

**AGING & ADULT CARE OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON (AACCW)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 18, 2016**

MINUTES

OPENING

Members in Attendance

Margarita Comer, Linda Finlay, Kristy Longanecker, Marylu Martin, Geneva McCoy- Jardine, Kathleen Miller, Peggi Moxley, Janel Rieve, William Riley, Gwyneth Thorsen, Judith Tonseth, Dean Warren, Ellen Warren, James Wilson, Leanne Wilson, and Verna Zuttermeister.

AACCW Staff

Bruce Buckles, Tammy Harvey, Valerie Graber, Erin Nelson, Diane Tribble, Ken Sterner, Jill Dempsey, Kathy Wright

MINUTES

Geneva McCoy- Jardine moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 11/19/15. Dean Warren seconded and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Legislative Committee –Bill Riley spoke of the current economy in the US with the closure of the Carrier and some Alcoa production plants. He also discussed how the low price of oil, mechanization in industry, and manufacturing continuing to be moved to other countries such as China negatively impacts jobs and the economy in the US and Canada. There was discussion from the members who attended Alzheimer’s Advocacy Day last week in Olympia and were present for the Senate’s passage of the State Alzheimer’s Plan. This was described as a moving and rewarding experience by all involved. Josh Hamilton was commended for his excellent driving and the group enjoyed a lively political conversation while traveling.

Membership Committee–Marylu Martin reported that quite a few people did not call in to relay their ability to attend today’s meeting. As Vera Hurd and Steve Seigal have resigned, there are currently three (3) vacancies in Adams, two (2) vacancies for Grant, and 1 (one) vacancy for Lincoln Counties. Barbara Berry’s term is up this month. As she is out of state, she will be contacted upon her return to determine her interest in serving another term. Upcoming training includes: March-Stroke Prevention; April- Mental Health Ombudsman; June-Alzheimer

Plan; and August- IT Security. Bill Riley suggested that certificates of appreciation be sent to the two members who resigned. There was a discussion on ways to promote the Advisory Committee and recruit members to fill the vacancies. It was concluded that Bill Riley will draft a letter to the editor that each member can use or “word smith” to their liking and submit to their local newspaper. He will email the draft to Jill Dempsey who will pass this on to the membership. Members were also encouraged to promote the advisory committee and current openings in their own communities at other groups they may attend.

Special Projects Committee– Judith Tonseth reported on public awareness ads that ran in 10, mostly rural publications and on Spanish radio within the six counties on the topic of Elder Abuse Prevention at the end of last year. The committee thought the program by Eric Moss from the Attorney General’s office on Elder Fraud at the November meeting was very good. They would like to arrange presentations on the topic with Mr. Moss as a speaker for the community at several locations within our region. There was a general discussion on the prevalence of crime associated with drug use and homelessness. Ken Sterner spoke to some of the causes of homelessness and provided information about Veteran Services with two case workers now working from the AACCW building in East Wenatchee. Alzheimer education programs will take place in Omak and Tonasket on March 30th. Diane Tribble distributed flyers for these events.

State Council on Aging- Peggi Moxley provided an update from the last meeting she attended approximately 3 weeks ago. She passed out a handout with a listing of legislative priorities and discussed each of the point. She noted that the priorities outlined by W4A, also listed on a handout, was more current and easier to follow document.

Quarterly Reports- were reviewed and discussed.

TRAINING-

Karen Bruggman of RSVP and Erin Cass of the Wellness Place presented information about the Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) program.

NEW BUSINESS-

Monitoring Reports- Jill Dempsey reviewed the monitoring reports completed for In-Home Care of Central Washington, ResCare In-Home Care, Beneficial In-Home Care, and Link to Life/CST.

Grandparents & Relatives Raising Children Support Group- Kathy Wright announced the formation of a support group that will be meeting monthly on the third Wednesday from 12:00-1:00 at AACCW in East Wenatchee. She explained the goal of the support group and there was a discussion about the challenges relatives face when they take on this role later in life. Bruce Buckles mentioned that additional funding may become available for Kinship services and groups may expand to other locations within the 6-counties.

Senior Lobby: Ken Sterner gave an update on plans for the group attending Senior Lobby next week.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50p.m.