



Area Agency on Aging

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Advisory Council Wednesday, August 3, 2022

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Via [ZOOM](#)

Minutes

Members Present

Lewis County: Elizabeth (Liz) Hicker; Tim Wood; Carolyn (Carol) Brock,
Mason County: Glenn Harper; William (Bill Bezanson); Margot Conolle; Diane McLean;
Tamra Ingwaldson
Thurston County: Michele Horaney; Eileen McKenzieSullivan; Angela Hock; Cat
McGaffigan

Members Absent

Lewis County: Heidi Buswell
Mason County: Jamie Queen
Thurston County: Amy Turnbull, Anna Schlecht, Ellen Wendt

Staff Present

Nicole Kiddoo, Executive Director; Jemma Williamson, Deputy Executive Director;
Jessica Hodges Executive Assistant, Dan Speigle. CFO

Guests

Welcome & Introductions

Eileen called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM, followed by introductions.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Bill Bezanson made a motion to approve the July 6, 2022, draft meeting minutes and August 3, 2022 draft Agenda.

Community Updates & Announcements – Liz Hicker

Bill – question re: Bellingham picnic. Eileen reported a great turnout for 50+ in the park, Thurston County seniors in legion with Lake Fair and LMTAAA was well represented. Lewis County will have a booth at the SW Washington Fair. Carol Brock reported an upcoming fundraising night of magic on October 22nd at The Loft in Chehalis at 5PM.



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She also reported the poker run held 2 weeks ago went well. Though it was not a huge money maker, the hope is to build on it next year.

State Council on Aging (SCoA) – Michele Horaney

SCoA Did not meet last month – nothing to report

Socialization & Engagement Committee – Glenn Harper / Angela Hock

Glenn reported there were less than 10 respondents to the flyer and discussed reworking the flyer. The Engaged and Commit to Connect webinar brought to light the many resources already in action and expressed the desire to evaluate tools that have already been produced. Angela reached out to respondents of the flyer and reported a few people interested in a pen pal program; found the Puget Sound Correspondence Society, which is more of a meetup but there are pen pal groups within the society. Timberland Library was recommended with their online program to borrow books and magazines. In addition, there is an app called Kanopy to rent movies for free. Tamra recommended pen pal programs with elementary schools in the area to facilitate intergenerational cohesion.

Advocacy & Legislative Committee – Michele Horaney

Michele reported the committee's focus on the issue of funding for AAA programs and staff. We are looking at how to tell the story of what AAA's do and how/why its different from state programming for seniors. Data is being collected on Hospital Transitions. W4A is meeting with Hospital Associations to fill these gaps. W4A fall conference on Oct 19th, with the possibility of Bob Blancato to speak on Senior issues and Sandy Markwood to speak on USAging. Nicole Kiddoo added, our last legislative session was very successful thanks to partnered folks in the aging and disabilities communities. The state is working on Decision Packages, which are due this month. Our hope is that AAA's and WA State can come together to hit the Governor's budget with a goal of receiving the funding we need in addition to what we received last year. We are considering training and supports in our October meeting for LMT and the fall conference for W4A and senior lobby – those things back each other and are a great opportunity for us to get involved. Question from Tamra regarding new officials elected and asking questions in candidate forums regarding advocacy work. The wise decision making in investing in root causes will help bring that to their light. A copy of the current legislative agenda was requested by Tamra. Nicole referenced talking points LMTAAA could provide. The Legislative Agenda will be prepared for the fall.

Housing Committee – Anna Schlecht

Anna is absent from today's meeting. Catch up from next month.



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Executive Director Report – Nicole Kiddoo

Orientation with NK & Jessica will be scheduled.

Adjournment

Tim Wood motioned to adjourn the meeting; Carolyn Brock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 10:04 a.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Hodges, Executive Assistant