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

December 18, 2019

Location: Vancouver AAADSW office, Columbia Room

The meeting was called to order by Lanae Johnson at 10:11 a.m.

Roll Call: Sandy Bacus, Lisa Bayautet, Pearl Blackburn, Sue Cameron, Pat Cano, Sandy Dement, Jon Dieter, Roberta Doster, Arnie Dyer, Lanae Johnson, Kathy Kyllonen, Carole Lewis

Excused: Bernadette Goodroe, Beth Anderson

Absent:

Staff present: Dave Kelly, Mike Reardon, Karen Wolfe

Guests:

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

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2019 meeting was made by Sandy and seconded by Roberta. Motion passed.

Announcements/Community Outlook: Carole complimented everyone on how festive they look: Pearl said Tina M sends her hello. They Delivered 17 bags to Eagle Point retirement community – they were very appreciative. Also reported she is the ambassador for Dress A Girl for Oregon and Washington. If you know sewers or quilters that want to participate, Pearl said the website is [dressagirlaroundtheworld.com](http://dressagirlaroundtheworld.com) or email [info@dressagirlaroundtheworld.com](mailto:info@dressagirlaroundtheworld.com), or email Pearl at [dressagirlpearl@gmail.com](mailto:dressagirlpearl@gmail.com). Pearl also reported she has a new baby granddaughter. Pat gave a shout-out for the ride-along she did with a case manager to a client's house. It was very impactful and meaningful for Pat. The AAA is helping provide services for her dad in LA.

Sue Cameron reported that she applied for Villages of Clark County membership. Having a new home she has a lot of needs that she can't handle on her own. She said she enjoys the Villages model and that it's a great opportunity to volunteer. She is going to network John with the Senior meal site. It would be great to get their services out to more seniors. Arnie reported on the second meeting of the Men's Shed. 8 attended in November, 22 attended the December meeting. Arnie thanked Dave for attending and getting the participants enthused. Next meeting is January 4<sup>th</sup>. Please take a flyer to post. Lanae related her experience of learning how to recruit volunteers. Would love to have something like the Villages concept in Goldendale.

## Reports:

Executive Director's Report: Dave commended Lanae for her efforts. Also thanked Arnie for his work on the Men's shed and how excited he was to join their meeting.

Dave reported on the recent W4A meetings. Lots of work going on in the technical realm for Electronic Visit Verification. Also work going on for CDE for individual provider management. Dave explained the CDE program at a high level. EVV is delayed until January 2021 and CDE is delayed until July 2021.

Dave reported on testifying before the State Senate Health Committee last month. The main issue the hearing was focused on was long-term hospitalization and problems of transitioning patients out of the hospital. Some of these patients have been hospitalized for months with no medical reason due to nowhere to transition them to. Senator Cleveland knows about AAADSW's Care Transitions program and asked Dave to speak to the committee about it. Mike's team put together info, and Mark Mantei from Vancouver Clinic also testified before the committee. Bea Rector from AL TSA also testified. He was especially impressed with Mark's testimony about the efficacy of the Agency's programs. Mark shared some client stories where the TVC staff's work was facilitated by the Agency staff embedded in the clinic. Dave shared that nearly 1,000 clients have signed up for the program. Mike gave some details on the program: Do they have a safe plan of care? Do they know what signs to look for? Do they know what meds they need to take? Do they understand when their next follow-up visit is and do they have transportation? Our nurses and case managers have specific protocols they follow. We also can model for and educate the hospital discharge planners. Kathy elaborated that a lot of the patients are homeless and finding a safe place for them to go can be challenging. Dave highlighted the Qualis study on our Care Transitions program, which identified and quantified the positive benefits of the program. WSUV's Drs. Bolkan and Weaver are writing a study paper on the program. In five months the program was shown to save Medicare and Medicaid nearly \$300,000 in reduced hospital readmissions. Sandy D asked what is the bigger picture, adding in our costs to effect the savings. Dave stated that Health Homes program is factored on savings after expenses. There's been no study on the Care Transitions program based on savings after expenses. AL TSA looked at the ROI and determined that \$4 of savings are accrued for each \$1 spent. We're currently not getting reimbursed for Care Transitions and are funding the program through grants and fund balance. Sandy B asked if even though Legacy did not receive any savings, but wouldn't they see savings due to ACA fines for readmissions? Dave stated that it didn't feel like the upper management was truly on board with the program. Jon asked what other outcomes we saw besides the savings. Mike related a client story where the client was able to be connected to other Agency services besides the specific discharge issues. Sue asked why the other AAAs aren't following our model? Dave stated that many AAAs aren't willing to take the financial risk of operating on grants and fund balance. Dave reported on the Agency's recent Winter All Staff meeting. Sue made a suggestion for an agenda item next month.

Executive Committee: Lanae reported the Executive Committee finalized the 2020 meeting schedule and today's agenda.

Planning & Allocations: Sandy D reported the committee has a full agenda for January of how the committee can best utilize their talents and mission. Will have a full report next month.

Membership: Arnie reported they have been actively recruiting.

Advocacy and Outreach: Recipes are trickling in. The committee could use more recipes and photos.

State Council on Aging (SCOA): no report

Professionalize AAADSW Communications: Mike reported that he and Lisa met last week to discuss the topic. The meeting helped Mike crystalize what the Agency needs. He is evaluating the different types of positions to determine what would be the best for the Agency. He will work with HR to develop a job description. Reaching out to firms for advice on the position. Eventually it will go to the COG for approval. Lisa added that it was good to speak to Mike and share her perspective about what types of marketing are needed

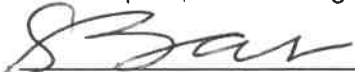
2020 Advisory Council Folders: Mike distributed the 2020 folders. One section still to come, in January. Mike walked everyone through the folder sections. Still working on the work plan, which will be ready in January. Mike asked that everyone return their 2019 folders.

2019 Outgoing/2020 Incoming AC Officers: Mike thanked Lanae, Sue, and Sandy B for their service in 2019. He also welcomed Jon, Sandy B and Sandy D for 2020. Lanae thanked everyone for their service.

Public Comment: Thank you to Lanae and her family for the cookies. Arnie will send Mike the Men's Shed flyer electronically.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

REMINDER: Next Meeting is Wednesday January 15, 2020. Committees from 10-11:30 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., full meeting from noon – 1:30 p.m.



Signature



Date