



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
July 9, 2021

Advisory Council Members

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

Guests: Cathy MacCaul, Terri Cleveland, Min Chang, Pamela Williams

AAA Staff: Mary Mitchell, Maria Langlais, Jeff Sakuma, Irene Stewart, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Karen Winston, Allison Boll, Mary Pat O’Leary, Jon Morrison Winters, Jane Crum, Lenny Orlov, Meg Woolf, Lori Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

Partners: Mary Snodgrass, Traci Adair

I. Meeting Motions and Council Business

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

- Motion to approve draft of the Area Plan update for public review
 - Dick: move to modify or accept minutes
 - Moved by Cindy
 - Seconded by June
 - Passed unanimously among council members

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II. Committee Updates

Advocacy

- Committee passed 2021 federal priorities. Sariga is working on securing appointments with federal legislators in August and September.
- Discussed WA Cares Trust and counteracting misinformation that threatens viability of funds. Payroll tax goes into effect 1/1/2022 and opt-out deadline is 11/1/2021.

Planning and Allocations

- Discussed Area Plan update at 6/30 meeting. Andrea Yip also shared the 2020 Client Profile Report, which showed 40% of ADS clients served were from BIPOC communities.
- Karen Winston, lead staff for Area Plan, presented the new sections in the Area Plan Update. The public comment period will begin 7/19 thru 8/2. A public hearing will be hosted by the P&A committee at their meeting on 8/2, at 10:30 a.m.

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

- Cindy participated on the review committee for the caregivers grant.

Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- At the June meeting, Zyna Bakari from the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle shared what the group is doing to address vaccine hesitancy in the African American community.
- The July meeting will be the mid-year retreat, which will be a good opportunity to orient new members to the work of the commission and brainstorm advocacy items for 2022.
- MCAAE and PSARA will host mayoral candidate forum on 7/29 from 3 to 4:30 pm.

Age Friendly Seattle

- June Coffee Hour and Close to Home presentations included panels for Pride Month.
- The July Coffee Hour will feature speakers from Public Health Seattle King County to discuss the state of the pandemic and vaccine distribution in long-term care facilities.

III. Partners Report

Department of Community and Human Services (Traci Adair)

- The department is rolling out the caregiver RFP in coordination with ADS that will extend thru 2023. Next step will be to look at data trends.

Public Health Seattle/King County (Mary Snodgrass)

- COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations are down in King County, but 93% of the new cases are among unvaccinated or those who are not fully vaccinated.
- Incidence is still highest in south Seattle and south King County cities, but incidence rates have generally plateaued by race and ethnicity over the last week.
- As of 7/7, 73% of King County residents ages 12+ are vaccinated.
- The County will continue to operate at high volume vaccine sites but has shifted to more mobile vaccinations and community vaccination events.

- State offices reopened on 6/30. While there are no more state or local restrictions on gatherings in businesses and public spaces, masking guidance is still in effect in some places (e.g., hospitals, schools, public transit) and businesses can continue to enforce them.

IV. Director's Report (Mary Mitchell)

- Work is ongoing to hire for the HSD Deputy Director position. The job posting will go live late July and we're hoping to fill the position by November.
- During last month's heatwave, our case management staff coordinated with five city cooling centers, made 1,000+ phone calls to check on clients, and also delivered fans.
- The State will resume in-person client home visits and assessments on July 12. AAAs are not required to do the same but are participating in workgroups to understand staff concerns and develop a safe plan for resuming home visits.
- Mary recently met with Brad Forbes, Public Policy Director at Alzheimer Association for Washington State, to discuss advocacy for the Dementia Action Collaborative's two Dementia Resource Catalyst programs.