

# CHA Monthly Conference Call

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**Friday, August 13, 2021**

**11:00 AM- 12:30 PM**

1. Roll Call
  - a. Commissioners
    - i. Chair Dr. Bernal Baca
    - ii. Vice Chair Lina Alvarez
    - iii. Vice Chair Brian Moreno
    - iv. Commissioner Lola Flores
    - v. Commissioner Jessica Hernandez
    - vi. Commissioner Dr. Randy Nuñez
    - vii. Commissioner Dr. Rodrigo Renteria
    - viii. Commissioner Lili Navarrete
    - ix. Commissioner Eric Gonzalez
  - b. Staff
    - i. Maria Sigüenza, Executive Director
    - ii. Nancy Aguilar, Communications and External Relations Manager
    - iii. Myra Hernandez, Operations and Special Projects Manager
  - c. Guests
    - i. Alejandro Sanchez, Office of the Governor
    - ii. Dr. Ben Veghte, Director of WA Cares Fund
2. WA Cares Fund: Long Term Care
  - a. Background by Vice Chair Alvarez
    - i. 58 cent tax to pay for long-term services in the future.
    - ii. <https://www.wsha.org/articles/new-state-employee-payroll-tax-law-for-long-term-care-benefits/>
  - b. Dr. Ben Veghte, Director WA Cares Fund, Home and Community Services (HCS), Aging and Long-Term Support Services (ALTSA), Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
    - i. <http://wacaresfund.wa.gov/>
    - ii. <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/long-term-services-and-supports-ltss-trust-commission>
    - iii. Lead agency, administer oversight commission and work on issues, later to administer the funds.
    - iv. 5 agencies are involved in this work.
    - v. Basic 101
      1. We all have concerns about aging.

2. This is not a program for nursing home cares or for putting people under facilities, only 79% WA can afford care.
  3. \$2,700 a year is paid for WA long term care.
    - a. Women pay more than men because they live longer.
  4. 90% not able to afford in retirement – they paid for x years and unable to continue.
  5. Private insurance not affordable by majority of Washingtonians.
  6. Problems with programs:
    - a. Must live in WA to claim the benefit – trying to fix it. This is as problem for those who work for x time and they move etc.
    - b. They'll be paying in but not receive benefit. Need to be exempted as an option.
    - c. Must pay in for 10 years to qualify – will be worked on and hopefully fixed/addressed as it affects those closer to retirement.
  7. Similar program to Medicare.
- c. Q and A
- i. Amendments have changed to ensure folks with disabilities are covered when they pay into it.
  - ii. For those who it doesn't cover, there is work being done to expand and ensure it is as universal as possible.
3. Follow up: FBI/Homeland Security Bulletins
- a. Discussion
    - i. Vice Chair Moreno and Executive Director Sigüenza engaged with the department's community outreach team to identify solutions around the issue raised by former Representative Luis Moscoso. They met with the Special Agent in Charge of the Seattle field office, SAC Don Voiret. They discussed potential partnership opportunities ranging from communications and outreach to providing technical assistance around community engagement.
    - ii. Layout structure of a pilot and discuss messaging, partnerships with police departments and communication with community.
    - iii. Getting feedback from BIPOC communities statewide to get a pulse check.
    - iv. Committee formed to work and navigate working and building on trust.
  - b. Possible Guest: FBI personnel
  - c. Next Steps
    - i. Committee will convene in the coming weeks.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. September Commission Meeting Date
- a. Discussion
    - i. September 18, 2021 new meeting date
6. Adjourn

Vice Chair Moreno motions to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Hernandez.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.**

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