



Minutes of the Snohomish County Council on Aging September 27, 2023



CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Snohomish County Council on Aging was held in a hybrid capacity, via Zoom and in-person at Snohomish County Campus, and with Mindy Taylor presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mindy Taylor – Chairperson	✓	Kim Manus	<i>EX</i>
Michele Blythe	✓	Dennis Wheeler	✓
Lou Ann Carter	✓	Linda Adams	✓
Tony Lazaro	✓	Ben Boyle	<i>EX</i>
Shannon Atkins	<i>EX</i>	Gul Subaykan	✓
Beba Poskovic	✓		

WELCOME – Mindy Taylor

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary-Anne Grafton, Judy Edgmand, Sue Shearer, Kari Graves, Jacob McGee

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Cole Caplan, Laura White, Linda Vizmanos, Stephanie Novacek, Josette Frase

Announcement:

Mindy Taylor welcomes New Member Gul Subaykan who has been approved by the council.

PRESENTATION

- Sue Shearer presented SHIBA, and Judy Edgmand presented Medicare. Staffed with 100% volunteers. Worked with 1200 people last year. The volunteers helped enter client information into the system and worked with clients to choose the correct Medicare plans for them.
- Cole Caplan presented process for Area Plan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Michele Blythe motioned to approve the August 23, 2023, meeting minutes, Lou Ann Carter seconded the motion. Approval unanimous, minutes approved.

COMMITTEES

Executive – Mindy Taylor

- Motion 23-347 confirming Linda Adams’s appointment to the Snohomish County COA. Unanimous approval.
- 7/26/23 Meeting minutes approved.
- Dennis Wheeler Nominated for Chair, Michele Blythe Nominated for Vice Chair.
- Both, Dennis Wheeler, and Michele Blythe, unanimously approved and voted in.
- COA Applicant vote for Shannon Atkins unanimously approved and voted in.

Advocacy, Diversity & Outreach – Lou Ann Carter

- Ron Vivion scheduled to speak at the October 11th @ 1:00 pm zoom meeting. Meeting link will be set up through county.
- Want to start visiting some of the senior centers to ask what is working and what are some of the challenges? How can the COA make a difference in Snohomish County?

Senior Centers – Dennis Wheeler

- November 8, 2023, next meeting. Lou Ann has volunteered to take over COA chair. Executive Dave Somers is scheduled to attend the meeting. Kelsey Bang-Olson will share report on COVID.
- Governor Inslee signed a proclamation designating September as Senior Center month.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Chemical Dependency/Mental Health (CDMH) Advisory Board

No updates at this meeting.

State Council on Aging – Dennis Wheeler

- Michele Blythe was elected chair, and Ron Vivion was elected vice chair of the WA State Council on Aging for Snohomish County.
- Susan Ingalls is talking about having an aging summit. Hoping to have it November 2024.
- Preparing to talk to Legislature

STAFF UPDATES

Laura White –

No updates

Cole Caplan –

- Staff continues to work around supporting Kinship Navigator and Caregiver Support Programs. Also supports the Hospital Care Transitions program.
- Working on Area Plan contracting document.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

- Area Plan process
- Member Orientation, October 26th from 1:00-2:00pm
- W4A Statewide Advisory Council & Meeting & Senior Citizens Lobby Day, October 18-19th
- Snohomish County Legislative ask

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2023, at 9:00am – 11:00am (Last meeting of the year).