



Clark County Commission on Aging
1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor
Vancouver, Washington

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Gary Beagle, Patti Gray, Bob Holdridge, Kathy McLaughlin, Lisa Rasmussen, Randy Scheel, Kiersten Ware, Karin Woll

Absent: Chuck Frayer

Community Partner Attendees: Klaus Micheel, Dave Kelley, Roserria Roberts, Larry Smith

Welcome and Call to Order

- Meeting agenda approved; minutes from August 21st unanimously approved as submitted.
- Chairperson Kiersten Ware report:
 - New commission member Gary Beagle was introduced.
 - Commissioner Boldt was interviewed by national magazine, Governing Today, regarding the county's aging readiness plan. She will meet with him Oct 16.
 - October 16th COA meeting will be replaced with a commission retreat on October 10th from 3–6:00pm. Working on getting the facilitator prior to that date.
 - She, Jacqui and Colete are going to State Council on Aging in Tukwila on 9/25 to report on the Aging Readiness Plan.
 - Candidates Forum on WA Aging Readiness coming up; she has the flyer for information.

Old Business – Action Items

- Work Committee Reports:
 - **Communication** (Lisa)
 - Held second meeting last week. Discussed purpose and goals. Will recruit interns to help with technology issues. Next meeting 10/17, 3–5pm at the library.
 - Lisa went to Elders in Action workshop and met a woman from Clark County Regional Support Network who's interested in joining the Supportive Services committee.
 - Identified four areas of interest and formed smaller teams within the group: Event Outreach, Communication Management, Communication Projects, and Coordination and Assistance.
 - Lisa cannot attend other work committee meetings due to a heavy schedule. She will communicate through email and the FTP site (no text please). Copy Jacqui on emails.
Action item: Lisa mentioned a program called "Personal Brain" as a tool for sharing information. She will follow up and email details to the group.

- **Healthy Communities** (Karin)
 - Held first meeting to get stakeholders together. Identified three main areas to work on: Complete neighborhoods, access to parks, trails, recreational facilities, and nutrition. Brainstormed with stakeholders about areas of expertise. Members agreed to look out for existing projects in the community so they don't duplicate efforts already in progress.
 - In her research she discovered a program underway in the core of downtown Vancouver that's made fresh produce available in eight quick stop markets. She would like that information to get into the Senior Messenger so people are made aware of this.
 - Next meeting 10/11 to begin developing a work document and set priorities.

- **Transportation** (Colete for Chuck)
 - Core group met twice. Working on coordination of efforts with the other work committees and will have one more core group meeting before launching the larger group. No firm date for October meeting.

- **Benchmarks** (Kiersten)
 - Objectives: form committee, set monthly rotation (next meeting 10/10), develop the annual report. Discussed different data types and sources. Looking to develop a template for the report, research is ongoing.
 - Group will remain small and invite people in based on their skill set and background.
 - **Action item: Kiersten research additional report formats; Colete contact SWAAD and Human Services Council; Jacqui research American Communities survey.**

- **Housing** (Bob)
 - Group met and reviewed strategies and projects underway. Working on goals and objectives. By next meeting, 9/28, will be ready to put work program on paper and seek out members from the community with a better understanding of what they're doing.

- **Community Engagement** (Kathy)
 - First meeting will be this Thursday 9/20.

- **Supportive Services** (Patti)
 - Held the first prep meeting to look at strategies that overlap with other work groups. There will be another prep meeting prior to the group meeting in October.

Work committee reports will not be due until the November meeting because of the retreat in October.

A suggestion was made to have the work committees meet altogether quarterly to "cross pollinate" as this meeting is too formal. Or have the committees meet ½ hour prior to the start of the commission meetings. Kiersten suggested that during the work committee meetings,

members make note of opportunities that cross over to other committees and those could be shared at the COA meetings. No final decision was reached.

Group discussed free list serves that might be helpful for the group, one is Mail Chimp. Facebook and LinkedIn are being developed. The Communication committee will be looking at networking resources as part of their strategies.

Public Comment

- Pat Hopstad – representing SWEAP Coalition, formerly Vulnerable Adult task force, encompasses all five counties in SW Washington. Many of these want to be part of what Clark County is doing. Their main focus is prevention and education. All are invited to the first meeting, Thursday 10/27 at noon at the Health Education School at Vancouver Mall, across from JC Penney. Lisa has brochures available with details.
 - A motion was made that the COA endorse SWEAP Coalition. Motion unanimously approved.
- Request was made that the COA members speak into the mics so they can be heard by the audience.
- Roserria Roberts, United Way: Hands on Portland is now part of United Way and will be moving to Vancouver later this month.

On the subject of COA endorsements of outside groups or issues, Colete suggested Kiersten speak to Commissioner Boldt at their quarterly meetings to check what the boundaries are. All agreed endorsing political initiatives or referendum is not good practice, especially as an extension of the BOCC. Community groups or causes would be acceptable.

Action item: Add this topic to the agenda for discussion at the retreat.

COA business cards will be printed by the county and include the commission's logo. Members should decide what information they want on the card.

Bob commented on the agenda format, old business, new business, etc. Kiersten said the agenda for the next meeting will include chair report, committee reports, old business, new business, public comment and adjournment. The "parking lot" is a good idea for keeping track of strategies that will be dealt with at a later date, or items that are carried over.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.