



Northwest Senior Services Board

Advance Meeting Materials

Regular Meeting

**June 17, 2010
1:00 - 3:30 pm**

Anacortes Public Library
1220- 10th Street
Anacortes, WA
360-293-1910

**Note Different
Location!**



Northwest Regional Council
Area Agency on Aging
600 Lakeway Drive, Suite 100
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 676-6749 or
1-800-585-6749

June 11, 2010

Dear Northwest Senior Services Board members:

Our next meeting of the NWSSB is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., at a different location: the Anacortes Library at 1220 – 10th Street (360-293-1910)

The agenda includes necessary action by the full board on Executive Committee recommendations for 2010 services funding revisions, and 2011 tentative funding allocations for key services among other critical items.

Please review the materials enclosed with the agenda. A map and directions to the Library are also enclosed.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and have not yet done so, please contact Richard Dietz and let him know. You may also call Richard or Pat Elwell, if you would like to carpool to the meeting. In addition, for those interested, several staff and Board members we will be meeting for lunch at [11:45 at Gere-A-Deli restaurant, 502 Commercial Avenue in Anacortes.](#)

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Sincerely,

Victoria Doerper
Executive Director

Enclosures

Northwest Senior Services Board

Meeting Agenda

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1:00-3:30 p.m.

Location: [Anacortes Library](#)
[1220 – 10th Street](#)
[Anacortes, WA 98221](#)
[360-293-1910](#)

Time	Topic	Pages	Action Required
1:00 - 1:15	Call to Order Chair, Gil Thurston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance • Roll Call • Review of Minutes • Announcements • Introduction of Guests • Public Comments • Call for Expense Reimbursement Forms 	1 - 4	Motion to Approve
1:15– 1:25	Director’s Report Victoria Doerper	Verbal	Information
1:25 – 2:15	Action on Executive Committee Recommendations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Contract Adjustments • 2011 Tentative Funding Allocations Victoria Doerper	5 - 18	Review, Discussion and Motion to Approve
2:15-2:30	Legislative Advocacy Update Richard Dietz Victoria Doerper	19 - 29	Information
2:30-2:45	Break		
2:45-3:05	OAA Reauthorization Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on June 10 meeting – All 	Handout	Information
3:05-3:15	SCOA Update Bill Thorn		Information
3:15-3:25	Updates from Our Communities – Members	Verbal	Information
3:25-3:30	Announcements and Adjourn	Verbal	Information

Upcoming Northwest Senior Services Board & Subcommittee Meetings

Sept. 16, 2010	Anacortes Senior/Fidalgo Center	Anacortes
Sept. 29, 2010	Caregiver Support Subcommittee (10:00 -3:00)	Bellingham
Sept. 30, 2010	Access/Client Advocacy Support Subcommittee (10:00 -3:00)	Bellingham
Oct. 1, 2010	In-Home/Community Support Subcommittee (10:00 -3:00)	Bellingham
Oct. 5, 2010	Executive Committee (10:00 -3:00)	Bellingham
Oct. 21, 2010	Anacortes Senior/Fidalgo Center	Anacortes

Upcoming Northwest Regional Council Meetings

June 24, 2010 Skagit County Commissioner's Hearing Room Mount Vernon

NWSSB and NWRC Meeting Accessibility

Meetings are held in accessible facilities. For more complete information, please contact the NWRC at 360-676-6749 or 1-800-585-6749, 600 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, Washington, 98225.

Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a meeting should contact the NWRC at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Northwest Senior Services Board Meeting

May 20, 2010

Members Present: Anna Ankrum, David Bell, Carl Bender, Louise Deskey, Alan Friedlob, Glen Hallman, Ken O'Mhuan, Bob Monize, Barbara Pesola, Bill Pliska, Bill Thorn, Gil Thurston, Sharon Wolf

Members Absent: Ron Adams, Georgia Baciú, Bill Bezanson, Bess Christman, Nancy Gentry, Virginia Olivarez, Chuck Schufreider, Diane Vendiola

Staff and Guests Present: Victoria Doerper, Kim Boon, Richard Dietz, Pat Elwell, Maureen Kane

Review of Minutes

Motion was made by Bill Thorn and seconded by Bill Pliska that minutes from the March 18, 2010 meeting be approved. The Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Shelly Zylstra, Planning Unit Director, was conducting a Chronic Disease Self Management presentation for Skagit Valley Hospital staff and was unable to attend today's board meeting.

Staff circulated an informational brochure received from Representative Rick Larsen's office, describing his work on behalf of seniors. A photo of Representative Larsen with NWSSB Chair, Gil Thurston, illustrated the brochure.

Staff and NWSSB members Gil Thurston, Glen Hallman, and Sharon Wolf met with advisory board candidates Linda Lancaster and George White, to discuss board responsibilities as well as candidates' backgrounds and interests. After these discussions, the advisory board members voted to forward to Whatcom County the recommendation of appointment of both candidates to the advisory board.

