



Work Session Notes

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Marian Anderson, Pat Janik, Marjorie Ledell, Ali Caley, Donna Roberge, and Chuck Frayer

Absent: Linda O'Leary, Bill Ritchie, and Herb Maxey

Staff: Jacqui Kamp and Sharon Lumbantobing

1. **April 18 Work Session Notes** – Revision to the Meeting notes were made.
2. **Debrief on April 18 Meeting – How do we use what we learned?** Last month's speaker spoke about normal aging specifically focused on dementia, but did not cover other aspects of normal aging. There are other aspects of normal aging that weren't covered. COA members discussed how we should culminate this year's speaker series, such as last year's Housing Summit. COA members do feel that this year's speaker series needs a culminating event or report. AAADSWA has an annual caregiver conference in the winter. Pat Janik offered to follow up with AAADSWA to see what their agenda was last year and to inquire as to whether COA could collaborate on something with them rather than host our own summit.
3. **Preparation for June presenter, Clara Chambers on Medication Management** – The speaker will focus on medication reminders, updating physicians on medication changes, multiple medications and safety issues (over-the-counter, herbal and dietary supplements). COA is still looking for a second speaker for June.

Update on CoA in July (Telehealth or retreat) – COA members agreed to hold a retreat in July instead of having a speaker. The retreat will run from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Public Service Center.

Move Nov 21 meeting to November 14 – COA members agreed to hold the November COA meeting on November 14 (due to Thanksgiving being too close to the November 21 regularly scheduled COA meeting).

4. **Housing Recommendations Update** – The city of Camas and City of Battle Ground were both very favorable to the housing recommendations presented by Marjorie, Chuck and Marian. Questions included "How to remodel a home to make it accessible/visitable?" The response included doorway width, hardware, creating more space in the bathroom with pedestal sink. COA published the Universal Design booklet to address this, but mostly focused on new construction.

Marjorie gave a presentation on Housing Recommendations to the Clark County Association of Realtors and the Public Health Advisory Committee, which agreed to endorse COA's recommendations.

The County's Housing Task Force meets monthly and is focusing on affordable housing countywide. The Task Force is staffed by directors and managers from Community Development, Community Health, Community Services, and Community Planning. There are no details to share yet, but they will be shared with the COA once there are.

Habitat for Humanity will have a ribbon cutting this Thursday for a home built in Vancouver for a family with a disabled child. Chuck Frayer and Marion Anderson will be attending. Oregon Habitat for Humanity invited COA to give a talk on May 23 focusing on universal design. Chuck Frayer will attend this. COA has a Facebook page where we can post photos from these and other events. Jacqui will resend the link to the COA Facebook page to the COA members.

5. **Discussion of Officers** – The selection committee received 24 high caliber applicants. To have this level of interest is a positive reflection on the work of the COA, which is still a young organization. It was a very difficult selection process. The committee prepared criteria and a matrix to evaluate the candidates. The selection committee forwarded specific names and all twenty-four applications to the County for its consideration and decision. The COA will have two new members joining in June: Amy Gross and Temple Lentz. Marjorie Ledell was reappointed for a second term.

A recommendation was made for next year's selection committee to be broadened beyond the COA members. This will be brought forward for discussion in the future with the county manager.

The nomination procedures were reviewed to select the Chair and Vice Chair. Ali Caley announced that she is stepping down from Vice Chair and will not run this year. Marian noted that the meetings are very well run and well supported by staff. Marian commented that Marjorie runs the public meetings well, sticks to the agenda and ends the meetings on time and asked if Marjorie would be willing to run for the position of Chair. Pat appreciated both Marjorie and Ali's contributions this past year and asked Marian if she would be willing to take the Vice-Chair position. Both Marjorie and Marian stated their willingness to be the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

The Work Session adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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