



# 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 January Meeting Agenda

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

**Friday, January 13, 2023 - VIRTUAL MEETING**

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85344996415>

*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>12:00 - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>AC Business</b> I. Approval of December Minutes II. Reports from Committees and Councils (20 min) <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> III. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners (10 min)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Department of Community and Human Services - Traci Adair</li> <li>○ Public Health Seattle/King County - Caren Goldenberg</li> <li>○ Sound Cities - Hali Willis</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 - 1:15 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Accountable Care Organization’s Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO-REACH) Model: Jeff Johnson, Co-President (Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action)</b></p> <p><i>This month, we’ll hear from trusted advocates about changes to Medicare’s Direct Contracting Model and the ACO-REACH program. This presentation will include overview of the pilot, PSARA’s position, and ways the Council can advocate for a responsive and equitable Medicare system for older adults.</i></p>
<b>1:15 - 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>RSJ Moment: <a href="#">“The unspoken role of race in the Jan. 6 riot”</a> by Sandhya Dirks (NPR, August 16, 2022).</b>
<b>1:30 - 1:35 p.m.</b>	<b>Director’s Report: Mary Mitchell</b>
<b>1:35 – 1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>

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

- **January 23, W4A Advocates Training Webinar**  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm (Sariga will share Zoom link with anyone interested)
- **January 30 - February 3, W4A Lobby Week**  
Appointment schedule TBA
- **February 10, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**  
Noon – 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA
- **March 10, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**  
Noon – 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA

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# ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

January 13, 2023, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81074699557>

## AGENDA

Larry Low, Committee Chair

Item	Presenter	Time
<b>1. Welcome!</b>	Larry	5 min
<b>2. Approval of December 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  Local	ADS Staff	30 min
<b>5. Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review of Action Items</li></ul>	Sariga	1 min



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## Advisory Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2022

### Advisory Council Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo	

### Others present:

Guests: Edna Daigre, Emily Billow, Paul Tan

AAA Partners: Traci Adair, Hali Willis

HSD Staff: Michael Bailey, Mary Mitchell, Andrea Yip, Lena Tebeau, Irene Stewart, Angela Miyamoto, Karen Winston, Mary O’Leary, Dinah Stephens, Allison Boll, Jessica Chow, Lori Mina, Sariga Santhosh

### I. Senior Centers: Traci Adair, Policy and Community Engagement (King County Department of Community and Human Services)

*This month, we heard from our King County partners about VSHSL funded older adult and healthy aging programs, such as senior centers and senior hubs. Traci Adair shared lessons learned from the pandemic and engaged members in a discussion about their experiences with and/or understanding of local senior centers.*

### II. RSJ Moment: [“How a Racist Segregationist Pushed Georgia Into a History of Runoff Elections”](#) by Stacy M. Brown (The Washington Informer, December 5, 2022).

### III. Meeting Motions and Council Business

- Motion to approve November meeting minutes
  - Moved by Dick
  - Seconded by Lorna
  - Passed unanimously among council members

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- Motion to approve slate of 2023 officers (Chair - Joe Hailey; Vice-Chair - Lorna Stone; Secretary - Cindy Snyder; At-Large - Diana Thompson)
  - Moved by Dick
  - Seconded by Sue
  - Passed unanimously among council members
  
- Motion to send letter to King County congressional delegation supporting passage of omnibus FY 2023 spending package (OAA increases, Child Tax Credit) by end of the year
  - Moved by Lorna
  - Seconded by Larry
  - Passed unanimously among council members

#### **IV. Committee Updates**

##### Advocacy

- Approved 2023 legislative priorities include protecting AAA case management funding, increasing Health Home rate, and expanding Dementia Resource Catalyst program.
- Sariga will be making appointments for 2023 legislative session soon.

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

- Current integration of VSHSL expires December 2023 and County is working on the next plan. Dick Woo, who has served on this board since 2019, is looking for his replacement.
- No meeting since 11/17 meeting – staff is planning for renewal and annual summit.

##### Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Steering Committee met on 12/6
- Will organize another happy hour event on 1/11.

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

- No November meeting.
- For the December meeting, speakers from the Harriet Tubman Center for Health and Freedom will join to talk about organization and their plans for addressing the health of BIPOC communities in Seattle and King County.

##### Age Friendly Seattle

- Age-Friendly team is working on an anti-ageism training for City of Seattle employees.
- Winding down projects and events for 2022 but looking ahead to opportunities in 2023 including an exciting partnership with Google to promote the Gold Card program.

