



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

Work Session Notes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Nancy Dong, Amy Gross, Franklin Johnson, Marjorie Ledell, Megan McCarthy, Larry Smith, Pam Wheeler

Absent: Chuck Green, Linda O'Leary

Staff: Jacqui Kamp, Jenna Kay

1. November 20 COA meetings

- The work session notes were approved.
- No additional recommendations or notes from the November 20 regular meeting.

2. Summit update

- Jacqui provided update on summit planning. Registration is approximately half-way full.
- COA to arrive at event by 4:15pm
- **ACTION ITEM:** Staff and COA to prime questions for speaker, if needed.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Staff to share Red Cross Building address with COA.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Staff to look into magnetic, reusable nametags for COA. COA members would then bring to each meeting this year, since we will be on the road.

3. 2020 Community engagement and advocacy update

- The plan for 2020 is to hold six city council joint meetings, with a COA work session before each joint meeting. The COA annual retreat will take place in June.
 - Mar: Battle Ground
 - Apr: Summit
 - May: Ridgefield
 - June: COA Retreat
- The monthly meeting will be held at different times and days of the week, to align with each city council's schedule. Staff will need to communicate well about dates and timing.
- Logistics: let Jacqui and Jenna know if want to carpool to any of the meetings. We can depart and return to the county building.
- Advocacy/outcomes from year: COA to share ideas with the County Council in early fall 2020, to help inform their 2021 legislative priorities.
- Meetings with cities: annual report presentation followed by discussion.



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- **ACTION ITEM:** Staff to draft questions that can be used to facilitate conversation, such as:
 - What are the most pressing issues in your city involving older adults?
 - How can we work together and be a resource to each city?
- **ACTION ITEM:** Staff to identify city-specific questions too, i.e. for Battle Ground: how do older adults fit into their current visioning and planning projects?
- **ACTION ITEM:** Staff to manage outreach in each city to advertise events.
- Questions to consider:
 - City liaisons. We have talked about this role before. What does that look like?
 - Could Camas and Washougal meet together?
 - Does Yacolt want a meeting? Staff have extended an invitation.
- There will be one or two meetings when we won't be meeting with a city council. There is an option to hold a more traditional, informational COA meeting and invite speakers, i.e. county treasurer/assessor talk about tax exemption, Council for the Homeless, Emergency Preparedness.
- At the June retreat, the group will need to decide what to do next year (2021)
 - Staff to share suggestions that have come up previously
 - Look at last year's ideas
 - Retreat facilitator: Carol Kate or Donna Sinclair have facilitated in recent years.
- Terms:
 - COA terms end on May 31 for some members.
 - Once staff share the news release advertising openings, COA members can forward and share with their networks to help recruit new members.
 - COA members selection committee (choose committee in March):
 1. Review applications
 2. Conduct interviews
 3. Provide recommendation to the County Manager
 4. County Manager appoints

4. Award update

- Eight nominations received.
- The review committee will make a recommendation to the COA at the March meeting.
- Awarded at April 9 summit
- The group discussed the possibility of narrowing the nominees to the top-3 and then holding in-person or phone interviews.
 - Committee to re-assess this idea after reviewing applications
 - Could follow process established this year and consider revising process in future year.

5. Prep for joint meeting with Council

- The group discussed the logistics of their joint meeting with Council.

6. Announcements/Updates

- Amy looked at the caring.com research cited in a recent article in The Columbian and reported back what she learned.
- ADRN – The last presentation in December was on Kaiser and other organizations working on a system to get medical and other support needs met in a seamless system.

7. **Next Meeting:** March 16, 2020 – 4:30pm, Battle Ground City Hall.

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