

## Press Release

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### **JoAnne Baker appointed to Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington Advisory Council**

Vancouver, Washington, April 20, 2022 — JoAnne Baker of Longview was recently appointed to the Advisory Council of the Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington (AAADSW), representing Cowlitz County. Ms. Baker has volunteered with the Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program for ten years. She is experienced in community engagement, and is interested in developing and expanding programs, support for family caregivers, access to health care, and in building age friendly communities.

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. Baker says she will utilize her personal experience as a family caregiver, and ongoing experience as a SHIBA volunteer to “connect to the local community to support AAADSW and the wonderful work they do.” Ms. Baker brings a positive can-do spirit to the Advisory Council's mission.

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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 of Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties. Requests for information, assistance and general inquiries may be directed to (360) 735-5721.

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