



Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

Creating choices for elders and adults with disabilities in Seattle-King County

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Advisory Council Meeting February 13, 2026

ATTENDING

Advisory Council Members: Alex O'Reilly, Hannah Kimball, Jen Kulik, John Boyd, Lorna Stone, Wyvonne Ray and Sarah McKiddy

Staff: Andrea Yip, Blake Matthews, Dinah Stephens, Maria Langlais, Mary Pearson, Michael Adusah, Stevie Elliott, and Waing Waing

AAA Partners: Dax Tate

Guests: Brittnay Blue, Edna Daigre, JJ Wong, Mariko Youoji, and Sara Jaye Sanford

GUEST PRESENTATION

Understanding Data by Communities Count, By Mariko Toyoji, MPH

ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS

JANUARY MINUTES:

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Lorna Stone and seconded by John Boyd. Motion carried.

RSJ MOMENT:

Topic: [How Black History Month was Created](#). Members emphasized that Black history is American history and expressed concern regarding political efforts to remove such curricula from schools and libraries.

GOALS OVERVIEW:

Retreat Planning: A retreat is proposed for Fall 2026 to set priorities for 2027.

Priority Updates:

Estate Recovery: Currently a lower priority due to Congressional gridlock.

Property Tax Relief: Active monitoring of state bills.

Transportation: Notable progress in rural communities with the addition of weekend services. Hope Link is currently seeking feedback on transportation barriers for non-drivers.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Advocacy Committee (Alex O'Reilly): Tracking priority bills through the March 13th session end. Welcomed Kat Munson (Sound Generations) to the committee. Sent letters of introduction to Mayor Katie Wilson and thanks to Governor Ferguson regarding Health Home funding.

Planning & Allocations Committee (Lorna Stone): Welcomed new members Wyvonne Ray and Jay Woodford. Current focus includes senior center allocations and dementia investments. Preliminary needs assessment identified three pillars: Societal Transformation, Affordability, and Supply/Demand gaps.

VSHSL Board Seniors Committee (Cindy Snyder): Providing input on county bylaws; addressing quorum issues at the board level.

Mayor's Council on African American Elders (Andrea Yip): Working with Councilmember Hollingsworth; advocating for SB 6162 (Property Tax).

Age-Friendly Seattle (Dinah Stephens): Reported 15,000+ users of the business discount directory. Upcoming Universal Design competition focused on housing access.

REPORTS / ACTION ITEMS FROM AAA PARTNERS

DCHS: No report.

Public Health: No report.

Sound Cities Association (Dax Tate): Expected appointment of a second ADS member in March or April.

AC in the Community: Outreach regarding property tax exemptions continues at local senior centers. Member Sarah McKiddy was featured in the Seattle Times for her research on the impact of music on memory loss

ADS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The "Roadshow": Mary and Michael Bailey (DCHS) will visit all regional senior centers this year.

Legislative Mitigation: ADS is monitoring the HR1 bill, which is expected to impact Medicaid for approximately 1,100 immigrant elders in King County and 2,600 statewide.

Safety: Waiting on guidance from Mayor Wilson regarding ICE contact procedures for case management teams.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The King County Executive will attend the King County Alliance for Human Services meeting on Tuesday at 3:00 PM (Zoom).

Next Advisory Council meeting is March 13, 2026

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