



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 February Meeting Agenda

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

Friday, February 10, 2023 - VIRTUAL MEETING

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89153395897>

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

Schedule	
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Advocacy Committee
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Accountable Care Organization’s Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO-REACH) Model: Pauline Lapin, Director, Seamless Care Models Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)</p> <p><i>Following up on last month’s presentation about ACO-REACH, we’ll learn more about this newly implemented program. We’ll hear about the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, lessons learned about accountable care organization models, and work done to test models that can inform and improve CMS programs, including traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage.</i></p>
1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	<p>RSJ Moment: “Biden has good news, but Americans are in a bad mood” by Elaine Kamarck (Brookings, February 3, 2023).</p>

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1:15 - 1:45 pm	AC Business I. Approval of January Minutes II. Reports from Committees and Councils (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocacy Committee - Larry Low ○ Planning & Allocations Committee - Barb Williams ○ VSHSL Board Seniors Committee - Cindy Snyder ○ NW Universal Design Council - Tom Minty ○ Mayor’s Council on African American Elders - Karen Winston ○ Age-Friendly Seattle - Dinah Stephens III. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department of Community and Human Services - Traci Adair ○ Public Health Seattle/King County - Caren Goldenberg ○ Sound Cities - Hali Willis
1:45 - 1:55 p.m.	Director’s Report: Mary Mitchell
1:55 - 2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee

Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings and Other Advocacy Events

- **March 10, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**
Noon - 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA

- **April 14, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**
Noon - 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA

*No public meeting in May to accommodate annual retreat

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ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

February 10, 2023, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81088476426>

AGENDA

Larry Low, Committee Chair

Item	Presenter	Time
1. Welcome!	Larry	5 min
2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes		
3. Advisory Council Check-in 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
4. Advocacy Issues Federal <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rep. DelBene staff meeting State <ul style="list-style-type: none">Legislative session updatesW4A lobby week debrief Local <ul style="list-style-type: none">VSHSL renewal	ADS Staff	30 min
5. Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of Action Items	Sariga	1 min



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Advisory Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2023

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty	<input type="checkbox"/> CM Tammy Morales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex O'Reilly (pending)	<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"/> Barb Williams
<input type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo		

Others present:

Guests: Jeff Johnson, Constance Walker, Edna Daigre, Vicki Lockwood

AAA Partners: Caren Goldenberg, Hali Willis

HSD Staff: Tanya Kim, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Irene Stewart, Angela Miyamoto, Karen Winston, Minyan Liu, Dinah Stephens, Allison Boll, Jessica Chow, Sariga Santhosh

I. **Accountable Care Organization’s Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO-REACH) Model: Jeff Johnson, Co-President (Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action)**

This month, we heard from trusted advocates about changes to Medicare’s Direct Contracting Model and the ACO-REACH program. This presentation included an overview of the pilot, PSARA’s position, and ways the Council could advocate for a responsive and equitable Medicare system for older adults.

II. **RSJ Moment: [“The unspoken role of race in the Jan. 6 riot”](#) by Sandhya Dirks (NPR, August 16, 2022).**

III. **Meeting Motions and Council Business**

- Motion to approve December meeting minutes
 - Moved by Barb
 - Seconded by Cindy
 - Passed unanimously among council members

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- Motion to approve organizational endorsement for Death with Dignity bills this session
 - Moved by Diana
 - Seconded by Lorna
 - Passed unanimously among council members

IV. Committee Updates

Advocacy

- Members are busy and ramping up their advocacy at start of 2023 legislative session.
- Judy Kinney (End of Life WA) joined meeting to talk about [SB 5179](#)/[HB 1281](#) (Death with Dignity bills) and proposed changes to support passage this year. Members opted to introduce vote at full Council to lend organizational support like last session.

Veterans, Seniors, Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Board

- No meetings since November, but Alex O’Reilly will be replacing Dick Woo on board.

Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Great turnout at the 1/11 happy hour event. Presenters spoke about effects of lighting and acoustics for universal design.
- Council is considering participating in the Seattle Design Festival this year.
- Next Steering Committee is 2/7 at 3 pm.

Mayor’s Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- At December meeting, speakers from the Harriet Tubman Center for Health and Freedom spoke about their plans for a new clinic (primary/preventative care) in South King County and community resources geared towards advocacy and political education for clients.
- The January meeting next week will be a planning retreat for the upcoming year.

Age Friendly Seattle

- In response to community input on the value of connecting in-person, Coffee hours will be rotating at locations all around the city.
- The Age-Friendly team is working on an anti-ageism training for City of Seattle employees.
- Age-Friendly and partners (King County, AARP, City of Renton) will convene a second iteration of the housing event last fall on 1/23.

