



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 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.