



LEWIS-MASON-THURSTON
AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Advisory Council Minutes

Meeting Date: December 15, 2025

In Person and via Zoom

AC Members Attendance:

Lewis	Mason	Thurston
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Aust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn Harper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathleen (Cat) McGaffigan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Buswell	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eileen McKenzie Sullivan
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Rohr	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Anna Schlecht
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Michele Horaney
<input type="checkbox"/> Nikki Storms	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<input type="checkbox"/> Willie Merryman	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant

Staff Attendance: Nicole Kiddoo, Executive Director; Carrie Petit, Chief of Contracts & Planning; Donna Feddern, Chief of Programs and Services; Valerie Aubertin, Community Supports Director; Chrissy Franklin, Office Manager; Lisa Bachmann, Government Affairs Program Liaison; Jemma Williamson, Deputy Executive Director; Sabrina Dean, Chief Financial Officer; Sarah Link, Executive Assistant.

Guest Attendance: N/A

Minutes prepared by: Lisa Bachmann

Meeting Minutes		
Land Acknowledgement – read by Cat McGaffigan, Chair		
Cat McGaffigan opened the meeting by reading the Land Acknowledgement. Introductions were made by all.		
Approval of draft agenda and previous month draft minutes		
The December 15, 2025, Draft Agenda and November 5, 2025, Draft Minutes were approved.	Motion	Glenn
	Approved	yes
	Second	Tim
Topic: Election of Officers for 2026, Heidi Buswell, Vice-Chair		
Heidi Buswell shared that Glenn Harper was on the ballot for Chair and Tim Wood for Vice-Chair. She asked if there were any other members who wanted to be considered for either position. There were no additional nominees. Ballots were passed out to members attending in person and virtual members were told to email their vote to Lisa Bachmann. Votes were counted and the new officers announced: Glenn Harper for Chair and Tim Wood for Vice-Chair.	Motion	N/A
Topic: WA Cares Pilot Program - Lisa Bachmann, Govt. Affairs Program Liaison – Out of Order		

<p>Lisa Bachmann gave a brief description of the WA Cares Pilot Program starting January 6, 2026. People interested in participating can apply via the Agency Website or by calling and talking with one of the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) staff who are already helping to screen applicants.</p>	<p>Motion</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Topic: Advisory Council Bylaw Revision 2nd Reading - Cat McGaffigan, Chair</p>		
<p>Cat McGaffigan explained that a 2/3 vote of approval by all current members was needed in order to pass the revised Bylaws. Only six of the eleven members were in attendance and so a vote could not be taken during the meeting. The goal was to bring the Bylaws to the Commissioners for approval at the January 28, 2026 meeting. A motion was entertained “that Lisa Bachmann, Government Affairs Program Liaison, will email the revised bylaws to all members for their review and request they respond with their vote via email to Lisa by a deadline chosen by her, based on the timing to include it in the January 28 meeting of the COG.” It was added that she would include the word VOTE in the email subject line.</p>	<p>Motion</p>	<p>Glenn</p>
	<p>Approved</p>	<p>yes</p>
	<p>Second</p>	<p>Eileen</p>
<p>Topic: Review of LMTAAA 2026 Budget – Sabrina Dean, Chief Financial Officer</p>		
<p>Sabrina Dean explained that the State no longer required that an Area Plan Budget be included in the Area Plan. Moving forward, the Agency will submit an Annual Budget. This budget will go before the COG at the December 18, 2025, meeting for approval. Nicole Kiddoo reminded the members that while they do not vote on the budget, we are interested in their input. It was requested that updates be shared with the council if there are significant changes. There was additional discussion about funding and ensuring all funds are used before contract end dates. It was explained that as long as a contract is not expired, we can reissue the money at the end of our calendar year to that program. Nicole added that we work very closely with our providers to ensure all funding is utilized. If a provider will not use all of their money we work with other providers and do our best to keep the money within that county.</p>		
<p>Topic: Community Announcements – Various Members</p>		
<p>Tim Wood shared that the Timber River Connection 2026 Night of Magic Gala is on Saturday, February 21 at 5:00. It includes dinner, a magic show, auction and more.</p> <p>Cat McGaffigan share that she completed the Dementia Friends Champion training and can now hold Dementia Friends Info Sessions.</p> <p>Heidi Buswell shared that she was part of the SHIBA presentations that were held in three Lewis County Libraries.</p>		
<p>Topic: Updates – Nicole Kiddoo, Executive Director / Lisa Bachmann, Govt Affairs Program Liaison</p>		
<p>Lisa Bachmann reported on some upcoming dates: January 12 at 12:00 pm is the W4A Advocacy Week training and January 20-22 are the W4A Advocacy Days at the Capitol.</p> <p>Nicole Kiddoo shared that she had just returned from the USAging Board Meetings in DC. She has been reappointed to the Policy</p>		

<p>Committee for 2026. The committee is working on the 2026 Policy Priorities which should come out in March.</p> <p>She explained the Governor’s Budget would come out by the end of the week. The revenue forecast was even worse than the most recent one and so there would most likely be cuts. She will learn more at the W4A Policy meeting the following week. She joined with W4A and other organizations such as AARP for a Governor’s briefing on the importance of home services. Health Homes is the priority this year. There may be state impacts based on the federal cuts that could happen. Nicole added that the Agency has reserves set aside if worse case scenarios happen.</p>		
<p>Topic: Housing Committee - Donna Feddern, Chief of Programs and Services</p>		
<p>Donna Feddern shared that the committee met. Debbie, Anna and Donna discussed the information they want to share during the forum. They are looking into having the forum at Bethel Church in Napavine. They hope to have a planning meeting in January.</p>		
<p>Topic: State Council on Aging (SCOA) Report – Glenn Harper</p>		
<p>Glenn Harper shared he would like to step down from this position since he will be the Chair in 2026. He has enjoyed the meetings and there have been some great presentations.</p>		
<p>Topic: Socialization and Engagement Committee, Glenn Harper</p>		
<p>Glenn Harper shared that he met with Theresa Ziniewicz from South Sound Senior Services about the Mon Ami program. The program is currently only serving six people. There was additional discussion about Mon Ami and how it could be promoted. Donna Feddern shared that she would meet with Nicole Barr and Theresa about the program. He would like to utilize the libraries more, especially for socialization. The library is celebrating Senior Citizens Day in August and Dementia in June. He plans to have Zach present at one of the council meetings this year. Glenn added that the library publicizes events that they are sponsoring.</p>		
<p>Topic: Adjournment</p>		
<p>Cat McGaffigan and Heidi Buswell were thanked for their contributions and hard work as Chair and Vice-Chair the last two years. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am</p>	<p>Motion</p>	<p>Glenn</p>
	<p>Approved</p>	<p>yes</p>
	<p>Second</p>	<p>Heidi</p>
	<p>Follow-up</p>	