



# 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 February 10, 2023

### Advisory Council Members

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex O'Reilly (pending)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Snyder	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> CM Kim-Khánh Van	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo		

### Others present:

Guests: Pauline Lapin, Gwen Urrutia, J Wong

AAA Partners: Traci Adair, Caren Goldenberg, Hali Willis

HSD Staff: Tanya Kim, Mary Mitchell, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Irene Stewart, Karen Winston, Lori Mina, Dinah Stephens, Sarah Barkman, Abdi Isaak, Jessica Chow, Sariga Santhosh

### I. 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)

Following up on last month’s presentation about ACO-REACH, we heard more 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.

### II. RSJ Moment: “[Biden has good news, but Americans are in a bad mood](#)” by Elaine Kamarck (Brookings, February 3, 2023).

### III. Meeting Motions and Council Business

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

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## IV. Committee Updates

### Advocacy

- Members have been busy tracking bills moving through the legislature.
- Met with 13 state legislators during W4A Lobby Week – The King County delegation was mostly supportive of our asks.

### Planning & Allocations Committee

- Met for the first meeting of 2023 on 2/6. Discussed planning timeline for the development of the 2024 – 2027 Area Plan, which includes 6 strategy mapping sessions to address equity.
- No budget updates but will know more by April meeting.

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

- Discussed addiction and the levy's rental assistance program at the last meeting.
- 2023 is the final year of the current levy. Board will have a special meeting next week to start planning for the next iteration.
- VSHSL summit will be 5/3 and 5/4 at the Museum of Natural Flight. Staff are soliciting input for topics and keynote speaker.

### Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Had a great second happy hour event last month at Light Art, a vendor specializing in sound canceling equipment. Lots of potential at spaces like restaurants and for people experiencing hearing loss or cognitive decline. Lots of new faces at the event.
- Council also supported the second iteration of the housing forum last month.
- Exploring participating in the Seattle Design Festival. Council is reaching out to architecture firms or other businesses that might be interested in cosponsoring project.

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

- Members met last month for their annual retreat, where they discussed 2023 advocacy goals. Discussion will continue at the February meeting. Areas of interest include, rising housing costs, health disparities, and affordable healthcare.
- February meeting is hybrid. Members can join in person at Byrd Barr Place, or virtually.

### Age Friendly Seattle

- The Age-Friendly team's anti-ageism training for City of Seattle employees is in production. Hope is for roll-out to coincide with Older Americans Month in May.
- Age-Friendly continues to host Civic Coffee Hours in community and rotate locations. For the next event, presenters from King County Mobility Coalition will discuss intersections between transportation and healthcare access.

## V. Partners Report

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

- Working with AARP, ADS, Age-Friendly Seattle, and Universal Design Council on the housing forum has been an exciting collaboration. 45 people attended the January event in Renton. Next event on 3/6 will be on Zoom and will discuss innovative ways aging service providers can coordinate and partner with local housing authorities.
- The King County Women's Advisory Board is diving into aging as a topic of interest. Dinah provided a great overview women's issues and aging at a recent meeting.

### Public Health Seattle/King County

- Public Health is worried about the tri-demic (COVID-19/flu/RSV). Incidence rates for all three illnesses are going down, but public needs to be vigilant. Flu shots and COVID-19 boosters are highly recommended. Vaccination rates for older adults is high (68%).
- There is a Shigella outbreak affecting few restaurants and homeless encampments. Anyone experiencing symptoms should reach out to primary care or urgent care.

### Sound Cities Association

#### **Behavioral Health Crisis Care Centers Levy:**

- King County is considering a new levy that will:
  - Create five new regional crisis centers - at least one in North, Central, South and East King County - with 24-hour walk-in and quick hand-off from law enforcement.
  - Preserve and restore residential treatment beds
  - Grow the behavioral health workforce pipeline
- Levy would be a 9-year levy lid lift and would raise \$1.25B over 9 years.
- The proposed levy was passed by County Council in late January and will appear on the April ballot. The King County executive is required to submit an implementation plan by end of 2023. If it passes, Levy collections would begin in 2024.

#### **KCRHA Five Year Plan:**

- The five-year plan includes 7 goals to reduce homelessness (especially unsheltered homelessness), streamline homelessness response system, and increase regional coordination. Each goal has strategies (each with a two-year plan), and metrics.
- The plan recommends \$8.4B in additional one-time costs *over five years* for temporary and permanent housing capital, diversion programs and admin to manage new funds and \$1.7-\$3.4B in additional new *annual* operating costs.

## VI. Director's Report

- February is Black History Month. The Mayor and Seattle City Council [signed a joint proclamation](#) honoring and recognizing Black history in Seattle.