

**BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING  
MINUTES**

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
8:30-10:30am

North Bellevue Community Center

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gazel Tan, Desiree Leigh, Diana Thompson, Hannah Kimball, Phyllis Smilen, Christy Stangland, Robert Lee, George Twiss, Bill Merriman, Bob Megargel, Judy Dowling, Beverly Heyden, Berta Seltzer, Janet Zielasko, Michelle Trimble
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jullie Gray, Jeanne Grote, Janet Jelleff, Lauren Emery,
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dan Lassiter/Bellevue Parks & Community Services
- GUESTS:** Cathy Iverson – Kirkland Sr. Council  
Joanne Gainen – Eastside Neighbors Network
- 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 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 BNOA meeting minutes. Minutes approved as written.

**PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION:** *The planned presenter was Janet Lewine Bellevue City Planner and Lindsay Masters ARCH Executive Manager to talk affordable housing. The discussion was postponed to later in the year.*

**Christy Stangland, Human Services Planner, City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services**  
***The Human Services Needs Update, what is it and how it is used***

The City of Bellevue publishes the Human Services Needs Update at the beginning of each two-year funding cycle. Since 1989 this report has offered a summary of human services trends, needs and gaps in Bellevue, East King County, King County and Washington.

The Needs Update helps the Human Services Commission develop focus areas for funding recommendations to the City Council, guides the city's Human Services division and provides

information for other city departments, faith communities, concerned community groups and nonprofit health and human services providers in King County. Even though the economy has improved, there are still many Bellevue residents who continue to struggle to provide the basics like housing, food and transportation for themselves and their families.

The 2017-2018 Human Services Needs Update provides a snapshot of what residents need, and also, how the City of Bellevue and other groups in the community are coming together to respond using a "collective impact" approach. Collective impact is defined as the commitment of key players from different sectors in the community to a common agenda for effective problem solving.

For more information visit the [Human Services Needs Update](#) web page.

For Christy Stangland's full presentation visit the [Bellevue Network on Aging](#) web page.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Advocacy Committee** *(reported by Diana Thompson)*

What is happening on Items on our State Legislative agenda:

1) Raising the threshold to qualify for the senior property tax exemption. (first item in our agenda) Diana noted that the Senate bill 5160 had passed the house and was now in the House. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5160&Year=2019&Initiative=false>

We decided that rather than writing a group letter, we should individually write members of the house about Senate bill 5160. We could talk about the importance of raising the threshold, etc. but also note that the bill should go into effect in 2020 rather than 2022, as now stated in the bill.

2) Long Term Care Trust Act (third item in our agenda) HB 1087 has passed the house and the Senate Health Care Committee. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1087&Year=2019&Initiative=false>

Diana noted the bill had at time of our meeting passed the house and the senate health care committee. Diana said that she expected the bill to pass the senate. She stressed that passing bills on a new topic can take a long time and this is the 3rd time that a bill with the same objectives has been introduced into the legislature.

3) Funding for Dementia: (fourth item in our agenda) Desiree distributed the handout of the Dementia Action Collaborative, which had been asking for five and a half million of increased

funding to deal with multiple challenges of dementia. Desiree stated that the first item of the request, about \$500,000, for disseminating dementia care best practices to primary care practitioners, was included in the recommended budget of the House. Several committee members stressed the full request should be funded.

Diana stated that it takes time to pass legislation and is often a step by step process. Last year the legislation funded four half-time state positions for dealing with dementia. This year funding item one on the Dementia Action Collaborative flyer is an important step forward. Next year the legislature hopefully will give more money

4) Proposed State Budget: Diana mentioned briefly some of the contents of the House and Senate's proposed budget. She stated there was a good discussion in the March 30th 2nd section of the Seattle Times.

5) Universal Design: The Bellevue City Council would like the BNOA to focus on a local issue. Diana believes that perhaps we should consider asking our respective City Councils in the future to require new housing (houses, apartments, condos) to include some aspects of Universal Design. Universal Design can help the seniors of today and the seniors of the future. In deciding of whether to recommend this, we need more information on universal design AND need to know what municipalities and states, if any, have required this.

Diana will try to see if Tom Minty will talk to us about this issue. If not, Kathy Iverson will try to get another speaker. Michele said she might be interested in looking into what municipalities or states have adopted universal design requirements.

6) Article for Bellevue Reporter: Diana stated she sent a somewhat revised version of the letter the Kirkland Advisory Board sent to the Kirkland Reporter to the Bellevue Reporter. She told the Bellevue reporter the article was based on what had been submitted to the Kirkland Reporter and if the Reporters could only print one, print the Kirkland article in the Kirkland Reporter.

We talked about sending in articles to Bellevue Reporter. Bellevue members may talk about this at the next BNOA meeting. Michelle expressed an interest in writing articles about Medicare. Diana mentioned perhaps Jullie could write about elder abuse.

Next meeting is on May 6<sup>th</sup>

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

May is Older Adult Month, George Twiss will accept City Proclamation at Council Meeting

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month, Diana Thompson will accept that proclamation at Council Meeting

Diana + 1 volunteer will host a table at YMCA in May, either 14th or 21st.

Hannah will talk with Roz Liming at Crossroads to secure a date for BNOA table at Crossroads Farmers Market.

BNOA Outreach will partner with Bellevue Farmers Market for an August 8 Senior Day at the Market; planning is ongoing, commitments to participate being secured, NBCC jazz band will play.

Next meeting at NBCC is on April 18 at 8:30 a.m.

**Transportation & Housing Committee** *(reported by Phyllis Smilen)*

Tanya from Sound Generations presented at the February Transportation meeting on 1 on 1 “lifestyle” counseling Sound Generations offers.

The transportation committee discussed “realism of housing” at the March meeting. The Housing Matrix is something that will soon be updated and reported on.

**NEW BUSINESS** *(no report)*

Celebrated Howard Katz’s commitment to BNOA as he retires from BNOA.

**STAFF REPORT** *(reported by Dan Lassiter)*

The next meeting is on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Maureen Roat is the Senior Staff Attorney for Catholic Community Services and will present on Tenant Law and other legal issues surrounding aging adults.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am