

Work Session Notes

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Marian Anderson, Marjorie Ledell, Ali Caley, Donna Roberge, Linda O’Leary, Temple Lentz, Amy Gross, and Chuck Frayer

Absent: Pat Janik

Staff: Jacqui Kamp and Sharon Lumbantobing

1. **May 16 Work Session Notes** – Revision to the Work Session and Meeting notes were made.
2. **Debrief on April 18 Meeting – How do we use what we learned?** Last month’s speaker spoke about Home Innovation and Safety. The red highlights in the meeting notes denote possible policy recommendations or services that are missing from Clark County. Occupational therapists (OT) are not covered by insurance, Medicare and Medicaid, while Physical Therapists’ services are covered. The speaker did not talk about what people can do who have no way of accessing an OT’s services due to not having private funds or insurance coverage. There is a need for OT, but they are underutilized because their services are not covered.
3. **Preparation for July 18 retreat (3:00-6:00 pm)** – The COA needs to discuss this year’s culminating event and what focus area we want to focus on next year. Pat Janik confirmed that AAADSWA is interested in having a joint culminating event. AAADSWA has a conference open to the public in the fall, late winter, and spring. Their conferences have themes such as caregivers, what you think is what you eat, caregiver bootcamp, moments of joy. COA will have a volunteer facilitator facilitate the retreat. The retreat will cover: 1) how we want to work together as a commission (team culture development), 2) set expectations, goals and identify how to accomplish them, 3) how we want to work by committee, 4) COA’s mission and vision statement and how we relate to it, 5) COA history, 6) identify the culminating event for the Supportive Services speaker series, and 7) identify what topic will be the focus of the coming year.

Location options for the retreat: The Training Room or Council Chambers at the Public Services Center or the Sewer District Community Room (off 78th St) are available; these options do not require a fee. The Water Resource Center and Luke Jensen Sports Park are not available. Columbia Bank Building and the Humane Society were suggested other options. COA members agreed to look for an off-site location that is available for free. Staff will reserve the Training Room at the PSC as a backup plan.

4. **Housing Recommendations Update** – The city of Camas is adopting a policy in their Comprehensive Plan for Aging in Place that will require that 25% of new build housing incorporate Aging in Place features. COA members attended a ribbon cutting at McKibben Commons (a Habitat for Humanity home recently built for wheelchair accessibility).

5. **Open Government Training Annual Requirement** – Staff will send email to COA members tomorrow with a link to the Open Government Training page on the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act. COA members will complete Lessons 1-3 and then fill out an online form to acknowledge that the training has been completed. This training is provided through the Washington State Office of the Attorney General. Staff will give a deadline for when this training must be completed which will be towards the end of July.
6. **Other** – Staff are still working with the county’s internal housing task force. There is a Board of County Councilor’s work session scheduled for August to discuss housing types and what is allowed and not allowed in county code.

Corrections need to be made to the COA Roster.

The July issue of The Senior Messenger will feature the topic of housing. Councilor Blom was interviewed about the county’s perspective on the Housing Summit’s recommendations. There is also a reporter at The Columbian (Patty Hastings) who focuses on aging issues in the county.

The Work Session adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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