AAAs are not required to do the same, and they are exploring their own reopening and return to work plans.
- President released his \$6T budget plan that supports many of our federal priorities, including:
  - expanding dental, vision, and hearing coverage for Medicare clients
  - lowering prescription drug costs
  - allowing people aged 60 the option to enroll in Medicare
  - expanding broadband infrastructure (American Jobs Plan)
  - creating national paid family and medical leave program, supporting unpaid caregivers, increasing investments in nutritional programs, subsidizing childcare for low- and middle-income families, expanding Earned Income and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credits (American Families Plan)
- American Rescue Plan included a temporary 10% bump to FMAP for Medicaid home and community-based services from April 2021 – March 2022. Governor Inslee vetoed this budget item (\$143M) last month because state didn't receive federal guidance on time. This item will be addressed in Legislature in the supplemental year. States will have until March 2024 to spend funds.
- City of Seattle received \$130M for COVID-19 recovery. 'Seattle Rescue Plan' will fund homeless services, mental and behavioral health supports, digital equity grants, childcare, small business and neighborhood recovery, and reopening of city programs.
- ADS staff are analyzing how many clients will be facing eviction once the moratorium is lifted and assessing \$ need and next steps. Conversations are ongoing at W4A as well.