



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 January 13, 2023

Advisory Council Members

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<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.