

Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services

2021-2024 Area Plan Needs Assessment Steering Committee

Background: As the federally designated Area Agency on Aging serving Washington County under the Older Americans Act, DAVS is required to conduct a needs assessment that will inform the 2021-20124 Area Plan.

Time Commitment: One meeting per month August-November for 2.5 hours, including refreshments and a break.

Purpose: To guide the development of the DAVS needs assessment, which will identify overarching needs of the older adult population with a special emphasis on reaching historically underrepresented groups. The committee will answer these types of questions:

- What information does DAVS need to inform the area plan?
- Which are the most significant populations that DAVS needs to understand?
- How should DAVS engage with these various populations?
 - Are our recommendations trauma informed? If not, how can we adjust them to do no harm through our efforts?
- What methodologies should be used to conduct the needs assessment?
- How should we communicate with the public about this?
- What questions should we ask and of whom?
- How will we make sense of the data collected through the needs assessment?
- Who will benefit and who will be burdened by this work?
- How can the data we gather be used to create more equitable outcomes?
- And more

Governance: The Steering Committee will be formed as an ad hoc subcommittee of the Aging and Veteran Services Advisory Council. The Steering Committee will operate by consensus and meetings will be facilitated by Rebecca Miller and/or Amy Baker.

Confirmed members	
Name	Representing
Betsy Hartner	DAVS
Bob Ludlum	AVSAC
Chris Kempton	AVSAC
Christine Lau	Asian Health & Service Center
Elaine Wells	AVSAC
John Holewa	AVSAC
Kera Magarill	DAVS
Kimberly Goddard-Kroph	AVSAC
Megan McCoy	SAGE/Friendly House Advisory Council
Nellie Salvador	Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization
Pam Carpenter	AVSAC
Randy Mifflin	DAVS
Rebecca Miller	DAVS
Regina Ford	Public
Seferina Deleon Dale	AVSAC, Centro Cultural
Shannon Baggerman	DAVS
Sheryl Stafford	AVSAC
Suzanne Washington	Meals on Wheels People
Vicki Horn	DAVS
Special Focus Populations	
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