

**AGING & ADULT CARE OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON (AACCW)  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 19, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING**

Members in Attendance

Dora Adams, Barbara Berry, Peggy Berk, Margarita Comer, Linda Finlay, Judy Gladden, Kristy Longanecker, Judy Main, Marylu Martin, Geneva McCoy-Jardine, Kathleen Miller, Peggi Moxley, Maureen Reynolds, William Riley, Sally Siegal, Gwyneth Thorsen, Judith Tonseth, Dean 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**- February's minutes were not reviewed.

**REPORTS**

Legislative Committee –Ken Sterner discussed the important role the AC members have in representing Central Washington at Senior Lobby Day. He is planning a candidate forum for the fall. There was a discussion about the decrease in LTC facility access with closures of facilities in Chelan and Quincy. There is also great need for more senior housing.

Membership Committee–Marylu Martin reported that there are currently three (3) vacancies for Adams, two (2) vacancies for Grant, and 1 (one) vacancy for Lincoln Counties. Terms are up for Barbara Berry and Judy Gladden. Both have agreed to accept another term. Geneva McCoy-Jardine made a motion to recommend to the COG to extend the terms for Barbara Berry and Judy Gladden. Maureen Reynold's seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Bill Riley interviewed Eloise Hurst, as a potential candidate for the Grant County opening and her application was reviewed by the AC members. MaryLu Martin made a motion to recommend approval of Eloise Hurst as a Grant County Representative on the AC to the COG. Linda Finley seconded, and the motion carried. There was some discussion about language on the AC application and it was agreed that the committee will work on updating the application at the next meeting. Volunteers for AACCW are required to undergo a background check and AC members will likely also need to have this completed. Tammy Harvey reminded the members to

sign the district travel forms. Today's training will be on the Mental Health Ombuds program by Ken Sterner. Upcoming training includes: June-Thailand culture by Val Graber's daughter who teaches in Thailand; August- Stroke prevention by Janet Mano; September- the Alzheimer's plan; and November- Computer Security.

Special Projects Committee– Judith Tonseth reported on senior fraud presentations by Eric Moss of the Attorney General's office planned to take place on 6/21/16 at AACCW in Wenatchee for the Senior Services Network meeting and then Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake for the public. AC members were provided a flyer for these events and invited to attend.

State Council on Aging- Peggi Moxley provided an update from the last meeting she attended. She reported that most bills she outlined in the February AC meeting did not make it out of committee but will be addressed in the next legislative session. The bill to provide an increase in discretionary funds for Medicaid LTC clients was not approved. Continuation of Older American Act funding was approved. She discussed the fact that guardianship rules differ from County to County and this creates challenges for people. Bruce Buckles discussed plans for Guardianship monthly forums on September 14th, October 12<sup>th</sup>, and November 19<sup>th</sup>. These will be about 60-90 minutes in length on different topics concerning Guardianship and then a full day forum is planned for next spring.

Quarterly Reports- were reviewed and discussed.

Discretionary Fund Request- Valerie Graber presented a request from a 61-year old man living in Okanogan County to purchase a mattress costing \$216.19. Peggy Berk made a motion to approve this request. Linda Finley seconded, and the motion carried.

## **TRAINING-**

Ken Sterner gave a presentation on the organizational changes with mental health services.

## **NEW BUSINESS-**

Kathy Wright provided an update on the distribution schedule for Farmer's Market vouchers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.