



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

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Chuck Frayer, Kathy McLaughlin, Randy Scheel

Community Partners: David Kelly, Klaus Micheel

Staff: Jacqui Kamp, Mary Beth O'Donnell

Welcome and Call to Order

- Gary Beagle called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved. A motion to approve meeting notes from September 17 as submitted was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Chair Report
 - Telehealth Conference, October 2nd: approximately 75 attended, speakers represented various areas of expertise. Gary gave an overview of the presentations. The conference was televised by CVTV and is still available for viewing through Comcast On Demand.
 - Time Banking committee met and will begin facilitating a plan of action.
 - UGD group will have additional information on the program and projects they'll be implementing.
 - Communications committee is looking at gearing up the Speakers Bureau and getting out more in the community.
 - The Shared Housing group from Portland presented at the last meeting. They are looking into bringing the program to Clark County. Bob will follow up with them in November and have more information available after that.
 - The Governor's Summit on Aging in Washington took place at the beginning of the month. Gail Haskett, chair of the WA Council on Aging, will be the guest speaker in December and talk about what came out of that summit.
 - Leslie Foren of Elders in Action will speak at the meeting on November 19th. The meeting will be in the Training Room as the Hearing Room will be in use by the Board of Commissioners that evening.

Project Updates

- Telehealth: The commission discussed what the next steps will be in further developing the program in Clark County. A proposal will be forth coming in the near future.
- Time Banking: Committee is meeting on a monthly basis and talking about the structure of the program and development of a business type plan. They have researched various programs throughout the country and most of those have a paid staff. They seem to be the most successful. They are looking at whether that would be a good fit in Clark County. Through this research, they located a group in Brown County WI similar to Clark County, who were determining whether time banking would work in their community. They were able to get some funds through United Way to fund a staff person to look at the proposal and possibly develop a survey for the community. The committee hopes to have a discussion with them about some of the benefits they found in the process.
- Universal Green Design: Over the past year the housing subcommittee has been working on zoning and building codes that will be affected by UGD. This is the most difficult part of the process. Eventually, they will go before the Planning Commission and ultimately to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Chuck and Jim are working on ideas for public awareness and advertising. Karin added that the County has been very supportive. The Planet Clark County trailer has helped in getting word out to the community about UGD.

Presentation: Dean Hirst, WA State Human Rights Commission

- Dean works from an office that was opened in Vancouver about a year ago.
- Mission: to prevent and eliminate discrimination. This is done through outreach and investigation. Statewide, 125 new cases come in during a month and about the same amount are closed. They investigate EEOC and HUD cases as well.
- To file discrimination charge against an employer, a business must employ at least 8 people and the action has to have occurred in the last 6 months. Charges filed are based on sex, race, age, creed, color, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, retaliation and marital status.
- Number one, to file a charge you have to be a member of a protected class. The age protected class is at least 40 years or older, disabled class encompasses a condition that's abnormal, etc. Number two, there has to be a bad action, i.e. denial of a job, harassment, or hostile environment.
- Service animals: HRC doesn't have jurisdiction or housing for these. Services animals have to be certified and trained. Trained means they have to perform some type of service. HUD takes these cases. Check their website for information.
- In a food establishment, only two types of animals are allowed – miniature horses or dogs.
- There is a training next month in King County for LGTB housing.
- Information is available on requirements for 55+ housing on HUD's website. Search HOPE Act for details.
- Dean is available to speak to groups, prefers regular daytime business hours. He can be reached via email.

New Business

- The commission was provided with a copy of proposed changes to the by-laws. A motion was entered to adopt these changes. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- A motion was entered to appoint Kiersten Ware as the Treasurer for the commission. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Shared Housing will be an agenda topic at the November work session.

Public Comment

- None.

Kiersten announced there will be a free national disaster awareness workshop for seniors on October 29th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. It will focus on natural hazards and how caregivers and citizens can be prepared. Contact her for registration information.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.