

**AGING & ADULT CARE OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON (AACCW)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 15, 2018**

MINUTES

OPENING

Members in Attendance

Shanon Davis, Roy Fraticelli, Eloise Hurst, Peggy Kelly, Dale Lathrop, Geneva McCoy Jardine, Kathleen Miller, Peggi Moxley, Nora Pace, Angie Padron, Janel Rieve, William Riley, Sally Siegel, Judith Tonseth, Dean Warren, Ellen Warren, James Wilson, Leanne Wilson

AACCW Staff

Bruce Buckles, Ken Sterner, Tammy Harvey, Chris Johnson, Jill Dempsey

Guest

Deb Murphy

MINUTES

Geneva McCoy Jardine moved that the February 15, 2018 minutes be approved as submitted. Kathleen Miller seconded, and the motion carried.

REPORTS

State Council on Aging—Peggi Moxley reported on the last meeting she attended in February. Some of the reports and topics discussed at the meeting included the Long Term Care Trust Act. AARP, a prior supporter of this initiative withdrew their support and as a result the proposal was withdrawn. It may be worked on and reintroduced next year. The Guardianship bill that did not pass last year was withdrawn this year as well. ALTSA will work on a new proposal for consideration next year. The personal needs allowance to Medicaid funded people in long term care facilities has increased from \$61 to \$70 per month and restoration of hearing aid coverage for those on Medicaid is likely to be approved. There was also an update on the COPES and Dementia Action Collaborative.

Legislative Committee —Bruce Buckles reported on the committee's discussion concerning financial scams that continue to be of major concern for seniors; PUD rate increases and opportunity for citizen to be involved in these organizations. Bill Riley spoke about the good work of Senator Judy Warnick toward the successful passing of the Hirst water rights decision.

There was a discussion on the much smaller but fruitful experience at the Senior Lobby event in Olympia last month. The AACCW contingent was able to speak to all the Senators and Representatives from the central region.

Membership Committee– Ellen Warren reported on attendance and reminded the members to call in by the day before the meeting to confirm their attendance or need to be absent. There are currently two openings in Adams County and one opening each in Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties. There was a discussion about placing ads in the local newspapers and reminding the Commissioners to identify candidate within their constituencies. Nora Pace, newly appointed member to the committee representing Chelan County was welcomed to her first meeting.

Special Projects Committee– Ken Sterner introduced a program called Aging Mastery that is being promoted by the National Council on Aging (NCAO). The AC members were each given information about the program, a box of materials that would be used in such a program and a survey to complete and submit directly to NCOA. They can complete the survey on line and as a result be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card or they could complete the paper survey and mail this in NCOA. Members were encouraged to take extra boxes and materials to give to others in their communities to review and complete the surveys. Ken would like to discuss this program in a future meeting and receive feedback on how the Aging Mastery Program, with some changes could be successfully implemented and sustained in rural communities.

TRAINING-

Kris Paxman and Carrie Van Lith gave a presentation about the services provided by Home and Community Services and Roxy Plinski gave a presentation about Adult Protective Services.

NEW BUSINESS-

Medicare Scam- Eloise Hurst read an alert about a scam related to the new Medicare cards that will be issued to all Medicare recipients. All communications from Medicare will be by mail. No-one should respond to inquiries by phone or by email that may ask for personal information or fees. Medicare only calls people who request a call.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.