



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 September 9, 2022

Advisory Council Members

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input type="checkbox"/> June Michel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty
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<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: Alex O'Reilly, Edna Daigre, Diana Atanacio, J Wong, Vicki Lockwood

AAA Partners: Leon Richardson, Taylor Gaston, Traci Adair, Hali Willis

City of Seattle Staff: Michael Bailey, Mary Mitchell, Andrea Yip, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Lena Tebeau, Jon Morrison Winters, Angela Miyamoto, Jeff Sakuma, Irene Stewart, Karen Winston, Dinah Stephens, Lori Sanford, Minyan Liu, Sariga Santhosh

I. **Veterans, Seniors, & Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Renewal: Leon Richardson (DCHS Adult Services Division Director) and Jennifer Lehman (VSHSL Renewal Manager)**

This month, we heard from staff managing the county's levy renewal process. The presentation included VSHS updates, opportunities to share what's working, and discuss areas for potential improvements.

II. **RSJ Moment: "[The Racist History of Tipping](#)" by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II (Politico, July 17, 2019).**

III. **Meeting Motions and Council Business**

- Motion to approve July meeting minutes
 - Moved by Lorna
 - Seconded by Barb
 - Passed unanimously among council members

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IV. Committee Updates

Advocacy

- Debriefed last month's member retreat and opportunities for improvement in future.
- Members were active with advocacy opportunities the last two months: digital equity, transportation, housing, home and community-based supports
- Discussed provisions of Inflation Reduction Act that will benefit older adults – many of these wins were discussed during the 8/28 and 9/8 Congressional roundtable events.

Planning & Allocations Committee

- Committee met 9/8 and ADS Planner Allison Boll reported on the \$7M ARPA funding and spending plan for Older Americans Act activities and projects which include [CAPABLE](#) (Community Aging in Place—Advancing Better Living for Elders) program and the [SHARP](#) (Sharing History through Active Reminiscence and Photo-imagery) program pilot.
- 2023 will be a planning year for the next 4-year Area Plan on Aging, 2024-2027.

Veterans, Seniors, Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Board

- VSHSL staff are working on their annual report and working on renewal efforts for 2023.

Universal Design Council (NWUDC)

- Had monthly Steering Committee meeting on 9/6 and heard from Richard Duncan (RL Mace Universal Design Institute) and exploring a few partnership opportunities with him. Also received presentation from Kristina Copley on the CAPABLE project.
- The happy hour event at the Maxwell Hotel on July 27 was a hit!

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

- Members provided preliminary input on the Mayor's Health Initiative to reduce barriers to healthcare for BIPOC residents at the August meeting. Members were vocal about racism's impacts and welcomed presenters back as plan develops.
- Members also recognized Margaret Boddie, the program manager for the [African American Elders Program](#) who is retiring after 17 years.
- George Dicks, former MCAAE/AC member and Geriatric Mental Health Counselor at Harborview will present at the September meeting about mental health among Black older adults.
- This Sunday, 9/11 is Grandparents Day. For the fourth year, MCAAE will partner with the Northwest African American Museum. This year's program will include a performance from AC member, Zelda Foxall, performing vignettes of her grandmother, who was very involved in the Civil Rights Movement.

Age Friendly Seattle

- Thank you to the AC storytellers who participated in the two Congressional roundtable events! The videos are posted on the [Age-Friendly YouTube channel](#).
- Age-Friendly will be hosting a forum on older adults and housing on 11/2.

- Age-Friendly will be supporting the relaunch of Parks' [Sound Steps](#) program that was popular before COVID. The kickoff event will be on 10/28.
- Age-Friendly Coffee Hour had its first hybrid event a few weeks ago and will do another one on arts on 9/15. We're meeting at the Seattle Public Library's Downtown location.
- Age-Friendly Gold Cards are now available online! We saw a 300% increase in registrations after we moved applications online.

V. Partners Report

King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)

- VSHSL had underspent money (\$150,000) this year that was awarded to six groups working on social connectivity projects.
- New shifts in DCHS staff roles as the Older Adults and Healthy Aging team has expanded: Traci is now the Policy and Community Engagement Program Manager. Norah Irwin Stuart is Contracts lead. Esther Lee is in Traci's policy team.
- Older Adults and Healthy Aging team is working on several policy pieces. A big part is connecting healthy aging work to [King County's Equity Plan](#). The team is also working with ADS and Department of Health on emergency planning. The team is also strengthening relationship with Metro and exploring ways to use VSHSL funds to fill gaps in transportation.

Sound Cities

- Many area transit agencies (King County Metro, Sound Transit, Washington State Ferries) are now offering free fare for youth 18 and under starting October 1. Youth will not need an ORCA card to board, but it is helpful for agencies to still track that information.

VI. Director's Report

- Mary Mitchell went through a competitive hiring process and is the permanent ADS Director. Thank you to all who served on hiring panels and/or informed hiring process!
- ADS received confirmation from DSHS that they will include ongoing support for the AAA Case Management in their maintenance level budget, so there's a high likelihood that this ask will be included in the final budget. This will mean that advocates will not have to go back every year to the Legislature to ask for adjustments.
- Other advocacy priorities for 2023 legislative session are the ongoing increased funding for hospital care transitions and the Dementia Resource Catalyst program.
- Advisory Council won't meet in October, but members are encouraged to attend the October advocacy conferences. Please let Sariga know if you're interested.
- The Mayor's budget will be released later this month. The council will deliberate and pass the final city budget around Thanksgiving.
- ADS is hiring for multiple positions, including Case Management Director. In efforts to bring caseload ratios to 75:1, ADS will be hiring additional counselors and support staff.