

WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL ON AGING

June 23, 2015

STATE COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:	Kathleen Miller, Joanne Levine, , Helen Spencer, Barry Lamont, Aruna Bhuta, Marilyn Vogler, Carl Bender, Courtney Jaren, Phillip Lemley, Cheryl Townsend Winter, Diane Snell, Javier Figueroa . Paul Malinski
Members Absent:	Rep. Linda Kochmar, Sen .Karen Keiser, Suzanne Holmes, Ron Bacon, Rep. Sherry Appleton, Gail Hiestand. , Ron Vivion
Guests:	Cathy Knight-W4A, Kevin Quigley, DSHS, Bill Moss, AL TSA
AL TSA Staff:	Rosemary Biggins

ACTION ITEMS LIST	WHO	DEADLINE/DUE DATE
Meeting Date: June 23, 2014		
1. Send out Parade Magazine AD article	Rosemary	DONE
2. Get info on guardianship for Council members.	Research Comm.	
3. Invite T. Malmo from Sheba to present.	Courtney	Near future.
4. Contact S. Boden re: WINGS & Guardianship Board participation.	Rosemary.	Near future.
5. Contact David Lord to present on guardianship along with someone from the Elder Law Section of the WA State Bar.	Barry, Courtney	Near future.
6. Prepare detailed report re: guardianship incl. vocabulary list, flow chart and continuum of options.	Helen & Courtney	Try for August meeting.
7. Follow up on getting an EMT to present to the Council.	Phil.	Near future?
8. Get example Power Point presents on guardianship from W. Bowen.	Marilyn.	By August?
9. Develop Council Power Point on guardianship.	PA&E Comm.	After get examples.

WELCOME, REMARKS, AND Introductions

Barry Lamont welcomed members; the agenda and previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Action items were reviewed.

Members checked in about Excellence in Action award nominations that have been received to date

Barry has received 2, Joanne -1 (and anticipates maybe 1 more), Carl received 1, 2 additional nominations from Lopez Island were sent to Rosemary.

The Council had discussion about whether the award should be continued next year. Joanne mentioned that staff said this is first year that nominations have been broadened beyond AAA and it may take time to figure out.

The Council discussed representation to the WINGs grant. Subsequently was determined that Marilyn Volger will represent SCOA. (email discussion post meeting)

Members engaged in general discussion about guardianship; Joanne Levine suggested that the Research Committee develop some basic information about guardianship, including supported decision making for future Council discussion.

Phillip Lemley recommended a recent article on Alzheimer's disease be distributed to members

Senior Lobby Update

There is a video on the Senior Lobby website about not wanting to work to you die that may be of interest:-the website address is <http://www.waseniiorlobby.org/>

The second legislative special session continues.

Following addressing the impacts of the McCleary decision, the biggest obligation to meet in current legislative budget negotiations is labor contracts.

The Seattle Times editorial board has come out in support of capital gains tax

Discussion ensued about having a speaker from SHEBA present on Medicare.

A reminder that October 28th is fall conference date

General discussion ensued about status of current negotiations, revenue proposals and related issues.

W4A Update

As of last Friday it appeared the budget impasse was resolving but now there is a newer budget proposal being considered that drops the capital gains component but calls for ending targeted tax exemptions.

Cathy McCaul AARP is excited about the passage of the small business marketplace legislation

Current budget proposal takes out the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging & Disability, so advocates are working on that

White House Conference on Aging

The White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) is scheduled for July 13th. People can view on line via live streaming and also participate in listening session scheduled in various areas of the state

Cathy and Cheryl Townsend Winter submitted formal comments to the WHCoA on behalf to W4A and the Council based on outcome of the October 2014 joint conference. (As discussed at the May meeting)

October Joint State Council and Local Advisory Council Meeting

Cathy and Cheryl have had preliminary discussion about the next joint meeting and presented a draft format for organizing and draft agenda for the upcoming October 29 2015 meeting. Council members discussed possible framework and suggested some focus on what would be helpful to assist aging advocates to develop legislative agenda for future legislative sessions.

