

**Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024**

Location: Vancouver AAADSW Office – Columbia Conference Room and Zoom

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Gavin Carmichael at **12:01PM**.*

Roll Call: Kathy Briggs, Marianne Burkholder, Kevin Callahan, Sue Cameron, Gavin Carmichael, Greg Flakus, Jodi Oliver, Norma Pickett, Mary Repar

Excused: Shelley Baxter, Joe Bosch, Diane Craft

Absent: N/A

Staff present: Mike Reardon, Christina Marneris, Patti Atkins, Maggie Ridenour

Guests: Rosalinde Willson (Advisory Council Applicant)

September 18, 2024, Meeting Agenda: Kevin Callahan moved to approve the agenda. Mary Repar seconded. Motion passed.

August 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes: Norma Pickett moved to approve the minutes. Sue Cameron seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements/Community Outlook:

- Kathy Briggs (Wahkiakum):
 - Wahkiakum County Senior Prom was a success.
- Marianne Burkholder (Wahkiakum):
 - Follow up about Wahkiakum County Senior Prom:
 - <https://www.waheagle.com/story/2024/08/29/news/a-night-of-fun-and-dancing-at-cathlamets-2nd-annual-senior-prom/23676.html>
 - Weekly Senior's Friendship Group is continuing to meet on Wednesdays.
- Kevin Callahan (Clark):
 - Kevin reported there has been positive forward movement for the residents of Vista Del Rio Manufactured Home Park.
- Sue Cameron (Clark): No new information to report.
- Gavin Carmichael (Klickitat): No new information to report.

- Greg Flakus (Clark): No new information to report.
- Jodi Oliver (Clark):
 - Jodi shared that she has learned a lot from being on the Council and is available as a resource within our community if needed.
- Norma Pickett (Skamania):
 - Norma is retiring and will be moving to Arizona. Date to be determined.
- Mary Repar (Skamania):
 - Mary shared her continued concerns about Skamania County Senior Services cook and funding.
 - Christina advised that the concerns have been met and have been funded by AAADSW.
 - Stevenson Elementary School has closed.
 - Expressed an interest in education surrounding scams that seniors see and how to recognize and avoid them.

Reports:

Executive Director's Report: Mike thanked everyone for sharing what is going on in their local communities and sharing ideas with each other on possible solutions. He appreciates the advocacy and the commitment to older adults and individuals with disabilities in their communities.

- Direct Care Workforce Development:
 - Mike reached out to Ric Palmer (Wahkiakum School District).
 - Waiting for a response.
 - Mike reached out to Dave Blanchard (Cascadia Tech).
 - Waiting for a response.
 - Vickie Hrdina – ESD 112 Rural Coop
 - The plan is to still have the course offered for January 2025.
- W4A:
 - Working on 2025 Legislative Priorities
 - Funding for Senior Nutrition
 - Total ask is \$35.5M.
 - Increases state-funded senior nutrition by \$32.1m for biennium.
 - Also increases Medicaid rate for home delivered meals for \$3.2m (\$1.6m GFS).
 - Funding for Case Management
 - Decreases case ratio from 1:75 to 1:72.
 - Increases HCS FTE by increasing assessment time from 5.7 hours per client to 6.7 hours.
 - \$21m (\$10.9m GFS) biennial request.
 - Of the request, \$9.9m (\$4.9m GFS) is for AAAs
 - WA CARES:
 - Total request is for \$145m for biennium for WA Cares Operations.
 - Includes \$27.3m for AAA operations for biennium.
- HCS Assessment back log
 - Region 1 is 2 -3 months out
 - Includes Klickitat County
 - Region 2 is 3 months out
 - Region 3 is 45 days out
 - Includes Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Skamania Counties

➤ Agency Business:

- Mike shared his appreciation to Jodi Oliver for her service on the Advisory Council.
- Staffing – AAADSW management is working on ways to increase staff retention.

Executive Committee: Executive Committee met September 3, 2024 and drafted the agenda today's meeting agenda.

Membership/Planning and Allocations: Did not meet in August or September.

Advocacy and Outreach: Did not meet in August or September.

State Council on Aging (SCOA):

- There will be a virtual state-wide meeting on October 16, 2024, 10:AM – 2:00PM.
 - More information to follow.
 - AAADSW will host a viewing of the meeting in the Vancouver office in the Columbia Room.
 - Agenda will be emailed once we receive it.
- Senior Citizens Foundation 2024 Virtual Conference will be held Thursday, October 17, 2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00pm.
 - AAADSW will register interested Advisory Council Members.

Presentations:

Inflation Reduction Act and Medicare Part D

- Mary shared that she has concerns about changes for Medicare Part D. She viewed a webinar that indicated that prescription and premium costs will be increasing.
- Christina will follow up with Advisory Council members and will share the link to the webinar Mary viewed as well as links to the SHIBA programs and CMS that will provide information for the Council members to review and share as they feel they need.
 - AAADSW utilizes SHIBA and CMS as information sources.
 - SHIBA advisors are Medicare subject matter experts.

General Topics Discussed:

- Inflation Reduction Act and Medicare Part D
- State of Nominations – *Tabled until November Meeting*
 - Chairperson
 - Vice-Chairperson
 - Secretary
- Recognition celebration of Jodi Oliver's last Advisory Council meeting.

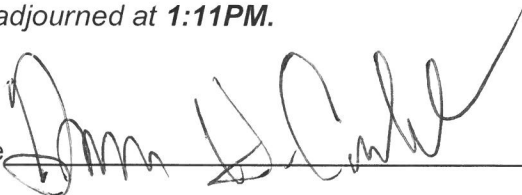
Membership Vote:

- Vote on current Advisory Council Clark County applicant Apryl Schneider.
- Vote on term renewal for Cowlitz County Advisory Council Member Diane Craft.
- Ballots were sent to those on Zoom and passed out to those in person.
 - Christina will follow up with final tallies.

Public Comment: No additional public comments.

Meeting adjourned at **1:11PM.**

Signature



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