



COG Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2020

Members present: Councilor Blom, Commissioner Mahar

Members present by phone: Commissioner Gardner

Members absent:

Alternates present:

Staff present: David Kelly, Monty Hansen, Karen Wolfe

Advisory Council member present: Jon Dieter

Visitors present: Kim Le

The meeting was begun at 1:15 p.m. and initially was informational only, due to the lack of the quorum. Commissioner Gardner joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order officially at 1:30 p.m.

1. Agenda Review: no changes

2. Review of Minutes: Commissioner Mahar moved to approve the December 5, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment: none

4. Staff Anniversary Recognition: Dave recognized Kim Le for her five year anniversary. Kim spoke about her Care Coordination clients, many of whom need Asian language assistance, but Kim is familiar with cultural concerns. She is well known in the community because of her dad.

5. Review of Past Months' Admin Activities: Dave reviewed the recent Admin activities of contracts, communications and meeting calendar. Dave highlighted the recent PEARLS contract amendment.

Dave described the 1/3 meeting with Bob Tolar of the ECHO Group, on a possible USAID program with Ukraine to assist with their aging population.

6. Advisory Council: New AC Chair Jon Dieter introduced himself to the COG and gave his background information and what the Advisory Council does. Jon reported on recent Council activities. In December the council enjoyed putting on their annual Staff Appreciation reception for Staff. Jon reviewed the past two months of AC agendas and highlighted the various sub-

committees the AC members participate in. Membership committee – Jon highlighted the vacancies on the Council – one in each of Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Skamania and Klickitat – with one other vacancy coming in Klickitat later this spring. Jon highlighted the qualities we’re looking for in Council members, and asked for the COG members’ recommendations for any possible new members. Jon reported on Senior Lobby Day planned for February 20th – we have 8 or 9 council members attending. Jon reviewed the legislative priorities of more funding for mental health clients. Jon also described the leave-behinds the Council will be taking to Olympia for the legislators. Councilor Blom noted that many legislators are asking for no-paper visits.

[At 1:49 p.m.we lost Commissioner Gardner from the call and no longer had a quorum.]

7. Review of Financials.

Monty reviewed the October and November Financial statements and the November dashboard.

8. GASB Report

Monty presented the GASB report and discussed the priorities for 2020. One change we are still reckoning with is GASB 87 regarding how leases are accounted for. Discussion ensued. Questions about why Washington follows GASB. Dave said that WA takes a conservative approach vs. some other states.

9. SWACH/HUB Report Dave reported on the recent SWACH meetings. Their plan is to purchase Coordinated Care Services software to collect client HUB information from community agencies and medical providers. The plan would be for each client to have one HUB client identifier that would be accessible to and coordinate-able with other providers and community agencies. SWACH got their funding from the federal government under the ACA. Councilor Blom has concerns about data privacy.

10. Good of the Order: none

11. Adjourn. With the lack of a quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.