## **V. Partners Report**

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

- County's Older Adults & Healthy Aging team, Age-Friendly Seattle, and AARP WA will be hosting a follow-up event to well-attended Age-Friendly Housing Forum in November. Monday, 1/23 is a potential date – more information will be provided closer to date.

### Sound Cities

- Public Health Seattle/King County has a toolkit on the updated COVID boosters for people over 50. Materials include flyers in different languages, a technical article to share in emails or community blogs, and a video to share on social media or other platforms.

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

- Sharing deep gratitude for Sue Weston, a long-time Advisory Council member and advocate for rural seniors. Sue will be missed by ADS staff and her friends on the Council. ADS honors her service by committing to stronger rural representation on the Council.
- Council meetings will be transitioning to hybrid mode in 2023 to accommodate the different meeting preferences. This is a great time to ramp up member recruiting efforts as we phase back to more in-person meetings and events.
- Council retreat, which typically occurs in January, will be moved to May or June to support safe in-person attendance after 3+ years of virtual meetings.
- ADS is still in the process for hiring the Care Coordination Director for the Case Management Program. Interviews are ongoing but hoping to provide an update soon.



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## Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

December 9, 2022

### I. Attendance

- Advisory Council Members: Larry Low, Diana Thompson, Joe Hailey, Zelda Foxall, Sue Weston
- ADS Staff: Mary Mitchell, Sariga Santhosh
- Guests: Cathy Knight

### II. Committee Votes

- Motion to approve November meeting minutes
  - Minutes moved by Sue
  - Seconded by Joe
  - Passed unanimously among present members
- Motion to introduce vote at full Advisory Council about sending letter to King County congressional delegation supporting passage of omnibus FY 2023 spending package
  - Minutes moved by Joe
  - Seconded by Sue
  - Passed unanimously

### III. Member/Guest Updates

- Larry:
  - No major updates – getting over a cold.
  - Attended the Beacon Hill neighborhood meeting and discussed noise and air pollution from airport.
- Joe:
  - Attended National Center on Law and Elder Rights' 12/6 webinar on Medicaid estate recovery. Big takeaway is to get legal help because issue is complex.
  - There is an uptick in COVID-19, flu, and other illnesses in senior residential facilities. The public is cautioned to avoid large indoor gatherings this holiday season.
- Zelda
  - AARP will be organizing a two-day intensive training on WA Cares to educate public and protect the program this session.

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- Have been writing op-eds to news publications around the country to support making federal Child Tax Credit permanent. Seattle Times published op-ed on 12/8. This legislation is part of Congress' omnibus package.
- Attended Digital Equity Learning Network meeting on 11/17.
- Diana:
  - Working on legislative agenda for Bellevue Network on Aging and Kirkland Senior Council: increasing home- and community-based supports, supporting Dementia Resource Catalyst sites, improving Death with Dignity Act, supporting Attorney General's bills on robocalls and utility shut-off moratorium during heat events.
  - Writing article for Bellevue Neighborhood News about end-of-life planning resources and learned a lot about End of Life Washington's advocacy work.
  - Senator Cantwell is sponsoring the [Local Journalism Sustainability Act of 2021 \(S. 2434\)](#) that provides taxpayers up to \$250/year in tax credit for subscriptions to local newspapers and local news outlets a payroll credit for wages paid. Local journalism is important – we need to know what's happening in our communities.
- Sue:
  - Lots of turnover at the Vashon Senior Center - getting new leadership.
  - Senior center is a meal site five days a week (one meal/day)

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

- Federal:
  - Congress has been working an omnibus package and has until 12/16 to either pass spending plan that would fund the government through September 2023 or a pass a shorter continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown.
  - Current version of bill includes increases to OAA and expansion of Child Tax Credit but needs Republican support for passage.
- State:
  - Governor's budget will be released 12/14 and we're hopeful maintenance level funding for AAA case management programs will be included.
  - Health Homes program funding is another priority. This program (managed through Health Care Authority) produces substantial savings to the state but needs major investments. Medicaid matches program 50% and state comes up with the rest.
  - AAAs will be requesting funding for Dementia Resource Catalyst programs at two additional sites. Assumption is that funding for the two current sites will be in the Governor's budget.
  - W4A Lobby Week is 1/30 – 2/3 and there will be an advocates' webinar on 1/23 at 11 am. Sariga will make the legislator appointments.
- Local:
  - 11/29, Seattle City Council passed its 2023-2024 budget, which includes \$247M for HSD. This budget prioritizes funding for critical programs (including inflationary adjustments to service provider contracts in 2023 and 202), while addressing recent negative economic forecast and our anticipated operating deficits.