

Bellevue Network on Aging Accomplishments

2017 BNOA Advocacy

- Six members from Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA) and six members from the Kirkland Senior Council (KSC) attended Senior Lobby Day in Olympia on February 23, 2017 and met with legislators in the 41st, 45th and 1st Districts to share our State and Federal Agendas for 2017.
- BNOA and KSC Advocacy members (7 in total) met with Rep. Dave Reichert on May 31st to share and discuss our State and Federal Agendas for 2017.
- Four members from BNOA met with Congressman Adam Smith on August 10, 2017 to share and discuss our State and Federal Agendas for 2017.
- BNOA Advocacy member, Diana Thompson, has been actively involved at the state level regarding hearing aids and hearing loss issues. Senate Bill 5177 regarding Hearing loss education of health care providers did pass. The Hearing Aid Bill has been requested to be included into Gov. Inslee's budget.
- BNOA and KSC Advocacy members closely followed and supported the Veteran, Human Services Senior levy proposal, which was on the ballot in November 2017 and passed.
- BNOA and KSC Advocacy continued to monitor the Medicare Observation Status at the state and federal levels.
- BNOA and KSC Advocacy group met with an Evergreen Hospital Care Manager re: hospitalizations and the selection process of finding quality skilled nursing facilities. The purpose of the meeting was to determine if there was a need to advocate for older adults regarding this issue.
- Bellevue City Councilmember Lynne Robinson was invited to as a listening session with the BNOA at the December 2017 meeting to get her input as to how best to work in conjunction with the City Council regarding advocacy issues.

2017 Housing & Transportation Committee

The committee completed an annual audit of the City of Bellevue affordable housing website connected with ARCH.

Information was gathered on all the forms of transportation available to aging adults in Bellevue and put it into a matrix format to show the gaps of affordable and accessible transportation in Bellevue.

A listening session was organized with Dave Berg (Director of Transportation) and Franz Loewenherz, from the Bellevue Transportation Department to discuss funding of a shuttle bus system for the Bellevue area. A potential letter from BNOA and another from the Bellevue Human Services Commission encouraging King County to fund a shuttle will be discussed and potentially pursued.

2017 BNOA Outreach Activity & Accomplishments

1. BNOA PowerPoint presentation development. The presentation covers BNOA purpose and activity and where-to-turn information for aging adults of Bellevue. It can easily be changed to fit the targeted audience. The first presentation occurred January 2018.
2. The Outreach committee was represented at:
 - The Overlake Hospital Senior Fair
 - The Bellevue Strawberry Festival
 - Asian Services Health Fair
 - India Association of Western Washington Health Fair
 - Welcome America Diversity event
 - Aging & Disability Housing forum
 - King County Library Resource Fair
 - Alzheimer's Café
 - BNOA advertised monthly by the Bellevue Neighborhood News letter
3. Arranged and presented aging concerns at a City of Bellevue Council Proclamation of older Americans Month and then again for the Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation.