



# Lewis - Mason - Thurston Area Agency on Aging

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## **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 2, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Via [ZOOM](#)**

### ***Members Present***

Lewis County: Tim Wood; Amy Turnbull; Elizabeth (Liz) Hicker; Carolyn Brock

Mason County: Glenn Harper (Vice-Chair); Bill Bezanson

Thurston County: Howard Burton; Eileen McKenzieSullivan (Chair); Michele Horaney; Angela Hock

### ***Guests***

Anna Schlecht

### ***Members Absent***

Lewis County: Heidi Buswell; Cindy Clark

Mason County: Debra Jamerson; Jamie Queen; Janeen McLaughlin; Diane McLean

Thurston County: Judy Stratton

### ***Staff Present***

Nicole Kiddoo, Executive Director; Donna Feddern, Community Supports Director; Jemma Williamson, Deputy Executive Director; Dan Spiegel, Chief Financial Officer; Mary Beth Mercer, HR Director; and Jodie Kohler, Interim Executive Assistant

### ***Welcome & Introductions***

Eileen McKenzieSullivan called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

### ***Approval of Minutes & Agenda***

Eileen McKenzieSullivan, Chair, noted that the draft minutes from the January 2022 meeting were unavailable for approval. She entertained a motion to approve the February 2, 2022 draft meeting agenda. \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Comments from Council Chair – Eileen McKenzieSullivan***

A Connect to Purpose story was shared to exemplify what the LMTAAA does to support members of our communities.

### ***Community Updates and Announcements***

Angela Hock reported the Thurston County senior centers were moving hours to 10-2pm on Feb 7, 2022.

***Council of Governments (COG) Report – Glenn Harper***

COG report presented with emphasis on return to office beginning with a tentative April date.

***State Council on Aging (SCoA) – Michele Horaney***

SCoA activities of last meeting and report presented.

***Socialization & Engagement Committee – Glenn Harper and Angela Hock***

Liz Hicker drafted a flyer on behalf of the council. Nicole Kiddoo demonstrated support of flyer distribution and agency staff will assist in printing. Discussion on background checks for those that may provide direct service with the zoom meetings to AAA clients.

***Advocacy & Legislative Committee – Michele Horaney***

Michele reported on advocacy topics. Updates provided on WA CARES.

Debrief from W4A advocacy week. Meetings with legislators were positive and successful.

Discussion ensued. Nicole provided additional information on legislative status and reported that we will begin to focus on federal advocacy and legislation as the state legislative sessions comes to a close.

***Housing Committee – Glenn Harper***

Anna Schlecht made comments on housing activities. Committee report with emphasis on establishing Zoom meetings, and costs associated.

***Non-Profit Committee – Glenn Harper***

Committee report presented with emphasis on cautious optimism. Good attendance with 9 attendees. Kelly Johnston is set to meet with Advisory Committee with the assistance of Amy Turnball to set up the meeting.

***Executive Director Report – Nicole Kiddoo***

Nicole Kiddoo announced that Bob Blancato, Executive Director of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) will be joining us at the March 2, 2022 Advisory Council meeting. Bob will be sharing updates on federal and national advocacy efforts. USAging strategy focused areas for 2022 were presented. Materials will be shared when they become available. Nicole to send out acronyms on USAging strategies around SHRP. Nicole would like to get nutrition folks to come to the next advisory council meeting for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OAA nutrition programs and would like to thank them for their efforts. Discussion on Case Management funding and Nicole to follow up on current case loads

***Review of Committee Assignments – Eileen McKenzie Sullivan***

Eileen sent out a draft document prior to the meeting of committee assignments, discussion ensued.

**Other Council Business**

GetSetUp was mentioned, questions on how long that service will be offered. Nicole Kiddoo and Donna Feddern answered questions and will follow up with utilization report.

***Next Advisory Council Meeting***

The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., via ZOOM.

***Adjournment***

Eileen McKenzieSullivan called for a motion to adjourn. \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to adjourn. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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Submitted by: Jessica Hodges, Executive Assistant