

Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of SW Washington
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2019

Location: AAADSW Offices, Vancouver WA

The meeting was called to order by Lanae at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Sandy Dement (by phone), Lanae Johnson, Shari Van Dinter, Pearl Blackburn, Bernadette Goodroe,

Excused: Lisa Bayautet, Shanti Potts, Ray Thygesen

Absent:

Staff present: Dave Kelly, Mike Reardon, Karen Wolfe

Guests: Roberta Doster

Introductions:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Arnie and Beth, seconded by Carole. Motion passed.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting was made by Sue, and seconded by Arnie. Motion passed.

Announcements/Community Outlook: Bernadette reports there is a new outreach specialist onboard in Wahkiakum, training in progress. Pat reports she went to the League of Women Voters meeting. Pat will be presenting at a future meeting. Arnie reported on an organization trying to get shared housing in Vancouver, will be meeting again with them soon. Beth reported there is a 3/6 grand opening of the Bereavement Center for Community Home Health and Hospice at 4 p.m. MOWP have opened the diner, Beth shared the menu. Pearl has been checking in on the Senior Centers in her area to make sure they have info on the Agency. Asked why there is no exercise class in Wahkiakum. Mike will talk to her. Carole attended the ribbon cutting for the Villages in Vancouver. She reported to Sandy D that she was in Los Gatos recently and took a photo of the reservoir. Sandy Dement reported that portions of her article on the new Transportation system were published in the KPUD newsletter. Also wrote two more articles based on material from the Fall Conference about the Age Wave. Kathy said she and her hubby went to Cathlamet last weekend for the Crab Feed and had a good time. She'd like to do some presentations at the local senior center and will be working on that. Tina reported on a recent Town Hall meeting put on by her work – one idea they are working on providing information for services for disabled kids. Kelli Sweet from our Longview office gave a presentation that was very illuminating and helpful, giving info on the Agency and what we do. Sandy Bacus reported on the High School and Beyond: Home Care Aide course for HS Students. They would like us to promote it at our local schools since it is a statewide program. There is interest in other areas as well. Sue said the principal in Cathlamet is interested as well. Lanae related her recent attempts to find a caregiver. Mike handed out the roster and asked everyone to make sure their addresses are correct so reimbursement checks can be mailed.

Also reported on needing W9s from folks. Shout out to Beth for being Clark County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the year.

Reports:

Executive Director's Report:

Legislator meetings: Dave met with our elected reps in January to lobby for our legislative priorities. The LTCTA is being highly pushed by various organizations. Dave said how complimentary they were about our Advisory Council and their work.

Dave reported that he will be going to DC in early March for n4a BoD meetings and legislator visits. The primary focus is on OAA funding.

Dave reported on the Senate HELP committee testimony regarding the grant-funded GWEC program, which trains medical school residents and other providers to work with the aging population. AAADSW and the King County AAA are the two agencies involved in the pilot project. Dave related that we have received 4,000 referrals from providers out of the GWEC program. Recently GWEC's Dr. Katherine Bennett was going to testify before the Senate Help Committee on the GWEC program and asked Dave and Breanne Swanson to provide some testimony materials for her. In her testimony, Dr. Bennett mentioned some of the work that AAADSW has done and the large number of referrals that came out of the GWEC program. The hope is that we can get some funding for the program going forward. Sandy D commented that the GWEC program and the Skamania HS program are working on the same issue from different directions. Question: what kind of services were the 4,000 referrals focused on? Mike will pull together some details. Mike said the referral form has different boxes to check, I&A, Family Caregiver, needs around caregiving, and other. Dave is hoping that our data initiative will help capture more of the information on our clients and the outcomes of the services they receive. Dave added we are working with Dr. Bolkan at WSU to find an intern to help work with the data collection. Shari mentioned Leadership Clark County as another source. Dave shared other efforts on the data initiative we're doing and a great discussion ensued.

Executive Committee: Mike reported that the committee worked on the agenda for today, committee reports, and some other discussion for today's meeting.

Planning & Allocations Committee: Sandy D reported on the progress on the Area Plan survey. WSU made some suggested changes and they are being incorporated now. Should be finalized by the end of the month. Some beta testing will be needed (about 30). Will need AC members' help with the beta test. Sandy B reported 21 surveys will be needed from Clark County, Cowlitz 4-, Wahkiakum 1, Skamania 1, and Klickitat 2. The committee is focusing on people with disabilities this year. Christina Marneris is going to be interviewing several organizations to see how they are referring to us – Alzheimer's, mental health, hearing loss, and veterans will be the focus groups. Once the beta surveys are completed then the effort will be to disseminate the survey in April and May throughout our region and get at least 1,067 completed surveys returned. Breakdown of surveys needed: 743 Clark, 230 Cowlitz, 54 Klickitat, 24 Skamania, 15 Wahkiakum. Sandy would like some time on March agenda to discuss the effort in more detail.

Advocacy-Outreach Committee: Beth demonstrated the baseball themed leave-behinds for Senior Lobby Day.

State Council on Aging (SCOA) Report: Beth reported on the recent SCOA meetings. AARP, W4a, Senior Lobby, Tribal Elder Services, Bea Rector, etc., all gave reports. There were also updates on federal issues.

Membership Committee: Arnie reported that we are working on recruitment and mentorship for new members. Identified key things about the Council and the Agency and how we work. Arnie announced that Roberta Doster has applied for membership. Karen mentioned that during the Senior Lobby Day role play please pair up with older/newer members.

Vote on AC Membership Applicant - Skamania County Roberta Doster introduced herself. She previously worked for the Cowlitz tribe as an outreach worker. Also worked with Lewis County on that project. She was an educator in her career. Been on the Skamania School board, has travelled extensively. Wants to do something worthwhile. She enjoys gardening and food preserving.

Ballots were distributed and a vote was taken on Roberta's membership application. The vote was unanimously in favor of accepting Roberta as a member.

May 16th Clark Co. Senior Heroes Award Luncheon - tabled for next month

Senior Lobby Day Tuesday, February 26th


Karen reviewed plans for Senior Lobby Day. Question about Bill numbers on our legislative material. Mike asked each group of members to split out into Districts to discuss the script and logistics. Beth and Lanae demonstrated/role played a visit with a legislator. All the talking points will be on the backs of the bases. Question about the Alzheimers Dementia program – who will get the money? Dave thinks it will go to a variety of organizations. Dave also gave some advice about the legislator visits. Karen will add members to Beth and Pat's visits so they don't go alone. Mike will pare down the scripting. Mike will get more details about the Senate and House budgets.

Public Comment: none

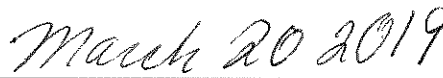
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Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

REMINDER: Next meeting is March 20, 2019. Committees at 10, lunch at 11:30, meeting at noon.



Signature



Date