DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES **Administration for Community Living**

Washington, DC 20201

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Office of Governor Jay Inslee, Governor
Office of the Governor
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Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee:

I am pleased to inform you that the Washington State Plan on Aging under the Older Americans Act for October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2022, has been approved.

The state plan developed by the Aging and Long Term Services Administration of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services is the culmination of years of planning, surveying, and in-depth consideration of aging and disability resources/community resource connections, person-directed services and supports, nutrition services, disease prevention/health promotion, family caregiver supports, legal assistance and elder rights protection, and American Indian programs. There is substantial focus on developing a service system that is easy to access, focuses on consumers, and integrates OAA core and discretionary programs with non-OAA programs.

The Washington State Plan on Aging for 2018-2022 articulates the benefits of partnering, collaborating and leveraging resources, and stimulating community ownership to improve the lives of older Washingtonians in all communities. Principal among these partnerships is the rich system of Long Term Services and Supports which is available in Washington. Your system is a model that leverages community, state, and federal resources; is person-centered; simplifies and streamlines access to long-term services and enables individuals to maintain independence and live in their chosen communities. The service system creates efficiencies that save time and money for individuals, and for Washington.

The Washington State Unit on Aging, directed by Susan Engels, has done a remarkable job establishing direction, quality expectations, and guidance for their community partners. Susan's vast experience and leadership is evident in the high quality of the services available in your communities.

The San Francisco and Seattle Regional Office staff of the U.S. Administration for Community Living looks forward to working with you and the Washington State Unit on Aging, in the implementation of the State Plan. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact David A. Ishida, Regional Administrator at 415-437-8780. I appreciate your dedication and commitment toward improving the lives of older Washingtonians.

Sincerely,

Lance Robertson
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging