



Area Agency on Aging

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ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2012

Members Present

Beverly Brathovde, Zane Cosby, Marv Faughender, Gwen Gadberry, Ross Gallagher, Sandy Gould, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Patti Kleist, Tom Lerchen, Shara Nelson, Jim Olson, Ida Sevier, Dick Sovde, Linda Tomasheck, Beth Tucker and Peter Witt

Members Absent – Excused

Mary Lou Pearson

Members Absent – Unexcused

Peter Brown

Staff Present

Julie Dasso Moore, Tracy Gunter, Heather Ligtenberg, Joy McBride and Carrie Petit

Guests

Judy Mastick, Mason County; Paul Tosch, Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman

Opening and Introductions

Sandy Gould called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and introductions were made.

Announcements

None

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting were approved as submitted. The agenda for the January 4, 2012 meeting was approved as submitted.

State Council on Aging Report

There was no report for the State Council on Aging this month.

Director's Report

Shelton Office Open House – Joy McBride reported that the LMTAAA Shelton office Open House has been scheduled for February 1, 2012 from 2 – 4 pm at their new location, 628 W Alder St. in Shelton.

Other Reports

Tracy Gunter, Projects Coordinator, announced the release of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Request for Proposals (RFP) this week. This RFP is put out for bid every four years. The responses are due by February 17, 2012.

Sandy Gould reported that Senior Lobby Day will be held on February 23, 2012.

2012 Contracting Update

Tracy Gunter and Carrie Petit, Projects Coordinators, distributed the final service provision and rate comparison between 2011 and 2012. Tracy discussed the anticipated changes to the nutrition and transportation services and Carrie discussed anticipated changes to adult day care and legal services.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Report

Paul Tosch, Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman, reported that many regional LTC Ombudsman have reduced their facility visits and changed to complaint-only visits in response to the declining budget. Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties remain at nearly 100% coverage with the addition of five new volunteers.

Aging Readiness Forum Discussion

There was a discussion to resume the subcommittee work on the Aging Readiness Forum that began in 2010. New members of the Forum subcommittee are Shara Nelson and Linda Tomasheck of Lewis County, Jim Olson of Thurston County, Marv Faughender of Mason County, and Carrie Petit and Dennis Mahar representing the staff.

Legislative Review and Discussion

Jerry Reilly of the Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging reported on the legislative outcomes of the Special Session. Also discussed was the redistricting of legislative districts and the Long Term Care restructuring within the Affordable Care Act.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Olympia office, 4419 Harrison Ave NW in Olympia.



Submitted by: Julie Dasso-Moore