# AGING & ADULT CARE OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON (AACCW) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING June 21, 2018

#### **MINUTES**

## **OPENING**

### Members in Attendance

Barbara Berry, Roy Fraticelli, Judy Gladden, Eloise Hurst, Peggy Kelly, Dale Lathrop, Geneva McCoy Jardine, Kathleen Miller, Angie Padron, Maureen Reynolds, Janel Rieve, William Riley, Sally Siegel, Judith Tonseth, Dean Warren, Ellen Warren, James Wilson, Leanne Wilson

### **AACCW Staff**

Bruce Buckles, Erin Nelson, Diane Tribble, Jill Dempsey

### **Guests**

None

## **MINUTES**

Sally Siegel moved that the May 17, 2018 minutes be approved as corrected. Leanne Wilson seconded, and the motion carried.

# **REPORTS**

State Council on Aging-No report was given as Peggi Moxley was absent.

Legislative Committee —Bruce Buckles discussed the need to survey the communities in the AACCW region and start a letter campaign to raise awareness, concerns and the need for advocacy for senior services and the disparity of resources for the ever growing senior population. The committee is planning something special for the Senior Lobby in Olympia such as printed T-shirts with a pointed message for the AACCW contingency to wear.

Membership Committee— Ellen Warren reported that five members are absent today and six openings on the Advisory Committee. The training today was on Suicide Prevention given by Dr. Julie Richard. The training in August will be on the topic of senior health insurance by Dick Anderson, a volunteer for the SIHBA program. The proposal from last month concerning the meeting schedule was discussed. A motion was made by Kathleen Miller that the meeting schedule, beginning in August, be adjusted

as follows: committees will meet from 10:00am -11:00am (or earlier if the committee discussions are concluded); followed by a five (5) minute break; and then proceeding to the general meeting agenda. The meeting will be interrupted for a lunch break and concluded after lunch. Eloise Hurst seconded, and the motion carried.

<u>Special Projects Committee</u>— Judith Tonseth reported that the Gatekeeper program brochure has been finalized. The committee discussed locations where these brochures should be sent and where presentations could be given. The Post Masters will be first on the list as mail carriers have the unique opportunity to observe homes where they deliver mail six (6) days per week. They are discussing initiating a Make a Difference Day Project where people can help seniors and seniors can also help others. This concept would not necessarily be limited to a one day project.

#### TRAINING-

Julie Richard, PhD provided information relating to the data available on the incidence of suicide in our region and the impact of education and interventions to the incidence rate. She also spoke to the unique characteristics of suicide with the senior population.

# **NEW BUSINESS-**

Monitoring Reports- Jill Dempsey reviewed the monitoring reports for People for People, Grand Coulee Dam Senior Center, Okanogan Transportation and Nutrition, and Moses Lake Senior Opportunities and Services.

Executive Director's Report- Bruce thanked the AC members who helped with the Senior Farmer's Market program voucher distribution activities. The program worked very smoothly this year under the leadership of Kathy Wright. Planning is underway for the annual Guardianship Summit to be held in Wenatchee on March 22, 2019. There will be state and national speakers at this event with an attendance goal of 150. This Summit will be promoted for state-wide attendance. Bruce shared about a recent call he received from a very grateful client. This type of contact among other factors confirms the importance of our work and the daily difference we make in people's lives.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.