

Northwest Senior Services Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022

Members Present In-Person: None

Members Present via Zoom or Telephonically: Carl Bender, Shirley Bennett, Jana Finkbonner, Shirley Forslof, Wendy Gilbert, Alberta Horn, Mary Kanter, Kathleen O'Connor, Barb Pesola, Tasker Robinette, Stephen Shubert, Jodi Sipes, Marshall Gartenlaub, George Edward

Members Absent: Georgiann Dustin, Denise Irely, Bob Monize, Jennifer Lautenbach, Doug Cornelsen

Staff Present Zoom or Telephonically: Amanda McDade, Elizabeth Anderson, Ryan Blackwell, Darla Smith, Jeri Johansen

Call to Order (Barb Pesola) at 1:03 PM

Zoom Meeting Reminders

Guests: None

Roll Call

Review of March Minutes:

Motion put forward by the Board President, Barb Pesola to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2022, meeting.

Motion was made to approve the March 8, 2022, meeting minutes by: George Edward

Seconded: Shirley Forslof Result: Approved

Announcements: Tasker Robinette will not be renewing. Thank you for your service over the past 8 years, we appreciate you.

Public Comment: None

Communications Project Update: Website

Elizabeth Anderson

Elizabeth Anderson gave a "tour" of the new NWRC website, showcasing our services, opportunities available through NWRC, information about NWRC and our contact information.

Discussion ensued among members of the possibility to link or share with other agency websites and or calendars. The general consensus was that this would be easy to do - noting that these other agencies would be responsible for keeping their content up-to-date.

Break for 10 minutes

1:30 – 1:40

Discussion: Forming NWSSB Committees

Amanda McDade

NWSSB Senior Services Board Committees are as follows:

Advocacy: Led by Ryan Blackwell

Barbara Pesola, Denise Irely, Mary Kanter, Stephen Shubert, Shirley Bennett

Community Engagement & Information: Led by Amanda McDade

Alberta Horn, George Edward, Jennifer Lautenbach, Marshall Gartenlaub, Jodi Sipes, Shirley Forslof

New Programs & Funding: Led by Elizabeth Anderson

Carl Bender, Douglas Cornelsen, Jana Finkbonner, Wendy Gilbert, Kathleen O'Conner

Undecided: Anna Ankrum, Bob Monize, Georgiann Dustin

Members broke out into their groups for the first time during this meeting. It was decided that each group should report back to the entire board in regard to discussions occurring during these break out sessions.

Agency Update

Amanda McDade

Agency

- An announcement was made by Amanda McDade congratulating Elizabeth Anderson and Jessica Wight, on being appointed to their new positions. Elizabeth will be the new Clinical Director and Jessica will be the LTC Case Management Director.
- Short review of re-branding and the impact it may have on identifying with the community regarding recognition of who NWRC is and what we do.
- Presentation of January through December 2021 Budget to Actual Report – Approved.
- Overview of Current Open Positions (2022 approved budget).

Covid

- We continue to keep a hybrid schedule with most employees coming into the office at least two days a week, usually more. Staff are meeting with clients during home visits, slowly and with care.

Legislative

- It is legislative downtime currently. We were unable to get language changed in the budget for agencies such as NWRC to keep up with inflation and client increases. This will be discussed more in depth at a later date.

State Council on Aging Update (SCOA)

Georgiann Dustin - Absent

Updates From Our Communities:

- Jodi Sipes was happy to announce that she will be able to make all up-coming meetings.
- Shirley Forslof noted that Bellingham Senior Center will be opening for meals and will keep Wednesday as a meal pick up day.
- Shirley Bennett commented that Coupeville weekly senior meals will return, increasing to three a week at the United Methodist Church.
- Other members commented on the state of meal programs trying to open but still needing to be cautious at this time.

Adjourn:

Barb Pesola: Motion put forward that there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

Motion made by: Shirley Forslof Seconded: Jodi Sipes Result: Approved

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

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Jeri Johansen

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Jeri Johansen, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed and approved by the Northwest Senior Services Board at the July 12, 2022, meeting.

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Barbara Pesola

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Barbara Pesola, NWSSB Chair