



# Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

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**To:** ADS Advisory Council Members and interested others

**From:** Joe Hailey, Chair, Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council

**Subject:** ADS Advisory Council December Meeting Agenda

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Agenda and Announcement for the  
Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council Meeting

**Friday, December 9, 2022 - VIRTUAL MEETING**

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83988128582>

*Aging and Disability Services is committed to ensuring the health and safety of community volunteers, guests, and staff and will continue limiting large gatherings at this time. We anticipate hosting virtual meetings until it is fully safe for everyone to resume in-person meetings.*

Schedule	
<b>10:00 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Advocacy Committee</b>
<b>12:10 – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Senior Centers: Traci Adair, Policy and Community Engagement (King County Department of Community and Human Services)</b>  <i>This month, we'll hear from Traci (Older Adult &amp; Healthy Aging) about senior center programming in King County. This presentation will cover lessons learned from the pandemic, new collaborations, and a discussion with members about their senior centers.</i>
<b>1:00 - 1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>RSJ Moment: <a href="#">“How a Racist Segregationist Pushed Georgia Into a History of Runoff Elections”</a></b> by Stacy M. Brown (The Washington Informer, December 5, 2022).
<b>1:15 - 1:50 p.m.</b>	<b>AC Business</b>  I. Approval of November Minutes

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	<p>II. 2023 Officer Election</p> <p>III. Reports from Committees and Councils (20 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocacy Committee - Larry Low</li> <li>○ VSHSL Board Seniors Committee - Cindy Snyder/Dick Woo</li> <li>○ NW Universal Design Council - Tom Minty</li> <li>○ Mayor’s Council on African American Elders - Karen Winston</li> <li>○ Age-Friendly Seattle - Dinah Stephens</li> </ul> <p>IV. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Department of Community and Human Services - Traci Adair</li> <li>○ Sound Cities - Hali Willis</li> </ul> <p>V. Director’s Report - Mary Mitchell (5 min)</p> <p>VI. Other announcements and meeting reminders (see below)</p>
<b>1:50 - 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>

**Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings and Other Advocacy Events**

- **January 13, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**  
Noon – 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA
  
- **January 23, W4A Advocates Training Webinar**  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm, meeting details TBA
  
- **January 30 – February 3, W4A Lobby Week**  
Appointments schedule TBA
  
- **February 10, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**  
Noon – 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA

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# ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

December 9, 2022, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84203504265>

## AGENDA

Larry Low, Committee Chair

Item	Presenter	Time
<b>1. Welcome!</b>	Larry	5 min
<b>2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes</b>		
<b>3. Advisory Council Check-in</b> Share information on recent advocacy and partnership activities and emerging issues. As a result, members will have a better understanding of the committee's collective work and identify connections that support their advocacy priorities.	All	40 min
<b>4. Advocacy Issues</b> Federal  State • 2023 Legislative Priorities  Local	ADS Staff  Cathy Knight, W4A	30 min
<b>5. Closing</b> • Review of Action Items	Sariga	1 min



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## Advisory Council Meeting Minutes November 18, 2022

### Advisory Council Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CM Marli Larimer
<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input type="checkbox"/> June Michel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty
<input type="checkbox"/> CM Tammy Morales	<input checked="" 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: Michael Terasaki, Jesse Guecha, Max Okamoto, Diane Snell, Alex O’Reilly, Edna Daigre, Vicki Lockwood

AAA Partners: Traci Adair, Hali Willis

HSD Staff: Anne Lee, Mary Mitchell, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Maria Langlais, Lena Tebeau, Jeff Sakuma, Irene Stewart, Karen Winston, Dinah Stephens, Allison Boll, Lori Mina, Sariga Santhosh

### I. Dementia Legal Planning: Michael Terasaki and Jesse Guecha, WA State Pro Bono Council - Dementia Legal Planning Program

*This month, we heard from the Dementia Legal Planning Program about a new statewide resource. Attorney Michael Terasaki presented on the legal documents involved in Dementia Legal Planning and the program’s scope of pro bono services.*

### II. RSJ Moment: [“For Native peoples, Thanksgiving isn't a celebration. It's a National Day of Mourning”](#) by Tonya Mosley and Allison Hagan (WBUR, November 25, 2020).

