



# Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

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**To:** ADS Advisory Council Members and interested others  
**From:** Alex O'Reilly, Chair, Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council  
**Subject:** ADS Advisory Council February Meeting Agenda  
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Agenda and Announcement for the Aging and Disability Services  
Advisory Council Meeting

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## Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

**Date:** February 13, 2026

**Location:** Virtual MEETING

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## Presentation & RSJ Moment

12:00 PM – 12:55 PM | Guest Presentation

**Speaker:** Mariko Toyoji, MPH

**Topic:** Understanding Data by Communities Count

12:55 PM – 1:00 PM | Race and Social Justice (RSJ) Moment

**Topic:** [How Black History Month was created](#)

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## Advisory Council Business

1:05 PM – 1:55 PM | Business & Reports

**Approval of January Minutes** (Action Item)

**Goals Overview** (10 min)

**Committee & Council Reports** (20 min)

Advocacy Committee: Dr. Joel Domingo

Planning & Allocations Committee: Lorna Stone

VSHSL Board Seniors Committee: Cindy Snyder

NW Universal Design Council: Tom Minty

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Mayor's Council on African American Elders: Tiffanie Toms  
Age-Friendly Seattle: Dinah Stephens

**AAA Partner Reports & Action Items (10 min)**

King County, Dept. of Community and Human Services (DCHS)  
Public Health Seattle-King County  
Sound Cities Association  
Advisory Council (AC) in the Community

**ADS Director's Report (5 min)**

Jacqueline Cobbs, ADS Director

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**Closing & Executive Session**

**1:50 PM – 1:55 PM | Other Announcements**

Floor open for brief member announcements or upcoming events.

**1:55 PM – 2:10 PM | Executive Committee Meeting**

*Executive members only.*

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**Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings and Other Advocacy Events**

Next Advisory Council meeting will be in person on March 13, 2026

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## ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

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### Welcome

10:00 AM – 10:55 PM | Welcome and Approval of January Minutes

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### Advisory Council Check-in

10:05 AM – 10:45 AM | Check-in & Reports

Share information on recent advocacy and partnership activities and emerging issues. As a result, members will have a better understanding of the committee's collective work and identify connections that support their advocacy priorities.

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### Advocacy Issues

10:45 AM – 11:25 PM | Reports

Federal, state, and local updates.

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### Closing

11:25 AM – 11:30 AM | Review of Action Items



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### Advisory Council Meeting January 9, 2026

#### Attending

Advisory Council Members: Alex O'Reilly, Cindy Snyder, Dolores Wiens, Hannah Kimball, Jen Kulik, Dr. Joel Domingo, Lorna Stone, Wyvonne Ray and John Boyd

Staff: Allison Boll, Andrea Yip, Caren Goldenberg, Dinah Stephens, Jacqueline Cobbs, Maggie Thompson, Maria Langlais, Michael Adusah, Sherry Wu, Stevie Elliott, Sue Siegenthaler, and Waing Waing

AAA Partners: Dax Tate, Mariel Torres Mehdipour, Tiffanie Toms, Traci Adair, and Vedrana Durakovic

Guests: Edna Daigre, Emily Billow, JJ Wong, Jon Ehrenfeld, Karen Heeney, and Kelly Brown

#### 1. **Presentation** – Mobile Integrated Health Program, by Jon Ehrenfeld

[Link to presentation](#)

#### 2. **Advisory Council Business**

- Introductions: Recognized Councilmember John Boyd, City of Kent/Sound Cities Alliance, Kelly Brown, Legislative Aide for CM Juarez, and new member Jen Kulik.
- December Minutes: A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Cindy Snyder and seconded by John Boyd. The minutes were approved.
- RSJ Moment: Topic: People, Philanthropy, and Power: The Progression of Food Insecurity in Seattle. Council members discussed the hidden nature of food insecurity and its historical roots. Concerns were raised regarding upcoming SNAP program cuts and the resulting pressure on local food banks.
- 2026 Officer Slate Confirmation: The following slate was confirmed. (Motion: Cindy Snyder; Second: Dolores Wiens):
  - Chair: Alex O'Reilly
  - Vice Chair: Cindy Snyder
  - Advocacy Chair: Dr. Joel Domingo
  - At-Large and P&A Chair: Lorna Stone
- South County Update: John Boyd reported that the area is recovering from recent flooding and wind/rain seasons and is preparing for the upcoming legislative day.

#### 3. **Reports from Committees and Councils**

- **Advocacy:** The WA State Legislature is beginning a 60-day short session. Top priorities we identified as preserving community-based health, housing stability, and economic equity. A motion passed to draft a thank-you letter to the Governor for supporting the Health Homes program. Lobby Day is scheduled for January 21 in Olympia; Michael is working to secure appointments with four legislators.

- **Planning & Allocations:** The committee currently only has two members. Council members are strongly encouraged to join; meetings are held Monthly on the first Mondays.
- **VSHSL Board:** Focus remains on evaluating outcomes for programs funded by the levy for older adults. King County evaluation staff will attend the next Senior Committee meeting. Alex O'Reilly and Cindy Snyder are currently in the process of being reappointed to the full board.
- **NW Universal Design Council:** Partnering with the R.L. Mace Design Institute to host a Seattle-based design competition in the Fall of 2026, focusing on universal design in the context of new city zoning changes.
- **MCAAE:** MCAAE: Tiffanie Toms was elected Vice Chair; a full report will follow in February.
- **Age-Friendly Seattle:** Age-Friendly: Civic Coffee events are scheduled for 2026. Developing anti-ageism training for the healthcare industry and exploring social connectivity pilots. Partnering with the King County Assessor's Office to integrate property tax exemption applications.

#### 4. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners

- DCCHS: No report.
- Public Health: No report.
- Sound Cities Association (Dax Tate): Introduced Councilmember John Boyd as the new SCA representative. Councilmember Boyd emphasized his commitment to helping people age with respect.

#### 5. AC in the Community

Council members reported active engagement in the community. Dr. Joel Domingo reported on the ARC of Washington State's legislative session; emphasized the "D" (Disability) in the council's mission and his "Advocacy 101" articles in [AgeWise](#). Alex reported on an accessible technology conference, hosted by the TASCAR Center for Accessible Technology, will be held at the University of Washington on February 26-27; registration is free.

#### 6. ADS Director's Report

- Acting Director Jacqueline Cobbs announced organizational changes to improve public accessibility. The Triton Tower office in Renton is reopening to the public following the installation of protective plexiglass.
- HSD Deputy Director Maggie Thompson introduced herself and shared her 20-year history in caregiver support and crisis intervention, and noted that affordability remains a top priority for the new mayoral administration.

#### 7. Other Announcements

The February meeting presentation will feature epidemiologists from Public Health—Seattle & King County discussing the latest "Communities Count" data regarding older adults.

#### **Next Advisory Council meeting is February 13, 2026**

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