



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

July 14, 2023

Advisory Council Members

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<input type="checkbox"/> Diana Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex O'Reilly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Williams		

Others present:

Guests: Caren Goldenberg, Emily Billow, Traci Adair, Sue Siegenthaler, Marli Larimer, Mariel Torres Mehdipour

HSD Staff: Phung Nguyen, Mary Mitchell, Karen Winston, Eldad Mekuria, Irene Stewart, Andrea Yip, Allison Boll

I. Northwest Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Center (GWEC), Phung Nguyen – Primary Care Liaison

This month, we heard from ADS staff supporting the optimization of primary care of older adults through collaborative education, traineeships, client engagement, and community-clinical linkages. This presentation included discussions about training the next generation of healthcare professionals, GWEC program activities, and a Q&A for attendees.

II. Meeting Motions and Council Business

- June meeting minutes approval tabled for next meeting.
 - Joe proposed to move approval to August meeting due to there not being enough present voting members.
 - Group accepted.

III. Committee Updates

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- Advocacy - No updates
- Planning & Allocations Committee
 - Update on the four-year area plan
 - In early August the draft will be shared with the Advisory Council.
 - [Public hearings](#) will take place in person on August 14, 2023, at 10 AM held at the ADS Renton Office. August 23, 2023, at 11 AM at the Mt. Si Senior Center in North Bend.
 - Virtual hearing on September 5, 2023, during the Planning & Allocations meeting at 10:30 AM.
 - More information regarding the four-year area plan will be shared at the August Advisory Council meeting.
 - Allison Boll presented a review of the Community Living Connections service area and shared how that will be put out for funding in the coming year.
 - Karen Winston presented a review of the Kinship service area. The Kinship program supports older relatives caring for younger relatives or younger relatives caring for older relatives. This is a growing program and in need of more funding.
- VSHSL Board Seniors Committee - No updates
- NW Universal Design Council
 - Seattle Design Festival on August 19 and 20.
 - [Volunteers sign up form](#)
 - Set up on August 18
- Mayor's Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)
 - Last month's meeting was cancelled.
 - Next meeting will celebrate Juneteenth at the Central Area Senior Center.
 - Meeting will cover fraud prevention and Irene Stewart will discuss the ADS mission and vision.
- Age Friendly Seattle
 - AFS is working with Dept of Neighborhoods this summer to engage community liaisons in events and business outreach.
 - Upcoming Civic Coffee's will be held at the South Park and Southeast Seattle Senior Centers.
 - Community liaisons will be recruiting businesses in that area to add to the discount directory.
 - Civic Coffee's are now fully in person with the panelists with opportunities to join virtually.
 - July Civic Coffee will be on Wednesday, July 26 at the South Park Senior Center

- New series of training modules, “We love aging” will launch to city employees on cornerstone by the end of July.
- In the fall, AFS will collaborate with community partners to adapt the training modules for other organizations and community partners.

IV. Partners Reports

- King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)
 - At the next VSHL meeting an overview of the levy and underspent funds will be discussed.
 - The VSHL board will hear from staff about recommendations on how to redistribute the funds.
 - August 1, 2023, Primary and Special Election voters’ pamphlet and ballots have been mailed out.
 - Between now and the end of the year there are lots of considerations regarding what a renewed levy will look like.
 - Outreach with senior centers has started to enroll people for the Senior Tax Exemption Program.
 - Collaboration to compile and distribute emergency kits for the most vulnerable older adults in the county.
 - People 85 and above living in high rise housing programs like Seattle Housing Authority or King County Housing Authority living in the most vulnerable geographical areas in county.
 - Approximately 400 seniors will receive emergency kits and individual heat mitigation supplies.
- Public Health Seattle/King County
 - New campaign by CDC, “three for fall” flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines recommended as fall approaches.
 - RSV vaccine is new and not guaranteed to become available until end of September. May not be included in the large-scale community vaccination events.
- Sound Cities Association - No updates

V. Directors Report

- All three of new ADS leadership positions have been filled and the team members have started.
- ADS staff is working toward filling vacancies on the care coordination team, planning team, and contracts team.
- Caregiver workforce shortage - The state has a program for high school students to get certifications to become caregivers.
- WA Cares will be releasing a marketing video to help with outreach for the new program.