

**Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2025**

**Location:** Skamania County Senior Services and Zoom

*The meeting was called to order by Chair, Apryl Schneider at **12:01 PM**.*

**Roll Call:** Kevin Callahan, Susan Petrie, Mary Repar, Apryl Schneider, Rick Seekins

**Excused:** Shelley Baxter, Marianne Burkholder, Diane Craft

**Absent:** Joe Bosch, Greg Flakus

**Staff present:** Mike Reardon, Christina Marneris, Patti Atkins, Maggie Ridenour

**Guests:** Roberta Doster, Dave Rorden, Cass Freedland (Clark County Commission on Aging), Commissioner Brian Nichols, Maria Spencer (Skamania County Senior Services Program Manager), Season Long, Sylvia Manheim

**June 18, 2025, Meeting Agenda:** Rick Seekins moved to approve the agenda. Kevin Callahan seconded. Motion passed.

**May 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes:** Mary Repar moved to approve the agenda. Rick Seekins seconded. Motion passed.

**Announcements/Community Outlook:**

- Kevin Callahan (Clark):
  - Kevin contacted four cities (in addition to Vancouver) in Clark County regarding zoning for manufactured home parks.
    - Goal is that cities will adopt zoning specifically for manufactured home parks. Still early in the process but Kevin will continue to follow progress on this issue.
    - Camas and Washougal both indicated a strong interest in the issue.
    - Kevin is continuing to work with Ridgefield and Battle Ground.
- Diane Craft (Cowlitz):
  - Shared on Diane's behalf by Christina Marneris
    - Margaret Westervelt, AAADSW Community Services Longview Supervisor (presenter at May 2025 meeting) will offer a presentation at the end of the month to the rotary. Diane is pretty excited about this.
    - Eden Hospice is offering a bereavement support group at Canterbury Inn. Diane will share a flyer with more details.
    - River City Transit plans to extend service to Ridgefield, near Ilani and near a Vancouver clinic. More details to come.
- Susan Petrie (Klickitat):
  - Continuing advocacy to sustain federal funding for SNAP and Medicaid benefits.
- Mary Repar (Skamania):
  - Mary reported that there are still transportation concerns in Skamania County.
  - Mary was pleased to see that there have been both a mobile dental clinic and medical clinic recently in Skamania County.

- Apryl Schneider (Clark):
  - Apryl is an AARO Legislative Liaison to Representative Maria Gluesenkamp Perez.
    - Recently met virtually with a Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez staffer to specifically advocate for the Credit for Caring Act.
- Rick Seekins (Clark): Nothing new to report.

## **Reports:**

**Executive Director's Report:** Mike thanked everyone for sharing what is going on in their local communities. He expressed appreciation of members' advocacy and commitment for older adults and individuals with disabilities in their communities.

- 2026 State Legislative Session:
  - Advocacy and strategy work has begun for the upcoming (2026) Legislative Session
    - Nutrition
    - Health Homes
      - Health Care Authority is taking a stronger advocacy position, which is great news!
- Key Issues:
  - WA CARES
    - Benefits available 7/1/2026
    - Approximately 2,700 individuals in AAADSW's service area will be "vested share" and eligible to apply for WA Cares next year
      - Clark = 2,081
      - Cowlitz = 545
      - Klickitat = 55
      - Skamania = 27
      - Wahkiakum = 16
      - Statewide = 28,300
  - Medicaid
    - Continue watching closely what is going on in the Senate regarding the Big Beautiful Bill.
  - OAA programs
    - Advocacy works!! All OAA programs are part of the Administration for Children, Families and Communities.
- Other:
  - Quality Assurance (think program auditing) results for Medicaid Case Management and MAC/TSOA programs
    - Focus Areas: Financial and Program eligibility, Authorizations, Care Plans, Documents/forms, Documentation, Referrals, etc.
    - MAC/TSOA programs scored above expected proficiency in 7/7 areas. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row achieving a perfect score.
    - Medicaid Case Management program scored above expected proficiency in 9/10 areas
  - Our Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) is expanding into Pacific County effective 7/1/2025

## **Executive Committee:**

- The Executive Committee met on 06/02/2025. They welcomed the new Advisory Council Executive Committee officers and drafted the agenda for the meeting today.

## **Advocacy and Outreach Update:**

- No report shared.

#### **Planning and Allocations Update:**

- A reporting template is currently being developed for the purpose of reporting service data for each of our five counties.
  - What will be included:
    - Allocation for each service per county.
    - Number of people served for each service per county.
    - Number of units delivered for each service per county.
      - Examples of "units": number of meals provided, number of trips provided, etc.
  - The goal is to have the report ready to be presented to the Advisory Council for review and questions by the August 2025 meeting.

#### **State Council on Aging (SCOA):**

- No report shared.

#### **Presentations:**

- Skamania County Senior Services Presentation and Tour (Maria Spencer, Skamania County Senior Services Program Manager):



SCSS Power Point  
2025 for AAADSW.pdf

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- Appoint Bylaws Committee (Apryl Schneider):
  - Kevin Callahan, Susan Petrie and Rick Seekins volunteered.

#### **Membership Vote:**

- The applications for Dave Rorden (Cowlitz County) and Roberta Doster (Skamania County) have been paused due to not having a quorum at this meeting.

#### **Public Comment:**

- No additional public comments.

Meeting adjourned at **1:25 PM.**

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Seekins', written over a horizontal line.

Date

A handwritten date '8/70/25' in black ink, written over a horizontal line.