

**Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025**

Location: Vancouver AAADSW Office – Columbia Conference Room and Zoom

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Apryl Schneider at **12:01PM**.*

Roll Call: Joe Bosch, Diane Craft, Greg Flakus, Susan Petrie, Mary Repar, Dave Rorden, Apryl Schneider, Rick Seekins

Excused: Kevin Callahan, Roberta Doster

Absent: N/A

Staff present: Mike Reardon, Christina Marnieris, Patti Atkins, Maggie Ridenour, Grant Buse (AAADSW – Medicaid Case Manager)

Guest: Eileen Stearns-Raff, Sue Neal, Carole Lewis, Cass Freedland (Clark County Commission on Aging)

November 19, 2025, Meeting Agenda: Susan Petrie moved to approve the agenda. Rick Seekins seconded. Motion passed.

September 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes: Rick Seekins moved to approve the minutes. Susan Petrie seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements/Community Outlook:

- Joe Bosch (Clark):
 - Reports that the changes by Meals on Wheels People to meal sites in LaCenter really affected people.
 - Meals on Wheels People stopped providing a staff person to come out to the meal site each week to prepare meals.
 - Lion's Club stepped up to help pick up meals from Meals on Wheels People and bring them to the meal site on Thursdays for lunch.
 - The meal site now has 17 people who have volunteered to help prepare meals for eating on site and to take home.
 - Ridgefield now has only 3 volunteers so the volunteers from LaCenter are reaching out to see how they can help.
- Diane Craft (Cowlitz):
 - Diane shared she attended the City of Longview Employee Benefits Fair and shared about AAADSW and the services we offer as a resource. She will be attending a Cowlitz PUD Employee Benefits Fair also.
 - Cowlitz County has a new outreach person through Eden Home Health in the community.
- Greg Flakus (Clark):
 - Greg relayed the Clark County Food Bank "Walk and Knock" food drive event will not be door to door this year. The event is changing to have set drop off points for donations.

- Local food banks need volunteers as they have been experiencing a higher utilization of services recently due to the government shutdown.
- Susan Petrie (Klickitat):
 - Susan shared that a local high school senior in her rural community (Trout Lake) has put in a food box for people to donate to. Local churches have been filling food donation boxes.
- Mary Repar (Skamania):
 - Participated in local Death and Dying seminars
 - Expressed an interest in “Death Cafés” and asked if there is one available online for rural communities that don’t have enough volunteers to run in person Death Cafés.
- Rick Seekins (Clark):
 - Rick participated in a group that met with Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez regarding housing for seniors. She is working on new legislation with the aim of securing more funding for housing for seniors.
 - Clark County has extended their moratorium on manufactured home changes.
 - City of Vancouver has rezoned all manufactured home communities to better protect them as manufactured home communities.
 - Between rent increase protection and zoning changes, Vancouver manufactured home communities have seen big help in protecting housing for seniors.

Executive Director’s Report:

- New Longview AAADSW Office:
 - AAADSW’s Longview office has relocated to 760 Ocean Beach Hwy, Suite G, and opened on October 21, 2025.
 - There is a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 3:00pm. Mike extended an invitation to the Advisory Council members.
- Washington State’s November 2025 Revenue Forecast
 - Forecast of funds subject to the budget outlook, increased by \$105M (.1%) for the current two-year budget compared to September’s figures.
 - Forecast of funds subject to the budget outlook for 2027 – 2029 decreased by \$185M (.2%).
 - Mike will continue to track these forecasts (they come out about 4 times a year).
 - Governor builds his initial budget from the November forecast.
- Federal
 - Government is funded through January 30, 2026.
 - The bill fully funds the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through September 30, 2026.
 - Impact of SNAP in Washington State (reviewed handout shared in meeting).
 - It impacts approximately 25,000 older adults and adults with disabilities in our service area.
 - Older Americans Act (OAA) and other aging programs are funded until January 30, as is Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA).
 - Whether to end/extend/change ACA subsidies authorized during COVID-19 is the main issue.
 - Met with Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez’s staff on November 10th to share impacts of government shutdown on clients and agency and potential impacts of H.R.1.
 - Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez’s staff reached out to AAADSW for the meeting to learn about the HR1 impacts.
 - Report for HCLA May 2025: - 2,757 Medicaid LTSS clients state-wide across all settings will lose services due to immigration-related HR1 impacts, effective October 2026.
 - Approximately 220 clients in our service area.

SCOA Nomination Vote (verbal vote):

- The application for Rick Seekins from Clark County was accepted and voted on. Susan Petrie moved to approve the minutes. Dave Rorden seconded. Motion passed.

○ **Yays: 8**

○ **Nays: 0**

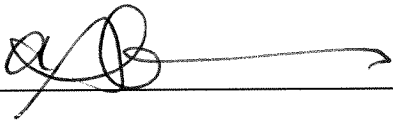
○ **Absent: 2**

Public Comment:

- Christina shared that we have the opportunity to submit a proposal for presentation at the national USAing conference.
 - AAADSW will submit a proposal highlighting the advocacy work that the agency, and specifically the Advisory Council, has been doing.
 - We will also include some of the work that we are doing programmatically.
- Rick shared that he is helping to coordinate sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, 11/25/25 in East Vancouver at Holy Redeemer Church. They need more people willing to donate blood. It is best to schedule an appointment for donation.

*Meeting adjourned at **1:04PM.***

Signature



Date

12/17/25