### III. Meeting Motions and Council Business

- Motion to approve September meeting minutes
  - Moved by Barb
  - Seconded by CM Larimer
  - Abstention by Dick
  - Passed unanimously among council members

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## IV. Committee Updates

### Advocacy

- Not a lot of action in Congress due to elections, but we may see a flurry of activity to pass legislation by year end. Increases to Older Americans Act is a top priority.
- 2023 state legislative priorities include protecting AAA case management funding, increasing Health Home rate, and expanding Dementia Resource Catalyst program.

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

- Traci Adair presented at last meeting and provided summary of VSHSL programming. Her team handles 90+ Levy-funded contracts for senior programming and biggest priorities will supporting senior hubs and evidence-based health promotion (Ex: GRAT). There were also small (\$2,000) grants for workforce supports.
- VSHSL funding for senior affordable housing is procured through County's Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Group. It also funds outreach for public health and behavioral health programs to seniors.
- There will be an annual Levy summit in May. Renewal planning is underway. Staff are working on accomplishments to date on seniors, veterans, and vulnerable populations.
- There was also a brief discussion about the proposed behavioral health levy.

### Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Participated on panel with Friends of the Seattle Waterfront on 11/15. There is interest in collaborating on accessibility needs with future design projects.
- Will organize another happy hour event on 1/11.

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

- Invited Heart & Soul Hospice to present at the October meeting.
- Hosted the African American Caregivers Forum on 11/12. About 35 community members and caregivers participated in the forum this year.
- SHARP (Sharing History And Reminiscing through Photo imagery) had its wrap-up event on 11/16. The goal for the first year was to recruit 36 community members – we had 32. Looking forward to continuing the program next summer.
- MCAAE is not meeting in November but will convene on 12/16 with presenters from the Harriet Tubman Center for Health and Freedom, an organization addressing culturally appropriate medical care for BIPOC communities.

### Age Friendly Seattle

- The Age-Friendly Housing Forum was a great event. Event recording can be found here: <https://www.seattlechannel.org/videos?videoid=x143662>
- Nearly 150 older adults attended the relaunch of the Sound Steps walking program at Magnuson Park.

- Age-Friendly Coffee Hour had a hybrid event on 11/17 at the High Point Neighborhood House with 40 folks in attendance. Will continue to rotate locations and provide translation services at these events. There won't be an event in December.
- Lenny Orlov, Age-Friendly Coordinator of several years, accepted a role with the Office of Housing. Wishing him the best in his new role!

## **V. Partners Report**

### King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)

- Thank you to the Age-Friendly team for collaborating on the November Housing Forum – looking forward to supporting and hosting additional events.
- There was unspent VSHSL money in 2021. Some was used to supplement senior center contracts for transportation and outreach needs. Another use of unspent dollars was to support 12 senior centers that did not originally receive VSHSL funding.

### Sound Cities

- No updates

## **VI. Director's Report**

- ADS has a new Interim Deputy Director, Anne Lee, who joins HSD after serving 20 years as the Executive Director of TeamChild, a nonprofit law firm for youth in Washington State. She will be with us for at least six months.
- ADS hired a new Manager for Care Coordination (Case Management) programs, Michael Wong. He comes from International Community Health Services, where he led the development and implementation of their healthy aging and wellness program and managed 100+ staff.
- Still conducting interviews for the Care Coordination (Case Management) Director position.
- ADS is piloting a program with a company called Collective Medical that contracts with local hospitals and notifies case managers when a client is admitted to hospitals. This will allow ADS to respond to client needs and help with the hospital transitions work.



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## Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT** November 18, 2022

### I. Attendance

- Advisory Council Members: Larry Low, Barb Williams, Diana Thompson, Joe Hailey, Zelda Foxall, Sue Weston
- ADS Staff: Sariga Santhosh, Maria Langlais
- Guests: Alex O'Reilly, Vicki Lockwood

### II. Committee Votes

- Motion to approve September meeting minutes
  - Minutes moved by Joe
  - Seconded by Diana
  - Passed unanimously among present members

### III. Member/Guest Updates

- Larry:
  - Crime remains an issue in Beacon Hill, including a hit-and-run incident involving a mother with a baby close to home two weeks ago.
  - Chinese Information Service Center fundraiser was a success - doubled their fundraising goal.
- Joe:
  - Emceed 10/19 W4A-SCOA conference and attended 10/20 Senior Lobby conference.
  - Signed advocacy letter from Washington Low-Income Housing Alliance encouraging Governor Inslee to invest in affordable housing and homelessness prevention.
  - Sat in on two webinars: 'Understanding and Fighting the Grandparent Scam' (Administration for Community Living, 9/14) and 'Medicare for Prescription Drugs and the Inflation Reduction Act (Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, 11/3)
  - Attended African American Caregivers Forum on 11/12.
- Zelda
  - Joined AARP volunteers using Hub Dialer to remind folks to vote.
  - Advocated for expansion of Child Tax Credit and shared [AgeWise article](#) with Senator Murray's aide. Will also be meeting with Reps. Smith and Jayapal.
  - AARP is discussing 2023 legislative priorities: WA Cares, fair prescription drug prices, affordable/accessible housing, and consumer protection.