Potential topic areas were also discussed. Barry suggested using outcome of today's discussion to frame more specific discussion at the August. Meeting and re-work the draft agenda

Council focus areas update

Alzheimer's Disease Working Group (ADWG) Update

Cheryl participated in the planning committee; last subcommittee meeting to finalize

All recommendations have moved out of subcommittees to whole group- during planning call decision made that all will weigh in on others areas

Considering another meeting in November after public comment on the draft final plan draft and possible roll out by Governor Inslee

The Working Group is recommending an oversight committee be established and be comprised, at least in part, from working group

The draft plan is to be reviewed in September

The group is also considering a governors summit on the Alzheimers Disease State Plan. Jerry Reilly asked that all recommendations be put into grouping as follows

1. do not require legislation or funding
2. do not require legislation but require a small amount of funding
3. requires legislation and small amount of funding
4. requires legislation and higher amount of funding

It's possible the plan may be written using this continuum and feature recommendations in the first category to help plan implementation gain momentum

Cheryl also shared that periodontal disease correlation with AD will be included in plan

Community First Choice Options (CFCO) - Aruna Bhuta

No update except that roll out date is July 2015; training is in process everything is moving forward.

The CFCO webpage can be located here:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/community-first-choice-option>

Elder Justice –Helen Spencer

No general update-shared that Yakama Nation Council has accepted consultation from Warm Springs model.

New Business

Discussed suggestions for future presentations/discussions at Council meetings

In process of scheduling speaker(s) Lesbian Bisexual Gay Transgendered individuals and senior issues

Discussed scheduling further discussion on guardianship. Barry will contact David Lord, Disability Rights Washington and Courtney Jaren will locate a speaker from the Elder Bar Association.

Courtney and Helen volunteered to put together some preliminary information on guardianship as well as other options (from an increasing public awareness perspective) for the August meeting. This will include a vocabulary list and flow chart.

Phillip Lemley suggests Para Medicine as future discussion topic.

Barry updated members on status of moving meetings to the Radisson

Discussed need to and formed a nominating committee to develop a slate of officers for the August meeting. Kathy Miller, Joanne Levine and Aruna Bhuta volunteered.

DSHS update/ALTSA update- Kevin Quigley and Bill Moss

Layoff notices were sent to DSHS staff today. This was necessary because the legislature has not passed a budget yet. If the budget doesn't pass 75% of Aging and Long-Term Supports Administration staff will be laid off.

Additionally DSHS has notified all clients and contractors of potential reduction in services

Unfortunate and a huge waste of money

Currently it appears that the respective budgets are about 100 million apart

Discussion ensued about what may make it through to final budget as well as items that didn't make it through, e.g. the pre-Medicaid package of services.

Barry shared information about some of the Councils current areas of focus, including transportation/transit needs, guardianship and a continuum of supportive decision making, the CFCO stakeholder process and elder justice.

Council members engaged in discussion with Kevin about county level needs for elder abuse prevention and investigation and the underfunding of Adult Protective Services (APS) Barry shared that APS presented at a past Council meeting.

Additional discussion focused on APS and screening people for cognitive capacity related to potential self-neglect. There's a fine line between self-neglect and free choice.

Bill Moss shared that APS is working with Cornell University on an assessment decision making tool that will assist with referrals for more services, or need for guardian, etc. ALTSA staff will provide the Council with some additional information about how APS is working to address self-neglect.

Barry asked about potential plans for the next legislative session.

Kevin reported that it's a supplemental budget year so typically that's not a policy year, however we will pursue some policy packages in limited fashion.

Bill reported on some potential areas being considered- family caregiver support, kinship caregiver support, possible statutory changes to address current permanent placement on the abuse registry.

Bill provided an update on plans related to development of the 1115 Medicaid Global Waiver

The idea is to make it transformative for waiver services. The first step would be to blend behavioral health and medical health care.

Important part of it is that it could allow us to access additional dollars to fund more support for the family caregiver support program. We would make the service be able to be authorized through Home and Community Services. On the health care side there are projections for significant savings.

Kevin provided some context about long term services and supports and how it's important that long term care integrity be maintained. Even in the most aggressive state, i.e. Oregon, long term care has not been moved to this approach yet. Reiterated that WA approach to waiver implementation will focus on co- occurring disorders first.

Barry asked what the Council may consider helping with looking forward to next legislative session.

Bill suggested perhaps the APS registry if that moves forward and to also consider getting more involved with the Residential Service Division of ALTSA and some of the quality assurance & regulatory work that ALTSA is involved in with Adult Family Homes, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living.

He also shared that he's happy to hear that the Council is focusing on guardianship-a critical issue and is interested in hearing more about future discussions.

Additional discussion took place about the registry including existing appeal process and overall how public the registry should be. AL TSA staff will put together a one page information sheet about how the registry is currently accessed.

Barry thanked Kevin and Bill for attending the meeting

Meeting Adjourned.