



**CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly meeting of the Snohomish County Council on Aging was held at Compass Health Administrative Offices, 4526 Federal Avenue in Everett, WA 98203 and convened at 10:00 am with Nora Todd presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Allison, Kathleen	✓	Leon-Gaitan, Margie	AB
Bartett, Sheila	✓	Manus, Kimberly	AB
Blood, Matt	AB	Nigh, Sam	✓
Cavelero, Sue	EX	Porciuncula, Antonio	AB
Cho, Jay	✓	Teel, Susan	AB
Cuajao, Tracy	AB	Todd, Nora	✓
Fox, Barbara	EX	Weight, Jane	✓
Holcomb, Mike	✓	Wheeler, Dennis	EX
Holmes, Liz	AB	Whitesell, Linda	AB
Johnson, Janet	AB	Wong, So Ying	✓
Klem, Dianne	✓	Yuen, Jennifer	✓
Lee, Robert (Bob)	✓		

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Cindy Tang, Mr. Juo, and Janna Emelander.

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

John Peterson, Linda Vizmanos, Michal Glauner, Constance Franks and Aime Fink.

**Membership/Recruitment**

- Members participated in a recruitment activity to find creative low/no cost methods to attract board members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***A motion was made to approve the May 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.***

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Patrick Mahoney has resigned due to health issues.
- Membership recruitment and officer nomination committee sign-ups will be routed around the table. The committee will take nominations up to the August meeting and will be voted on at that time. This will allow the new officers to shadow the preceding officers.
- Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day for current members to submit their resignations.
- A re-orientation training is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>. Members were asked how many would be interested, watch for an email regarding this training.

**TWO MINUTE ADVOCACY – Mike Holcomb**

- A message regarding the repeal and replacement of the ACA that members can use was crafted and copies provided. Envelopes, stamps and address labels are available. Mike read the message aloud to the council.

- Several members received acknowledgments from the people they sent messages to last month. The Legislators shared that they track that data and utilize it to reach across the aisle on issues that are important to their constituents.

The field trip that was scheduled for next month has been moved to September. A speaker about immigration may be available but as a back up a Medicaid 101 training may be scheduled.

**Area Plan Update:** At your board orientation new members received a four-year (4) plan for Snohomish County Long Term Care & Aging. We are two (2) years into the plan, it needs to be updated and your input is needed. Aime briefly provided history of the Older American's Act and the creation of the Area Plan. Three sessions will be offered in August. Members can participate by phone if they are unable make it to the session location. A number of members indicated that they would participate by phone. Meeting dates are as follows:

- 8/11 - Narrative
- 8/18 – Appendix
- 8/25 – Medicaid Transformation Project Demo

### **County Emails:**

The County sent instructions and links in an email to council members regarding setting up their county issued email addresses in mid June; Aime will ask to have it resent to the COA members.

### **MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION PROJECT DEMONSTRATION –Aime Fink**

Aime announced that the implementation has been delayed until August 1, 2017.

- Aime has been a tester and stated that it looks really good. Issues with the payment system are being worked through to meet the Go Live date of 8/1/17.
- Training will begin with staff tomorrow on how to take a referral, sample forms will be brought to the August meeting.
- Draft outreach plan has been completed.
- Tier #1 will be taught the referral procedures first.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Advocacy and Diversity – Mike Holcomb**

- The last meeting was mostly dedicated to crafting the messages that was shared earlier in the meeting today. The underlying thought of this message is getting Legislator's to reach across the aisle.

#### **Senior Centers– Sheila Bartlett**

- There was no meeting in July. The next meeting is Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am at the Stillaguamish Senior Center.

#### **Healthy Aging – Linda Whitesell**

- There was no meeting in July, the next meeting is August 14<sup>th</sup>  
Focus is continued planning for forum scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>. The same material will be presented at two (2) different venues. One session will be offered in Everett and the other in Lynnwood. Flyers were routed around the table.
- Post flyers wherever you can, the forums have been advertised on the radio and information will be added to the website.

#### **FAE John Peterson**

- This group may not be meeting next week.

## **CDMH Board – Ron Vivion**

- Annual retreat was held on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- They discussed the budget and Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) moving to HCA by 2020. Negotiating the future of the BHO.
- Opioid epidemic was discussed.
- The operating budget has been approved, the Capital budget is still pending.

## **Continuation of the Membership/Recruitment Activity**

Aime read aloud all of the ideas council members submitted. Linda made membership posters, a limited amount are available today. The poster can also be sent via email.

- Advertise in the Beacon
- Have meetings in Senior Centers (a PowerPoint presentation could be created)
- Local Community Organizations

There will be an ad posted in the Homage newsletter. They are waving the fee for the ad. Aime suggested writing a thank you note to Homage for their support. Members were asked to place a dot next to the idea they liked best. The idea selected by the majority of members read as follows: Local Community Organizations (i.e. churches, Eagles, VFW, Elks, retired teachers, NAACP, libraries, rotary, Kiwanis, elder networking events). The next three (3) ideas were:

- Advertise in the Homage newsletter (already in the works)
- COA members make informational presentations at senior centers and tribal meetings (this will fall on members as county staff will not be able to do the presentations)
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) Would anyone be interested in taking this on?

Everyone please bring a name of someone who might be interested in serving on the council. Please take a membership packet if you already know of someone.

## **Staff Report**

We have a new employee starting tomorrow, his name is Cole Caplan.

## **Public Comment**

No Advocacy and Diversity Committee meeting in August. Notices will be sent out for the September meeting, as they will be moving sites.

Please take Legislative post cards to send in this week.

## **Closing Ceremonies**

Nora provided closing ceremonies

## **Adjournment at 11:43**

**Next Meeting will be on August 23, 2017 @ 10:00 to Noon, Compass Health**