



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 May 13, 2022

Advisory Council Members

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> CM Kim-Khánh Van	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston
<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo	

Others present:

Guests: CM Lisa Herbold, Christena Coutsoubos, Alex O'Reilly, Edna Daigre, Michael Weinstein

AAA Partners: Traci Adair, Hali Willis, Taylor Gaston

AAA Staff: Tanya Kim, Michael Bailey, Mary Mitchell, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Jeff Sakuma, Allison Boll, Jon Morrison Winters, Sue Siegenthaler, Irene Stewart, Dinah Stephens, Meg Woolf, Eldad Mekuria, Sariga Santhosh

I. **Age-Friendly Seattle 5 Year Report: Dinah Stephens (Program Manager) + Meg Woolf (Program Coordinator)**

This month, we looked back at the last 5 years of Age Friendly Seattle and learned where the program is headed. This presentation included a program overview, accomplishment highlights, and an opportunity for input around future efforts.

II. **Older Americans Month Proclamation: Seattle City Councilmember Lisa Herbold**

III. **RSJ Discussion:** “Words matter when recounting WWII treatment of Japanese Americans” by Maleeha Syed (Crosscut, 03/22/2022).

IV. **Meeting Motions and Council Business**

- Motion to approve May meeting minutes
 - Moved by Dick
 - Seconded by Larry
 - Abstention by Dick

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- Passed unanimously among council members

V. Committee Updates

Advocacy

- Members were encouraged to reach out to Senators Cantwell and Murray to express support for increased 2023 Older Americans Act appropriations.

Planning & Allocations Committee

- No updates - May meeting was cancelled.

Northwest Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Lots of community interest in NWUDC's work. Group meets once a month
- Rep. Charlie Crist (D-FL) introduced new legislation, [HR 7676](#) or the Home Modification for Accessibility Act of 2022, which provides a \$30,000 lifetime tax credit for older adults who need to make house modifications that allow them to age in their homes longer.

Age Friendly Seattle

- May Age Friendly Coffee Hour will take place on May 19 and will feature a panel celebrating Older Americans Month. Event will be moderated by Mary Mitchell.

VI. Partners Report

King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)

- DCHS hosted its hybrid summit earlier this week to bring together VSHSL funded providers and community.
- DCHS has an active RFP for one-time, \$25,000 short-term engagement projects that will help older adults across King County engaged in their communities. RFP closes June 12.
- Ongoing conversation with ADS Age-Friendly team about potential collaboration across cities and unincorporated areas.

Public Health Seattle-King County

- Auburn and Federal Way COVID-19 testing sites will be permanently closing on June 1. The Renton site is still open, but Public Health moving towards partnering with clinics and pharmacies for testing.
- No additional mandates likely but watching rising numbers of hospitalizations closely.
- Immunocompromised folks should get their second booster.

Sound Cities

- Sound Cities Executive Director, Deanna Dawson, is moving on to Association of Washington Cities. Recruitment is underway to fill her position.

VII. Director's Report

- ADS Director hiring update: The job posting is currently live. ADS is encouraging members to share the posting widely with their networks.
- Attended roundtable discussion this morning on the opioid and Fentanyl crisis with Senator Murray, Rep. Macri, and representatives from Seattle Fire Department, Human Services Department, etc. Was able to connect with Rep. Macri and thank her for championing increases to the AAA case management program this session.
- Planning is underway for 2023 legislative priorities, and our top issue will be maintaining parity for the AAA long-term care case management program.
- Other priorities include securing funding for hospital care transitions and dementia resource hubs and expanding AAA's roles in self-neglect cases.
- The city and its regional partners are actively engaged in discussions about extreme weather events (heat, cold, wildfire, etc.) and what response looks like.