Introduction of Guests

Board member Anna Ankrum introduced her caregiver, Susan.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Director's Report

Tribal Outreach Coordinator – As discussed at the January 2010 meeting, the Tribal Outreach Coordinator position has remained vacant until the revenue picture became clearer. Recently, NWRC received \$10,000 from Lummi Nation to help support the

Tribal Outreach Coordinator position. While funding requests will continue to be submitted to other area tribes, staff have begun the recruiting process to fill this position. Discussion followed. Gil Thurston, Chair indicated a desire to send the Lummi Nation a note of appreciation for their donation.

Motion was made by Glen Hallman and seconded by Alan Friedlob that staff draft a letter of appreciation that would be signed by the NWSSB Chair, thanking the Lummi Nation for their \$10,000 donation to help support the Tribal Outreach Coordinator position. The Motion passed unanimously.

Whatcom Community Foundation Grant – NWRC received a \$2,500 grant from the Whatcom Community Foundation to help support the Kinship Caregiver Program. Funds will be used to provide respite to kinship caregivers by assisting youth raised by kinship caregivers to attend summer camp.

Kinship Navigator Program – NWRC's Kinship Navigator Program is working with Whatcom County Law Advocates with the goal of providing a free legal clinic once a month for kinship caregivers. Law Advocates is currently recruiting for an attorney to provide the legal assistance at the clinic. If a suitable candidate is forthcoming, the clinic can begin soon.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Update

Richard Dietz provided an update on the Request for Qualifications Process for ancillary services. A brief discussion followed. The difference between a RFQ and a Request for Proposals (RFP) was explained. The NWSSB Executive Committee will be briefed again by staff on progress with the RFQ at the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for June 4th.

2011 Tentative Funding Allocation Process

Victoria Doerper reviewed the tentative funding allocation process, highlighting the advisory board's role and responsibilities. As previously mentioned, the NWSSB Executive Committee will meet on this subject on June 4th at the Bellingham Office. The full-board meeting will take place June 17th.

Legislative Advocacy Discussion

Richard provided a summary of the 2011 State Budget and its impact on programs for seniors and people with disabilities. Thanks were extended to all those who participated in the many advocacy efforts.

The status of two primary federal issues, Healthcare Reform and the Older Americans Act reauthorization, were briefly reviewed.

At a previous board meeting, several board members suggested recognizing those legislators, both federal and state, who were particularly active in promoting services/funding for seniors and people with disabilities. The Board determined that

several legislators were likely worthy of the recognition this year, and lengthy discussion followed.

Motion was made by Ken O'Mhuan and seconded by Sharon Wolf that the NWSSB recognize legislators who have been particularly active in promoting services/funding for seniors and people with disabilities. The Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Glen Hallman and seconded by David Bell that Kelli Linville be recognized as Legislator of the Year, and that recognition be more than a letter. The Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued concerning several additional legislators whom staff had noted were particularly active in supporting senior issues. Those legislators included Senator Dale Brandland, Representative Rick Larsen and Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray.

Motion was made by Bob Monize and seconded by Ken O'Mhuan that those legislators be recognized for their leadership in promoting services and funding for seniors and people with disabilities. In addition, staff could include additional names if an additional legislators should be included. The Motion passed.

Health Care Reform Update

Richard Dietz presented on the topic, "Healthcare Reform & Older Adults." Handouts from the Powerpoint presentation were distributed and discussion followed.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Update

The Older Americans Act is scheduled for reauthorization in 2011. In Olympia on June 10th, a 'reauthorization forum' is being sponsored by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and the Washington, Oregon, and Idaho Associations of Area Agencies on Aging. The State Council on Aging has been invited as well as advisory board members of Area Agencies on Aging. Though there are a limited number of slots available to each agency, staff requested board members to indicate their interest and will do their best to see that all can attend. The following board members indicated an interest in participating in this forum: Bill Thorn, Gil Thurston, Glen Hallman, Alan Friedlob and Bill Pliska. Staff will check with absent board member Ron Adams regarding his interest and availability. For those unable to attend the forum, input can be provided via the website or a letter. Discussion followed.

SCOA Update

There was no meeting in May and there will not be a meeting in July or August. The next meeting will occur in June. The annual meeting with the governor has not yet been scheduled. State Council on Aging members are reviewing the ADSA draft plan based

on DSHS Secretary, Susan Dreyfus' six goals. Council members would like to see a greater emphasis on senior issues.

Announcements and Adjourn

Report from Counties -

Glen Hallman, Whatcom County reported the following:

- Whatcom County Council on Aging (WCCoA) has hired a new Executive Director, Mike Harper.
- Lummi Nation donated \$5,000 to WCCoA nutrition program.
- The Bellingham Senior Activity Center will be celebrating their 35th year anniversary on May 26th. Likewise, Whatcom County Council on Aging will be celebrating their 45th year anniversary.

Chair Gil Thurston requested staff make "Report from Counties" a standing agenda item.

Motion was made by Louise Deskey and seconded by Bill Pliska that the meeting adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Pat Elwell, Executive Assistant/HR Generalist

Reviewed and approved by the Northwest Senior Services Board at the June 17, 2010 meeting.

Gil Thurston, Chair