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- Barb:
  - Attended End of Life Washington’s annual meeting on 11/3. They hired a Medical Director to recruit physicians in Eastern Washington to their directory.
  - Attended 10/19 W4A-SCOA and 10/20 Senior Lobby conferences.
  - Sat in on webinar with Attorney General Ferguson on 10/21, where he discussed data sharing abuses and recent wins in online privacy protection in the state.
  - Attended annual Washington Continuing Care Resident Association meeting to discuss advocacy items for CCRC residents.
  - Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action is still concerned about efforts to privatize Medicare and the ACO-Reach program
  - Attended Digital Equity Learning Network meeting on 11/17.
- Diana:
  - Attorney General will be sponsoring a consumer protection bill that prevents utility companies from shutting off utilities when temperatures are over 95 degrees.
  - There may be a few supplementary WA Cares bills this session.
  - Will be supporting the Death with Dignity bill that passed the House but died in the Senate last session.
- Alex:
  - Attended Washington Low Income Housing Alliance meeting on 11/17 to learn about their 2023 legislative priorities (\$400M in affordable housing, homelessness investments, eviction prevention, workforce development, and racial equity)
  - Read this NPR article that was deeply impactful: [Homeless shelters are seeing more senior citizens with no place to live](#)
- Sue:
  - December will be last day on Advisory Council. Will be focusing on her health in 2023.

#### IV. Federal, State, Local Issues

- Federal:
  - There has been no significant action in Congress due to midterms, but there may be a flurry of activity to get pending legislation passed before leadership changes in January. This includes passing the FY 2023 budget.
  - Priorities for home- and community-based services: OAA funding (Title III B, III E and Title VI). There have been temporary bumps during pandemic, but nothing to address structural problems like waiting lists and low wages for direct care workers. [justiceinaging.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HCBS-Federal-Legislative-Update.pdf](https://justiceinaging.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HCBS-Federal-Legislative-Update.pdf)
- State:
  - What we know about the 2023 session:
    - First day of session is 1/9. This will be a long session - 105 days
    - This is also a budget year. There is no more federal stimulus money and overall economy has been slowing down. Legislature will be weighing impacts of a possible global recession, a sluggish housing market, and low sales tax collection, but will be able to act after revenue forecasts in December and March.



- Democrats held on to majorities in both House and Senate. There will be lots of freshman legislators and changes to leadership this session.
  - There is interest in hybrid meeting options this session. House is leaning towards in-person meetings, but advocates will have option to meet legislators in-person or virtually. Remote testimony is staying.
- Tentative 2023 Priorities (will bring updated list of priorities to December meeting):
  - **AAA CM funding:** Last session, AAAs received \$24M to achieve funding parity with the state case management program and reach 75:1 caseloads. There are issues with methodology used to determine maintenance levels for the future. There will likely be a bill this session to protect parity in stature.
  - **Health Home program:** Health Home provides care coordination for people on both Medicaid and Medicare who have expensive chronic health problems. There will be an ask to increase rate for the program to account for rising cost of hiring care coordinators and challenges in recruiting and retaining workers.
  - **DAC Dementia Resource Catalyst program:** In 2021, Dementia Action Collaborative (DAC) received funding to pilot program that creates or expands dementia-capable services at 2 AAA sites. 2023's ask is renewing program and expanding to two additional sites (for a total of 4 sites)
- Other advocacy issues to consider:
  - Housing needs (affordable housing and homelessness prevention)
  - Social isolation
  - Healthcare and affordable medication
  - Digital equity (affordable/accessible internet and hardware, digital literacy skills)
  - Public health investments and social determinants of health
  - Climate change
  - WA Cares
- Local:
  - [County recently passed its ~\\$16B 2023-2024 budget](#), which includes investments in Metro, affordable housing, behavioral health, public safety, etc. One of the items was \$6.2M for inflationary adjustments for human service provider contracts.