



Clark County Commission on Aging  
Webex Remote Meeting  
Vancouver, Washington

## Work Session Notes

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Chuck Green (Chair), Larry Smith (Vice Chair), Amy Gross, Franklin Johnson, Linda O'Leary, Tanya Stewart, Pam Wheeler

Absent: Nancy Dong, Meghan McCarthy

Staff: Jacqui Kamp, Jenna Kay

### 1. Aug. 19 and Sep. 16 COA meetings

There were no suggested edits to the notes. The group started to discuss community assessments. See that conversation included below in item number 5.

### 2. Member highlight: Nancy Dong

The group will get to know Nancy in November when she is able to attend

### 3. Silver Citizen Award presentation update

- Jacqui provided an update on the November awards presentation
- A plaque and tribute video will be presented, and there will be certificates for the honorable mentions
- A news release will go out shortly

### 4. 2020 Speaker Series Update

- Staff provided a status update on speakers for the November and December meetings
- For the November housing topic, speakers from the Vancouver Housing Authority and Council for the Homeless are confirmed. Staff are working on confirming a nursing and/or assisted living facility speaker and possible fourth speaker
- No one is confirmed yet for the December isolation topic

### 5. 2021 Focus Discussion

- Staff reviewed the first draft plan for 2021 based on the previous month's retreat
- Additional discussion included the following key points:
  - Look into older adults caring for grandchildren
  - Urban Institute has an online toolkit that could be helpful resource for local service-providers
  - Want to make sure COA is supporting those who provide direct services. Make sure language used in work plan doesn't imply COA provides service. COA role is to learn and provide recommendations. **ACTION ITEM:** staff to review work plan and make COA role more clear.
  - Amy ready to contact Red Cross when we know the timing for that presentation



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- **ACTION ITEM:** Amy to check with public health on any work they do with grandparents as parents
  - Add presentations to cities as part of 2021 plan
- The group also discussed the Aging Readiness Plan, COA mission and current purpose. Key points from that discussion include:
  - Community assessments: there are many organizations who conduct these in Clark County. Should COA members be involved? Could COA learn from the assessment findings? Meghan is likely involved and aware in these efforts. Kaiser is working in partnership with Unite Us. The RWJBarnabus Health System in New Jersey could be a best practice example.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Linda to share community assessment information with staff. Staff to find out more and share back with the group.
  - Could COA do a meta-analysis of community assessments and look for opportunities, gaps, and do some bridge-building?
  - Mission and objectives: should COA re-examine during January mini-retreat? Could COA discuss: what do we want to do and ask of the County Council?
  - Retrospective: interest in reviewing past recommendations, what was and was not accomplished, and lessons learned
  - COA does not want to make assumptions about the landscape
  - Ad-hoc committee:
    1. Brainstorm future of COA
    2. Bring ideas to table in January mini-retreat
    3. Work on retrospective analysis
    4. Committee members: Chuck, Tanya, Franklin
  - **ACTION ITEM:** staff to resend recommendation matrix with committee members
  - **ACTION ITEM:** staff to schedule subcommittee meeting before next COA meeting
  - **ACTION ITEM:** staff to work with Chair and Vice Chair on mini-retreat agenda

## 6. Liaison roles

- Public Health – Amy
- ADRN – Tanya
- Human Services Council – Linda
- Accessible Transportation Coalition – Chuck. Tanya back-up.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Amy to share ADRN meeting minutes and agenda with Tanya
- **ACTION ITEM:** staff check with Nancy if wants to tag-team on ADRN
- **ACTION ITEM:** staff to let organizations know about liaison changes

## 7. Announcements/Update

- Nov. 18 Commission on Aging meeting: Housing challenges for vulnerable older adults during COVID-19 and Silver Citizen Award presentation
- David Kelly, Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of SW Washington is retiring in December. COA would like to recognize him at the December meeting. **ACTION ITEM:** staff to connect with David Kelly if available to attend December meeting for recognition
- The Messenger is a local publication for those over 50. **ACTION ITEM:** staff to share Messenger information.

## 8. Next Meeting: November 18, 2020 – 3:30pm.

**9. Adjournment:** The work session adjourned at 4:15pm.

***The Clark County Commission on Aging provides leadership in community engagement and advocacy of Clark County's Aging Readiness Plan, especially for those 65 and over who plan to age in place.***