



Council on Aging  
August 27, 2014

1. August 2014 Meeting Agenda

Documents: [8-27-2014 COA AGENDA.PDF](#)

2. July 2014 Meeting Minutes

Draft meeting minutes from the July 23, 2014 Council on Aging meeting.

Documents: [JULY 2014 COA MINUTES.PDF](#)



Snohomish County  
**Council on Aging**  
**August 27, 2014**

Compass Health Administration Offices  
4526 Federal Avenue, Everett



- 10:00 CALL TO ORDER** *Ron Vivion*  
Welcome and introductions  
Opening ceremonies
- \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**July 2014**
- CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** *Ron Vivion*
- Contacts and correspondence
  - Appoint New Member Recruitment Committee
  - Appoint Officer Nominations Committee
- 10:20 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Advocacy *Mike Lillie*
  - Chemical Dependency/Mental Health Tax Advisory Board *Ron Vivion*
  - Providence Palliative Care Advisory Board *Donna Vande Kieft*
  - North Sound Mental Health Advisory Board *Carolann Sullivan*
  - State Council On Aging Meeting *Ron Vivion*
- (No Executive, FAE, Diversity, Healthy Aging, or Senior Center meetings in July)*
- 10:45 STAFF REPORT** *Susie Starrfield*
- 10:50 BREAK**
- 11:00 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**  
Katrina Ondracek, MA,  
Vice President, Public Policy and Community Initiatives  
United Way of Snohomish County
- 12:00 ADJOURNMENT**  
**Next meeting:** Sept. 24, 2014, 9:30 am – 12 Noon, Compass Health

**\*INDICATES ACTION ITEMS**

**If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call Joyce Frasu at 425-388-7377.**

**Snohomish County Council on Aging Mission:** The purpose of the Council shall be to advise the Snohomish County Long Term Care/Aging Division and Human Services Department, and the Snohomish County Executive on all matters of policy and implementation of the Snohomish County Area Plan on Aging in order to secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity for older residents of Snohomish County and all individuals receiving services administered by the Long Term Care and Aging Division.

\* United Way of Snohomish County would like to know what issues are important to you. They are conducting a series of Community Conversations, and invited COA to share your thoughts, concerns and hopes for the future of Snohomish County.



**CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly meeting of the Snohomish County Council on Aging was held at Compass Health Administrative Offices, 4526 Federal Avenue in Everett, WA 98203 and convened at 10:00 am with Ron Vivion, presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Rosy Brewer		Angela Martin	
Susan Brown		Luis Moscoso	AB
Joel Capella		Susan Null	
Tracy Cuajao	AB	Anotnio Porciuncula	AB
Kristi Cuddy		Sue Rowell	EX
Helen Fenrich	AB	Mark Sideman	EX
John Fischer	EX	Debbie Smith	EX
Christine Freeman		Carolann Sullivan	
Bob Hackney		Nora Todd	
Janet Johnson		Donna Vande Kieft	
Renee Jones		Ron Vivion	
Marie Jubie		Linda Whitesell	
Amy Leonard		So Ying Wong	
Mike Lillie	EX	Jan Wrathall	
		Jennifer Yuen	

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Joan Bethel, Laura Martin, and Robert Knight.

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Susie Starrfield, John Peterson, Linda Moss and Stephanie Jensen.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

No report

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***A motion was made to accept the June 25, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded with one abstention.***

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

Ron explained that he was reviewing a report from Senior Lobby (a group which lobbies on behalf of senior related issues) and came across a report from Jerry Reilly (Lobbyist) about the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disabilities. (Ron has been selected by the State Council on Aging to be liaison to that group.) The committee is due to “sunset” at the end of 2014, unless action is taken in the legislature. There are a few things that can be done that could potentially allow them to continue:

- Introduce a Bill and get it passed through regular Bill process
- If there was a joint resolution of the legislature
- Or, if each of the “Houses” were to pass a resolution in support of the group continuing
- Further information is available online.

Ron proposed that the COA draft a letter to the Snohomish County Council to request the Council write a letter to support the continuation of the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on

Aging and Disabilities. Additionally, if it is appropriate, the COA will draft a letter and mail directly to show our support.

***A motion was made to have Ron draft a letter to Snohomish County Council, on behalf of the COA, asking the Council to write a letter in support of the continuation of the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disabilities. The motion was seconded with carried unanimously.***

#### **PRESENTATION – ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

Kristi Cuddy, Jan Wrathall and Rosy Brewer provided a trial presentation on “Advocacy Educational Outreach”. The presentation will be brought to various senior centers in hopes of providing their members with tools to advocate for senior needs. Kristi explained how the committee has been working to compile information that would most benefit older adults. After the presentation, COA members provided feedback to the Advocacy team.

#### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT –**

##### **Senior Centers – *Nora Todd***

No Report

##### **Healthy Aging – *Linda Whitesell***

No Report

##### **Advocacy – *Kristi Cuddy***

- Presentation provided

##### **Providence Palliative Care Advisory Board –**

No Report

##### **Executive – *Ron Vivion***

- Ron announced that the Executive Committee will hold a meeting in August

##### **CDMH – *Ron Vivion***

No Report

##### **FAE – *John Fischer***

No Report

##### **Bylaws – *Ron Vivion***

- The committee presented the draft of the updated bylaws. They will be voted on at the August meeting.

##### **State COA – *Ron***

No Report

##### **NSMHA – *Marie Jubie***

- The board had its annual retreat in LaConner
- Peer Counseling training was discussed

##### **Diversity Committee – *Renee Jones***

No Report

#### **STAFF REPORT- *Susie Starrfield***

- Susie provided a handout on Aging and Disability Community Forums. Please encourage your friends, family and neighbors to attend.
- Statewide there will be a series of legislative forums related to Aging Readiness. We will have one on October 7, 2014 at the Carl Gibson Senior Center from 3 to 5 pm.
- Still need volunteers to do meal site monitoring.

**Public Comment:**

- John provided an update regarding the State audit of the Family Caregiver Programs
- Bob Hackney announced that he is facilitating a Senior Golf tournament
- Robert Knight provided some information regarding the 501 Commons and an update on the Snohomish Senior Center.

**Closing Ceremonies**

Ron provided closing ceremonies.

**ADJOURNMENT at 12:00**

**Next Meeting will be on August 27, 2014**