

**AGING & ADULT CARE OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON (AACCW)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 16, 2017**

MINUTES

OPENING

Members in Attendance

Dora Adams, Karen Cady, Margarita Comer, Judy Gladden, Eloise Hurst, Peggy Kelly, Kristy Longanecker, Judy Main, Marylu Martin, Geneva McCoy Jardine, Kathleen Miller, Janel Rieve, William Riley, Judith Tonseth, Gwyneth Thorsen, Dean Warren, Ellen Warren, James Wilson, Leanne Wilson.

AACCW Staff

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

Agency Announcement- Kathy Wright announced the upcoming Senior Center Conference to be held on April 13th at AACCW in East Wenatchee. She invited all the AC members to attend and distributed a “Save the Date” flyer.

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The following corrections were made in review of the February minutes: Margarita Comer was not in attendance, Dale Lathrop was in attendance as a guest, and the training noted for April will take place in May as there is no meeting in April. Judy Tonseth made a motion to approve the February 16, 2017 minutes as corrected. Marylu Martin seconded, and the motion carried.

REPORTS

State Council on Aging (SCOA) - Peggi Moxley was unable to attend the meeting today and there was no report.

Legislative Committee –Bruce Buckles distributed an article on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its impact on rural hospitals in NCW and another article on the consequences of untreated hearing loss. Bill Riley, Judy Gladden, and Ken Sterner reported on their recent trip to Olympia for Senior Lobby Day. Though this was a smaller contingency from Central Washington than in past years, the trip was both cost effective and efficient

in meeting and discussing senior concerns with the region's legislators. Budget provisos relating to the Health Home Program and the case manager to client ratio are of particular concern to this agency. Ken provided a hand out listing current legislative bills, an article on rural well restrictions, and a flyer announcing the upcoming Guardianship Forum to be held in Wenatchee on May 12th. The speaker is Susan Wehry, a nationally renowned geriatric psychiatrist and advocate for improved dementia care in nursing homes.

Membership Committee– Marylu Martin reported that there are currently two (2) vacancies for Adams County, one (1) opening for Lincoln County and one (1) opening for Okanogan County. Dale Lathrop of Davenport has submitted an application for consideration for the Lincoln County opening. Mary Lou went over his application with the group. Geneva McCoy Jardine made a motion to recommend the COG's appointment of Dale Lathrop to the Advisory Committee. Leanne Wilson seconded, and the motion carried. Mary Lou reported that five (5) people have terms ending. All have agreed to serve another term as follows: Margarita Comer, 5th term; Dean Warren, 4th term; Jim Wilson, 6th term; Peggy Kelly, 5th term; and Kristy Longanecker, 2nd term. Marylu Martin made a motion to recommended term extensions to the COG for all five of these AC members. Kathy Miller seconded, and the motion carried. The training today, provided by Matt Messer and his partner from Grant County, prior to the business meeting, was on recognition of illegal drugs and the use and trafficking of illegal drugs in the NCW region. In May, Diane Tribble will discuss the 1115 Waiver. The topic in June is Personal Emergency Response services (PERS). Hospice care is the topic for August. SHIBA is the presenter in September and Janet Mano, RN will present on Diabetes in November.

Special Projects Committee– Judy Tonseth reported that the Mini Scam Jam presentation DVD were sent out to the committee members. It was suggested that these be tried out to make sure they work and that sometimes if they don't work on one machine, they could work on alternate DVD player. If the DVD does not work, a new DVD can be sent. The members were encourage to label the DVD with a Sharpie marker. The Sub-committee reviewed past projects and will be looking at what other projects should be considered in the future. Diane Tribble announced the following upcoming programs: Effective Communication Strategies for Dementia Caregivers on March 27th in Moses Lake; and a four week Staying Connected seminar starting on March 28th in East Wenatchee and starting April 5th in Moses Lake. She also shared that volunteers are

needed to help plan, promote and work on the day of the Walk to End Alzheimer's events to be held in Moses Lake on September 16th and in Wenatchee on October 7th.

NEW BUSINESS-

Bruce Buckles discussed the unprecedented differences of opinion that we as a county are experiencing, particularly relating to healthcare. There is a high degree of fear being expressed as well. Bruce suggested that it would be a good time to remember our past and the people who have made positive contributions in our country, our state, and our community. Bruce asked for the AC's approval of implementing a memorial wall at the AACCW's office in East Wenatchee with Kathy Wright as the coordinator. Jim Wilson made a motion to approve the memorial wall request. Ellen Warren seconded, and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.