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Diane Craft appointed to Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington Advisory Council

Vancouver, Washington, February 8, 2022 — Diane Craft of Longview was recently appointed to the Advisory Council of the Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington (AAADSW), representing Cowlitz County. Ms. Craft has dedicated 23 years of her career to senior housing. She served as the Human Resources Director at Community Home Health & Hospice for over three years, and currently works as a Community Liaison for Koelsch Communities in Longview. She has contacts in these areas and will continue bring awareness of these resources to seniors to empower them to maintain their independence or increase their quality of life.

The Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington is a State-appointed public agency whose mission is to promote independence, choice, well-being, and dignity for persons aged 60 and over, adults with disabilities, and their families through a comprehensive, coordinated system of home and community-based services. The Agency's Advisory Council is made up of six members from Clark County and three members from each of the other four counties it serves.

Ms. Craft says she is “focused on access to resources and services for those being cared for in their homes.” She continues, “I advocate for those estranged from family members or who may no longer have families to offer care in order to reduce the fear of asking for help. It is equally important to provide resources to family caregivers and identify pockets of potentially underserved elderly in the county for outreach.”

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The Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington is a multi-service public agency providing assistance to the elderly and people with disabilities in Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties. Services include nutrition, transportation, case management, dental care, minor repairs to homes, aging & disability resource centers, respite care and counseling for caregivers, educational classes and support groups covering chronic illnesses and caregiving, healthy aging resources, and exercise programs. Requests for information, assistance and general inquiries may be directed to (360) 735-5721.

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