



Area Agency on Aging

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ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2010

Members Present

Beverly Brathovde, Steve Clark, Zane Cosby, Marv Faughender, Mike Freeman, Gwen Gadberry, Sandy Gould, Roberta 'RG' Gray, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Jim Olson, Ida Sevier

Members Absent

Pat Lisoskie, Tracey Lowrey, Mary Lou Pearson, Bill Rothchild, David Shephard and Karen Shephard

Staff Present

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

Guests

Paul Tosch, Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman

Opening and Introductions

Sandy Gould called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted. The agenda for the January 6, 2010 meeting was approved as submitted.

Announcements

None

Election of Officers

The floor was opened for nominations for Chair and Sandy Gould was nominated. A second and third call for nominations took place. It was moved and seconded to close the nominations in support of Sandy Gould as Chair.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chair and Mike Freeman was nominated. A second and third call for nominations took place. It was moved and seconded to close the nominations in support of Mike Freeman for Vice-Chair.

State Council on Aging Report

None

Aging Readiness Forum Report

RG reported on the Aging Readiness Forum planning subcommittee. The planning meeting with community members went very well with many ideas, thoughts and comments being expressed. Some of the topics that were being considered for the Forum were addressing lifelong education, medical situations, workforce, physical environment, housing, technology, and transportation access.

LTC Ombudsman Report

Paul Tosch, Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman, reported that the Ombudsman Program is noticing larger fines for Adult Family Homes than previously recognized from Residential Care Services (RCS).

2010 Services Contract Status

Tracy Gunter, Projects Coordinator, distributed a handout that detailed the 2010 Service Contracts funding that compared the 2009 costs and the 2010 projected costs. These are the nutrition, transportation, adult day care, and legal services programs that are administered by Senior Services for South Sound, Catholic Community Services, Mason County Transportation Authority and Northwest Justice Project.

Other Reports

None

Health Care Discussion

Peggy Quan from the AARP gave a presentation on the state of the health care reform bills that are being proposed by the House and the Senate. A comparison list was distributed that showed in more detail the differences between the two bills. The Advisory Council discussed the details of the two bills and what impacts that both would have on the elderly and disabled population.

Legislative and State Budget Update

Jerry Reilly of the ElderCare Alliance spoke on the current status of the Legislature and the recently released state budget. The legislative session will be a tough one as the nation is in the middle of a recession. The main item on Legislators' to do lists will be the state budget and trying to find a way to fund vital state services while reducing expenditures to match federal requirements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Olympia office, 3603 Mud Bay Rd W in Olympia.