



# 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 March 10, 2023

### Advisory Council Members

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<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.