



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 April Meeting Agenda

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

Friday, April 14, 2023 - VIRTUAL MEETING

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054128224>

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.	King County Heat Strategy Planning – Daaniya Iyaz (Department of Natural Resources and Parks) <i>This month, we'll hear from County staff supporting the development of the region's extreme heat strategy. This presentation will include discussions about issues and barriers to address for older adults and people living with disabilities, the work underway to develop mitigation plans with heat sensitive populations, and a Q&A for attendees.</i>
1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	RSJ Moment: “The Next ‘Big One’ Could Mean Big Displacement for Seattle’s Black Population” by Glen Stellmacher (South Seattle Emerald, February 22, 2023).
1:15 - 1:45 pm	AC Business I. Approval of March Minutes

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	<p>II. Reports from Committees and Councils (20 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocacy Committee - Larry Low ○ Planning & Allocations Committee - Lorna Stone ○ 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 <p>III. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners (10 min)</p> <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

*No public meeting in May to accommodate annual retreat

- **June 9, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**
Noon - 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA
- **July 14, ADS Advisory Council Meeting**
Noon - 2:00 pm, meeting details TBA

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ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

April 14, 2023, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81778410500>

AGENDA

Larry Low, Committee Chair

Item	Presenter	Time
1. Welcome!	Larry	5 min
2. Approval of March 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 State • Legislative session updates Local	ADS Staff	30 min
5. Closing • Review of Action Items	Sariga	1 min



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Advisory Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2023

Advisory Council Members

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zelda Foxall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CM Marli Larimer
<input checked="" 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 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: Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Jason Johnson, Sue Lerner, Linda R, Emily Billow, Audrey Hansen, Diane Snell, John Barber, Julie Anderson, J Wong

AAA Partners: Traci Adair, Caren Goldenberg, Hali Willis

HSD Staff: Mary Mitchell, Andrea Yip, Irene Stewart, Karen Winston, Dinah Stephens, Sue Siegenthaler, Allison Boll, Abdi Isaak, Lori Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

I. Homelessness in King County – 5 Year Plan: Alexis Mercedes Rinck (Director of Sub-Regional Planning, King County Regional Homelessness Authority)

This month, we heard from King County Regional Homelessness Authority about their proposed five-year plan to reduce homelessness in King County. The presentation included an overview of the plan, goals and strategies forward, and a Q&A for attendees.

II. RSJ Moment: [“Too young, too old, or just a woman?”](#) by Deepa Fernandes and Ashley Locke (WBUR, October 11, 2022).

III. Meeting Motions and Council Business

- Motion to approve February meeting minutes
 - Moved by Barb
 - Seconded by Lorna
 - Abstention by Larry
 - Passed unanimously among council members

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IV. Committee Updates

Advocacy

- Priorities this session (\$ for AAA Case Management Program, Health Home program, and Dementia Resource Catalyst sites) are on track for budget inclusion.
- State's revenue forecast comes out the week of 3/20.

Planning & Allocations Committee

- Mostly spent time on the strategy mapping session for the 2024 - 2027 Area Plan.
- No budget updates but will know more by April meeting.

Veterans, Seniors, Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Board

- No updates

Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Discussed participation at Seattle Design Festival at 3/7 Steering Committee meeting. This year's theme is 'Curiosity' and anyone can submit proposals in April and May.

Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- MCAAE had its first virtual meeting in February. Some members and staff joined at Byrd Barr Place (formerly known as Central Area Motivation Program.)
- Members finalized the 2023 advocacy priorities:
 - affordable housing and rent control
 - social isolation (internet connectivity and affordability, transportation access, etc.)
 - financial literacy and fraud prevention.
 - health disparities and community services for older African Americans.
- The March meeting will be held at the [UW Memory Hub](#). Chair will be introducing subcommittees and identifying committee chairs.

Age Friendly Seattle

- March's Age-Friendly hybrid Coffee Hour will be at the High Point Neighborhood House. The topic will be senior safety and include a workshop from the Seattle Police Department. May's event will be in Greenwood and the topic will be efficiency.
- The team's anti-ageism training for City of Seattle employees is on schedule for a May roll-out. The team is looking for stories about aging to incorporate into training.
- Age-Friendly Seattle will be hosting candidate forums this year. This is an opportunity to engage candidates for Seattle City Council seats and future leaders around aging issues.

V. Partners Report

King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)

- Executive Dow Constantine recently announced renewal efforts for the Veterans, Seniors, Human Services Levy. The measure will be on the August ballot and the department will be announcing open houses and community engagement shortly.
- The second annual VSHSL Summit will convene on May 3 and 4 at the Museum of Flight.

Public Health Seattle/King County

- Public Health is seeing lower levels of COVID-19 and flu – boosters are still encouraged.
- State will be removing its mask mandate on April 3, although healthcare facilities that opt to continue enforcing them can do so.
- New RSV vaccine will be approved shortly and available in the fall for people who are pregnant and adults who are over 65. Vaccine will be covered by Medicare.

Sound Cities Association

- No updates

VI. Director's Report

- State has approached W4A/AAAs for outreach on WA Cares and its benefits.
- Mary and two other AAA Directors are participating in Aging and Disability Business Institute's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Learning Collaborative once a month to discuss best practices in equity. Team will present to a nationwide audience in June.
- Hiring underway for Care Coordination Manager and Budget Advisory positions at ADS and the Chief Financial Officer at HSD.
- ADS staff is working on the 75:1 plan for our Medicaid Case Management program. Work is challenging due to 18 vacancies. Staff is looking at creative options (partnerships with University of Washington School of Social Work, promotional opportunities, etc.) to attract and retain staff and address high caseloads.



