

**BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING
MINUTES**

June 6th, 2019
8:30-10:30am

North Bellevue Community Center

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gazel Tan, Desiree Leigh, Diana Thompson, Hannah Kimball, Christy Stangland, Robert Lee, Judy Dowling, Beverly Heyden, Michelle Trimble, Jeanne Grote, Jullie Gray, Bill Merriman
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Janet Jelleff, Lauren Emery, Phyllis Smilen, George Twiss, Bob Megargel, Janet Zielasko, Berta Seltzer
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dan Lassiter/Bellevue Parks & Community Services
- GUESTS:** Joanne Gainen – Eastside Neighbors Network
Serena Santoge – City of Seattle Human Services Dept
- RECORDING SECRETARY:** Abby Burdick/Bellevue Parks & Community Services
- WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by Hannah Kimball and roll call taken.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No changes identified to May 2nd, 2019 BNOA meeting minutes. Minutes approved as written.

Joanne Gainen – has put together a service to check peoples mail and such when they are immobile after surgery. The ENNs next upcoming program is “7 Actions You Can Take to Stay out of a Nursing Home” on June 18th at the Lake Hills Library.

Christy Stangland – Eastside Human Services Forum Update – The Coordinator (Marny) has left her position. Some restructure is in place for this group. There is an upcoming Affordable Housing 101 lecture with a focus on 30% Units and Work Force Housing. Christy will follow up with an e-mail with meeting details. Additionally there is a Community Conversation with ENN on Monday.

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION:

Sam Hopkins – King County Long-term Care Ombudsman speaking on Aging Abuse Awareness.

King County Office of Ombuds: The Ombuds manages citizen complaints concerning King County government agencies. They also investigate allegations regarding violations of the

Employee Code of Ethics, and reports of improper governmental action and retaliation filed under the Whistleblower Protection Act.

Their Mission: To promote public confidence in King County government by responding to citizen complaints in an impartial, efficient and timely manner, and to contribute to the improved operation of County government by making recommendations based upon the results of complaint investigations.

Who They Are: The Office of the Ombuds was created by the voters of King County in the County Home Rule Charter of 1968 and operates as an independent office within the legislative branch of the King County government.

What They Do: The Office of the Ombuds is authorized, by King County Code (KCC) 2.52, to investigate complaints regarding administrative conduct by King County agencies, and to publish recommendations for change based on the results of investigations. In addition, the Ombuds office investigates possible violations of the King County Employee Code of Ethics (KCC 3.04), and reports of improper governmental action and retaliation under the Whistleblower Protection Code (KCC 3.42).

For more information visit the [King County Ombuds](#) web page.

For Sam Hopkins full presentation visit the [Bellevue Network on Aging](#) web page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advocacy Committee *(reported by Diana Thompson)*

Veterans Levy – money has been awarded to the King County Prosecutors Office for the department that is responsible for Vulnerable Adult Abuse.

Monday, Diana attended a lecture on Universal Design by Tom Minty a Real Estate Broker. The Advocacy Committee is studying Universal Design and may recommend to the BNOA & Kirkland Senior Council that we pursue this issue.

Sound Generations Annual Luncheon is Wednesday, June 26th. Diana will be given an Advocacy & Activism Award. If you would like to attend, contact Diana.

Representative Smith's Office contacted Dan. Cathy Iverson & Diana will meet.

On June 17th Diana is giving a City Council Presentation for Rural Elder Abuse Awareness Day. DSHS was able to provide Diana with some new statistics for her presentation. DSHS is putting together alder abuse "kits".

Outreach, Education & Diversity Committee *(reported by Gazel Tan)*

The Committee is busy planning the Bellevue Farmers Market Senior Day. Some of the organizations that are committed to a booth are, AARP, Sound Generations & Eastside Neighbors Network. Still to confirm/waiting to hear back from, Office of Emergency Management, HopeLink & King County Metro.

The committee participated in the YMCA Event and the King County Library Resource Fair.

The City of Issaquah had put together a “Baby Boomers Bootcamp”, Gazel participated and enjoyed the event.

The Community in recent Focus Groups are complaining about access to information.

Diana mentioned participating in the Overlake event is still important even though it is not “Senior Focused”.

Transportation & Housing Committee *(no report)*

COMMITTEE PARTNERSHIP REPORTS:

Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative *(reported by Hannah Kimball)*

Anna Loffing is no longer with the organization. She has relocated to Bosnia.

Aging & Disability Services Advisory Council *(no report)*

Washington Senior Lobby *(reported by Diana Thompson)*

AARP was spoke about Medicare. They are very concerned about the cost of medications. AARP is also involved in a medication patent issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote on the following proposed expansion of Item One of the Federal Agenda?

(addition is bolded)

Support **REAUTHORIZATION OF AND** adequate funding for the Older Americans Act, a program that funds critical services which promote the health and independence of older adults.

Support and maintain the State health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and other programs which benefit older adults.

VOTED AS APPROVED

STAFF REPORT *(reported by Dan Lassiter)*

July's meeting will be held on July 11th due to the holiday conflict. Debbie Lacey will facilitate a discussion and decision on BNOA term limits.

Aging Abuse World Awareness Day Proclamation is June 10th, 2019. Diana is receiving and presenting this proclamation.

Lauren Emery has resigned from the BNOA liaison position.

June 26th at 1:00pm at the YMCA is a Focus Group on Dementia.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am