V. Partners Report

King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)

- No updates

Public Health Seattle/King County

- Caren Goldenberg works with the Special Populations Program on their vaccine team and their focus is largely on older adults.
- Public Health has contracts with mobile vaccine providers who can reach homebound people. To refer a homebound resident (illness, developmental delay, injury, mental health condition) for an in-home COVID booster, email CDimmshelp@kingcounty.gov or call (206) 477-3977. Doctor's notes are not necessary to qualify.
- There is a new dominant strain of COVID - XBB.1.5 Omicron subvariant - that is highly infectious. Vaccines and boosters are still the best line of defense against the virus.
- It's also flu season and it has hit the county early and hard. We have had more flu deaths this year than any time in the last 10-15 years. Older adults are highly encouraged to get the flu vaccine.

Sound Cities Association

- No updates.

VI. Director's Report

- Several ADS staff won HSD's departmental awards for their work in 2022.
- W4A will host a training webinar on 1/23 for advocates interested in participating in lobby week (1/30 – 2/3). All meetings will be virtual this year and Sariga is reaching out to legislators to make appointments.



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Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

January 13, 2023

I. Attendance

- Advisory Council Members: Diana Thompson, Joe Hailey, Zelda Foxall, Barb Williams, Alex O'Reilly (membership pending)
- ADS Staff: Maria Langlais, Minyan Liu, Sariga Santhosh
- Guests: Judy Kinney, Vicki Lockwood

II. Committee Votes

- Motion to approve December meeting minutes
 - Minutes moved by Barb
 - Seconded by Zelda
 - Passed unanimously among present members
- Motion to introduce vote at full Council meeting to endorse Death with Dignity bills
 - Minutes moved by Barb
 - Seconded by Diana
 - Passed unanimously among present members

III. Member/Guest Updates

- Joe:
 - Signed letter of support from Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund to freshman legislators, most who have been identified as affordable housing champions.
 - Signed in support of [HB 1124](#) (requires 6 months' notice before significant rent increases) and [SB 5202/](#)[HB 1149](#) (\$4B ballot referendum for affordable housing).
 - Attended "Deep Dive into Rent Stabilization" webinar by Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, where they covered upcoming renter stabilization bills.
- Zelda
 - Attending AARP Advocates check-ins on Monday to track activity during session.
 - Expansion of Child Tax Credit wasn't included in the December omnibus package, but neither were proposed tax cuts to corporations. The advocacy continues in 2023.
 - Attended advocacy webinar by an aide of Senator Murkowski (R-AK) who offered messaging tips, especially to reach those across the political aisle.
 - Attended 1/5 Pies & Charts event (WA State Budget and Policy Center) and learned their 2023 legislative agenda: economic justice, Working People's Tax Credit, etc.
- Diana:

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- Tracking [SB 5179](#) (Death with Dignity bill). Has better odds of passing this year because of Senate champion and bipartisan support. Also supporting [HB 1051](#) (anti robocall bill) and [SB 5366](#) (prevents utility shut-off during extreme heat events).
- Dementia Action Collaborative has [a needs survey](#) to understand needs of people with dementia and their caregivers. Available in eight languages.
- Barb:
 - Attended Senior Lobby meeting and learned about [Medicare changes in 2023](#) and priorities for League of Women Voters and Long-Term Care Ombudsman.
 - Sat in on a committee hearing for [HB 1051](#) (Attorney General’s anti-robocall bill)
- Alex:
 - Supervising an MSW student from Seattle University. She is interested in public policy and will be tracking few bills this session to understand the legislative process.
 - Attended a 1/6 Seattle CityClub legislative kickoff event that featured a bipartisan panel who shared their priorities for session: housing, balanced budget, healthcare.
 - Tracking [HB 1045](#) (Evergreen Basic Income pilot program) sponsored by Rep. Berry - it had one hearing on 1/11. This two-year pilot would provide 7,500 qualified individuals in the state cash assistance for daily living expenses.
- Judy:
 - [SB 5179](#)/[HB 1281](#) (Death with Dignity) was introduced this week! Last year, bill passed House, but didn’t make it out of Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee
 - Changes to bill: renaming bills to ‘Protecting Access to Medical Aid in Dying; allowing nurse practitioners and physician assistants to serve as one of two necessary providers to provide service; (3) expanding type of mental health providers eligible to assess patient capabilities; (4) reducing waiting period (15 to 7 days) but allowing special circumstances to waive waiting period; (5) modernizing prescription delivery.

IV. Federal, State, Local Issues

- Federal:
 - Congress passed "omnibus" package on 12/23, which funds government through September 2023. This included modest increases to OAA.
- State:
 - 2023 legislative one-pager is almost ready! Will be ready by 1/23 training webinar.
 - Sariga has a legislative tracker that she’ll update and share weekly. Priority areas include digital equity, housing, healthcare, revenue, and consumer protections.
 - Case Management: Need to maintain parity in the upcoming budget. Budget ask is to update the outdated formula used to determine funding for AAA CM Program.
 - Health Home: Program more than pays for itself, but some areas like King County are in the red. Not all AAAs participate but increase in rate would be incentive.
 - Dementia Resource Catalyst: Governor’s budget has maintenance funding for two current sites, but our ask is to expand program to two additional sites.
- Local:
 - Committee would like to invite speakers from the King County Regional Homelessness Authority to present on their five-year plan.