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Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

March 10, 2023

I. Attendance

- Advisory Council Members: Larry Low, Diana Thompson, Joe Hailey, Zelda Foxall, Barb Williams, Alex O'Reilly (membership pending)
- ADS Staff: Sariga Santhosh
- Guests: J Wong

II. Committee Votes

- Motion to approve February meeting minutes
 - Minutes moved by Barb
 - Seconded by Zelda
 - Passed unanimously among present members

III. Member Updates

- Larry:
 - Public safety remains a concern for International District and Rainier Valley.
 - Involved with the City's Arts Committee and helped select 11 community projects to receive arts funding. Winners represent community groups, many in South Seattle.
 - Sound Transit's station plans in the International District may be on hold after community feedback. They're exploring other options.
 - Watching how Seattle City Council responds to community concerns in a big election year. There will be a few new faces that should make the races interesting.
 - Recently joined Jefferson Park's Board of Directors to get programs together at the Jefferson Park Community Center.
- Joe:
 - Responded to several calls for action. Washington Low Income Housing Alliance:
 - [HB 1389](#) (rent stabilization)
 - [HB 1447](#) (assistance programs for needs of children, adults, and families)
 - [HB 1474](#) (covenant homeownership program to fight housing discrimination)
 - [HB 1628](#) (modifying state + local real estate excise tax for affordable housing)
 - [HB 1652](#) (child support pass through)
 - [SB 5480](#) (stability for people with work-limiting disability or incapacity)
 - Signed letter on 2/28th encouraging bold investments in affordable housing and homelessness solutions during budget discussions.

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- Sent letter on 3/7 encouraging movement on [HB 1389](#) and [HB 1124](#), which didn't make the cut. Sent a follow up letter to legislators on the missed opportunity.
- Signed in support of [HB 1678](#), to increase oral health access.
- Attended webinar from [ABLE National Resource Center](#) on 3/8 and learned about a program that allows people with disabilities to save/invest up to \$100K in an account (similar to 529 plan) without impacting other services such as Medicaid SSI.
- Continuing to volunteer at the [Center for Ethical Leadership](#), which trains leaders to make decisions focused on the common good instead of enhancing the bottom line.
- Zelda
 - AARP's main ADU bill, [HB 1337](#), passed House! The extreme heat utility shut-off moratorium ([SB 5366](#)/[HB 1329](#)) and robocall ([HB 1051](#)) bills are also in a good place.
 - Grateful for Rep. Gregersen's hunger relief bill, [HB 1784](#), as SNAP emergency provisions have expired and we're looking at a hunger crisis.
 - AARP signed on in support of the \$4M to the Housing Trust Fund. They will have a webinar on 3/29 about housing affordability for seniors.
 - Met with Rep. Smith's aide about expansion of Child Tax Credit. Cautioned about chances of passage with current Congress makeup but encouraged more stories. Will be meeting with Senator Cantwell next week on same issue.
- Diana:
 - Presented on hearing loss with Cheri Perazzoli (Hearing Loss Association) to the Ombudsman program on 2/23.
 - Bills Bellevue Network on Aging is tracking that are in a good place:
 - [HB 1222](#) (coverage for hearing instruments)
 - [HB 1128](#) (increasing PNA in assisted living facilities)
 - [SB 5179](#) (Death with Dignity bill)
 - [HB 1051](#) (anti robocall bill)
 - [SB 5366](#)/[HB 1329](#) (prevents utility shut-off during extreme heat events)
 - [HB 1355](#) (property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and senior citizens)
 - The Dementia Action Collaborative is now updating the state's Alzheimer's plan. They will have a speaker from Johns Hopkins in May who published a study that shows treatment of hearing loss lowers the chance of cognitive decline.
 - There has been coverage about the King County Regional Housing Authority's 5 Year Plan re: high price tag and its focus on housing first solutions. King County CM Balducci is supportive and presentation today will be an opportunity to learn more.
 - Concerned about Medicare and Social Security in the long-term without enough revenue. Legislation like Senator Romney's (R-UT) Trust Act are causes for concern.
- Barb:
 - Focusing on bills that are still alive at time of 3/8 cut-off date:
 - [SB 5179](#) (Death with Dignity bill)
 - [SB 5278](#) (reducing barriers to home care aide certification)
 - [SB 5582](#) (Reducing barriers + expanding supply of nurses in Washington)
 - Sound Transit is considering removing the proposed Midtown station for plans connecting downtown to Ballard. Provided feedback in support of retaining the stop.
 - District 43 will have townhall event on 3/11 with Reps. Macri and Chopp.

- Alex:
 - Signed in support of many housing and renter protection bills. Other bills of interest:
 - [SB 5179/ HB 1281](#) (Death with Dignity bill)
 - [HB 1678](#) (establishing the profession of dental therapy)
 - [SB 5486](#) (wealth tax bill)
 - [HB 1045](#) (Evergreen Basic Income pilot program)

IV. **Federal, State, Local Issues**

- State:
 - All three W4A budget requests are in a good place. Won't know until 3/20 revenue forecast and budget releases the level at which Legislature will fund our asks.
 - 3/8 was a big cut-off date for policy bills being considered in this legislative session. The next set of cut-off dates can be found [here](#).
 - W4A and ADS are grateful to members who advocated during lobby week! Your stories are important to legislators as they consider the several policy and budget items in front of them this session.
 - Legislature will be setting aside funds for AAAs to do WA Cares outreach.