

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING

MINUTES

July 11, 2024.

Hybrid Meeting held at North Bellevue Community Center, 8:30a – 10:30a

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Rittenhouse; Andrea Kline; Kari Marino; Elaine White; Beth Hanley; Abigail Brown; Julie Hart; Bhavana Pahwa; Eleanor Lee; Joyce Hansberry; Shana Aucsmith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Beverly Heyden; Barbara Carey

STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Lassiter -Community Services Supervisor;
Christy Stangland – HS Planner, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

GUESTS: Hannah Kimball; Mark Yamada

PRESENTER(S): BNOA completed an exercise in using TEAMS instead of ZOOM assisted by the Bellevue IT dept.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Daniel Lassiter, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Anne Rittenhouse. Anne introduced the newest member of BNOA, Joyce Hansberry. Joyce thanked the group for allowing her to be part of the Network and spoke of her background in older adult housing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Yamada indicated he was visiting to hear what the BNOA does. Mr. Yamada indicated that he works in the tech industry looking for free tech services for older adults.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 2024 minutes were approved.

Presentation: With the assistance of Bellevue IT Dept, Kirill Mitkovetskiy, the BNOA met under the usual ZOOM meeting and receiving direction on how to attend a TEAMS meeting without downloading the TEAMS application, went out of ZOOM and rejoined using a TEAM’S meeting invitation. Kirill worked with each member who had issues with their system to regain sound, picture, backgrounds, meeting views, chat function, hand raising and lower functions. The process took a full hour to get everyone up and running but ended with a successful meeting application transfer. The BNOA requested that at meetings Dan use the “pin the speaker’ feature as was easier to see who was speaking for the group. All future meetings will use the TEAMS application. The various meetings for BNOA will each have the same monthly invitation and id number to enter the meetings.

Human Services Report – Christy Stangland

Christy reports that the Human Services funding recommendations to council are near completed. Shelters will be funded and 70% of those culturally underrepresented in the City of Bellevue will get funding. Future additional funding will likely be recommended and provided through the City Council. Christy reported that during COVID, an extra 10 million dollars were made available that is no longer, but the need is the same.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Members were asked to read the committee reports before the meeting for discussion.

Advocacy Committee Report – Abigail

No meeting held in July. Nothing to report.

Outreach Committee Report – Shana

Both Crossroads Market and Bellevue Market have timeslots needing filled. Joyce, Angela, Bhavna, Beth and Kira helped fill more time slots. Shana reported that a shipment of Dementia Roadmaps had arrived.

Bhavana has completed an article on hearing aids and has been submitted to the Neighborhood News.

Housing and Transportation – Anne

See attached minutes to this meeting. Nothing new to report. No members had an issue to discuss.

Community Meetings and Events Attended

Bhavana reported attending Bellevue College workshop of Eastside Human Services Forum and found the conversation good around equity and diversity.

Old Business –

none

New Business

Pembroke Meadows in Bellevue has asked for a presentation on Healthy Aging from the BNOA. Elaine and Anne will be connecting with the group and arranging a talk about BNOA.

Dan asked if the group wanted to continue to utilize the Legal Resource Flyer the BNOA produced several years ago. The group asked for it to be sent out and Bhavan and Andrea volunteered to take on the checking of information and report back to Dan. Then an updated copy will be created, then copied and put in the distribution box.

Justin Chang of the City of Bellevue Diversity Department would like to look at the BNOA Resource Guide to be put out by Service First at City Hall. Dan will send some.

Dan will send out all new meeting invitations for all subcommittees and the main BNOA committee with TEAMS application.

The BNOA would like to know the direction the City of Bellevue will take now that the governor has accepted the challenge of making the State of Washington an Older Adult Friendly State.

The BNOA will inquire more about visitor Mark Yamada's information about free tech services for older adults. Dan to follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.