



**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**  
**March 13, 2020**

**Advisory Council Members**

<input type="checkbox"/> CM Sofia Aragon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorna Stone
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ava Frisinger	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Minty	<input type="checkbox"/> Sue Weston
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Hailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sawczuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Woo
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**Friends of the Advisory Council**

<input type="checkbox"/> Connie Bown	<input type="checkbox"/> Edna Daigre	<input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Winters
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**Others present:**

**Guests:** Tricia Diamond, Marvin Eng, Joon Bang

**AAA Staff:** Cathy Knight, Maria Langlais, Andrea Yip, Irene Stewart, MaryPat O’Leary, Karen Winston, Brent Butler, Lenny Orlov, Lorraine Sanford, Sariga Santhosh

**Partners:** Mary Snodgrass, Traci Adair, Alexis Rinck, Alexis Turla

**I. COVID-19 Updates:** Mary Snodgrass - Public Health - Seattle & King County

*Mary, along with other members of the Older Adults Taskforce, joined us to provide COVID-19 updates.*

- The Older Adult Task Force is convened by Public Health Seattle-King County and includes representatives from aging network partners, including, King County Dept of Community and Human Services, Department of Health, Leading Age, WA Healthcare Alliance, LTC Ombuds, AARP, and ADS.
- Taskforce is addressing emerging issues, including:
  - Long-term care needs as rates of infection increase.

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- Guidance for organizations that house older adults like Seattle Housing Authority, King County Housing Authority.
- Emergency plans for people living alone, who may experience food/supply shortage, social isolation, etc.
- Guidance for older adults who feel they've been exposed to the virus.
- Public Health is also convening the [Pandemic Advisory Group](#) whose role is to get accurate information out to communities; bring community feedback to Public Health; counter disinformation and fear; and advise the Seattle Foundation on dispersing COVID-19 Response Grant Funds to community organizations.
- Governor has prohibited gatherings over 250 people. King County has stronger restrictions for groups of 50+ people.
- State is concerned about Area Agencies on Aging meeting their contractual obligations for Older Americans and state funds, but there may be greater flexibility allowed if state of emergency is declared.
- Vice Chair, Dick Woo's ask: AC members should continue sharing information with respective communities and ADS staff should push out timely information.
- Are there volunteer opportunities AC members can get involved with?

## II. Meeting Motions

- Motion to approve February meeting minutes
  - Ava: move to modify or correct minutes
  - Moved by Lorna
  - Seconded by Larry
  - Passed unanimously among council members

## III. Committee Updates

### Executive:

- Will meet briefly after AC meeting.

### Advocacy:

- Did not meet before this meeting.
- Today is last day of session and we had some major wins:
  - Received 86% of case management program funding: \$2.94M
  - Service plan signatures ask was funded at a higher level: \$4.66M
  - Proposal for Health Home rate study passed
  - Dementia Action Collaborative (DAC) ask for Specialized Services ask was partially funded: \$926,000 for two sites
  - Revenue for Long Term Care Ombudsman program was unintentionally left out last session; correction during supplemental year passed: \$300,000
  - Record levels of investments on homelessness programs

### P&A Committee:

- Will review Area Plan report card this year.
- Started discussion for discretionary funding priority areas. Departments will submit budget requests to city by June 3.
- Will be involved with MOUs for kinship and health promotion. Lorna will be on panel.

VSHSL Board:

- Didn't attend last month's meeting because of conflict
- Looking into joint VSHSL + AC meeting in May

Mayor's Council of African American Elders:

- At February meeting, members who missed 2020 retreat weighed in on annual priorities.
- March meeting will be virtual.
- Waiting on guidance about moving forward with 2020 MCAAE's events, such as the November Caregiver Forum.

Age-Friendly Coalition:

- Steering committees cancelled, but will be exploring how to conduct meetings remotely
- Coffee hours at Seattle Public Library have been cancelled. Exploring virtual options.

**IV. Partner Report**

**Department of Community and Human Services**

- Continuing outreach to the 42 funded orgs/hubs to offer flexibility with contracts due to COVID. Many are closed, but are redeploying staff for services like outreach, meal delivery, etc.
- VSHSL Board will meet next week virtually and will be meeting every other month.
- RFPs status:
  - Senior Virtual Villages: closed two weeks ago.
  - Evidence Based Health Promotion: opening March 30
  - VSHSL RFP for countywide I&A coordination: closes March 30
  - Coming soon: Kinship Care RFP. Expected to launch in late First Quarter 2020

**Councilmember Morales - Seattle City Council (Alexis Turla, Chief of Staff)**

- Council is now meeting remotely every Monday. Working on civil emergency authority.
- Important bills to address needs:
  - Expanding paid leave for people who are laid off due to COVID-19.
  - Mayor's bill investing \$1.5M in relief for small businesses. This is expansion of the Office of Economic Development's Small Business Stabilization Fund and eligible businesses can receive up to \$10,000.

**V. Director's Report: Cathy Knight**

- 1 COVID-related death (client caregiver) from MAC/TSOA program.

- Concerned about caregiver needs and workforce impacts. President's state of emergency could help.
- DOH does not identify caregivers as healthcare providers, so they do not receive priority status for resources like protective equipment.
- 1 positive case of COVID-19 in SHA. How will virus spread in congregate settings?
- Clients are receiving telephonic check-ins from Case Managers.