

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

September 18, 2019

Location: Vancouver AAADSW office, Columbia Room

The meeting was called to order by Lanae Johnson at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Beth Anderson, Arnie Dyer, Lisa Bayautet, Lanae Johnson, Sandy DeMent, Sandy Bacus, Carole Lewis, Kathy Kyllonen, Pat Cano, Tina McCully, Roberta Doster, Pearl Blackburn

Excused: Jon Dieter, Bernadette Goodroe, Shanti Potts

Absent: none

Staff present: Dave Kelly, Mike Reardon, Karen Wolfe

Guests: none

Introductions:

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Kathy and seconded by Carole. Motion passed.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting was made by Arnie and seconded by Lisa. Motion passed.

Announcements/Community Outlook: Carole brought washable forks for us to use at lunch. She will take them home and wash them. Pat is back to school. Roberta reported on attending the Senior Luncheon before the Area Plan Presentation in Stevenson. Sandy B said it was one of the largest groups attending. Pearl reported on the Senior Exercise program on Thursdays and they are adding a class on Tuesdays. She also reported on the Fisher House (like Ronald McDonald House) at the local VA hospital. Pearl delivered comfort bags to them recently. Lanae shared her experience with the Fisher House at OHSU. Lisa commented on her experience working with AAADSW's Fiona Humphrey on Medicare plan options. Kathy added that SHIBA also assists with Medicare plan option counseling. Arnie reported on shadowing a case manager on a client visit. CM Maria Lattanzi was very compassionate and knowledgeable in her work with the clients as well as the program services available. Arnie also reported on Men's Shed progress: exploratory meeting next week. Hope to have regular meetings started by November. CDM is providing space. Beth reported on the Alzheimer's choir and their future plans. She also shared the article from the Senior Messenger about the n4a award we received in July in New Orleans. Sandy B asked for contact info for the local Alzheimers Group leadership. Lanae thanked Sandy and Roberta for attending the Area Plan meeting.

Reports:

Executive Director's Report: Dave stated that he is very happy Ad Council members are doing client visit ride-alongs with Case Managers and hopes everyone will take advantage of the opportunity. Please contact Mike Reardon if you are interested in shadowing a case manager on a client visit. Dave also reported on the September w4a meetings. Sandy D asked if w4a has done analysis on why the legislative priorities were not as successful this year. Dave reported on his take on it. Dave feels we have a lot of successes that we can use as examples when lobbying our legislators. Kathy asked if there was any discussion at w4a regarding the opioid crisis. Dave responded that the regional Accountable Communities of Health are taking the lead at the local levels. Lisa asked if any local governments joined in the lawsuits against the pharmaceutical companies. Most of it was done at the State level. Dave thanked everyone for all their hard work, passion, and energy.

Executive Committee: Mike reported on this month's Executive Committee meeting. Discussed the 2020 meeting schedule and the lack of meetings for committees in some months. He and Karen are working on some adjustments, and they will report at the November meeting.

Advocacy and Outreach: Beth reported on plans for Senior Lobby Day in 2020. We'll do a chef theme with a recipe book and lunchbox with cookies as leave-behinds. We will have green chef's aprons to wear. Also suggested we invite our legislators to lunch at a local senior meal site. Beth handed out photo release forms. Please contact your legislators to get recipe info and send them to Lanae by the end of October. Reminder that Senator King is gluten intolerant.

Planning & Allocations: Sandy D reported on revisions to the draft 2020-2023 Area Plan that Mike sent out last week. Subject to those changes, the committee endorses the Plan. Discussion comparing programs in particular counties. Asked for any last input before we finalize the Plan.

State Council on Aging (SCOA): SCOA is meeting next week.

Membership: Arnie reported he missed the committee meeting this morning due to a previous commitment. Mike reported that Sue C recently moved from Wahkiakum County to Clark County. Shanti Potts's term ends this month, so in October Sue will fill Shanti's position. We still have vacancies in Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Skamania and Klickitat. Let Arnie know if you need more of the tri-fold brochures.

Ballot: 2nd Term Application. Ballots to vote on approval of a second term for Beth Anderson were distributed and tabulated. Arnie reported the vote was unanimously in favor of Beth serving a second term on the Council.

Nominating Committee: 2019 Slate of Officers and Nominations from floor. Jon Dieter Chair, Sandy D vice Chair and Sandy B Secretary. Opened nominations from the floor. No nominations were received. Floor nominations are now closed. Voting will occur at the November meeting.

2020-2023 Area Plan: Mike thanked everyone, especially the committee for their hard work on the Area Plan over the last year. We're nearly done! Mike reported on the two public meetings one in Dallesport and one in Stevenson. Both were very well attended. Need for trained caregivers is critical in the Gorge. We have added a goal of the home care aide training program to be instituted in area high schools. The Stevenson attendees raised an advocacy issue of property tax increases and the domino effect that has on seniors, as well as rising housing costs in general. Farmers Market vouchers were another issues. Embedding ADRN staff in the Vancouver Clinic also raised a lot of interest. Offering the same program for all counties has multiple implications that the Committee will look into in the next year. Mike elaborated on next steps for the Area Plan – it will be presented to the COG for approval next week and then to the State for approval.

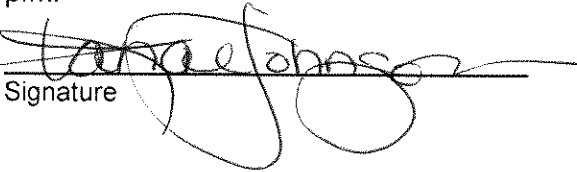
Fall Conference: Karen reported on the plans for the Fall Senior Conference and distributed a sign-up sheet for lunches and breakout sessions. Please contact Karen ASAP if you have not yet signed up to attend the Fall Conference.

Tina McCully 6 years of AC service: Tina's second term ends this month and the council celebrated her service to the Council, the Agency, and to the citizens of Cowlitz County. Both Dave and Mike thanked Tina for her dedication. Tina was presented with a fleece vest with her name and the agency logo embroidered on it, along with a card signed by staff and the council members, and cake.

Public Comment: Sandy DeMent described a letter she created regarding the 2020-2023 Area Plan. She asked council members to contact their respective local newspapers/newsletters and submit the letter as either a Letter to Editor or guest editorial. Next step is Sandy will send Mike the letters for review and put on AC letterhead.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

REMINDER: No meeting in October. See you at the Fall Senior Conference in Tacoma, October 23-24. Next meeting is Wednesday November 20, 2019 in the Columbia Room of the Vancouver AAADSW office. Committees from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., meeting from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.


Signature


Date