



Western and Central Washington and Inland Northwest Chapters Public Policy Town Halls August 2014

Format

Each town hall, scheduled for two hours, is an opportunity for members from the community to (1) learn about services and supports available from the Alzheimer's Association and partner organizations and (2) provide valuable input about local needs and challenges relating to access, quality, and cost of health care. During the town hall, we will highlight—and solicit feedback on—our public policy initiatives, including the National Alzheimer's Plan, Alzheimer's Disease Plan for Washington State, and *Voices for Better Health*, a new initiative to improve health care for “dual eligibles”—older and disabled Washingtonians who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

The town hall will include a panel reflecting the breadth and depth of the Alzheimer's experience. Federal, state, and local elected officials and/or staff are welcome to participate. Our objective is to educate the public, solicit input, and provide an opportunity to interact with elected leaders. All public input will be recorded and used to inform our work in advancing our public policy priorities to better meet the needs of the individuals, families, and communities we serve.

Discussion Topics

1. National Alzheimer's Plan: We'll review the latest version of the Plan, describe its key goals and objectives, and ask if the Plan—as currently designed and implemented—will meet community needs.
2. Alzheimer's Disease Plan for Washington State: Under the auspices of the Department of Social and Health Services, work to develop a comprehensive state plan will begin in early September. We'll ask members of the community to tell us what should be included in the plan.
3. *Voices for Better Health in Washington State*: We'll describe our Chapter's role in leading an effort to improve health care delivery and establish a strong voice for Washington's dual eligibles, and we'll invite public comment from duals and their caregivers about their desires, needs, and challenges.

Panel Participants

Each town hall will be facilitated by a moderator and feature a panel to provide opening remarks as well as insights and answers to questions during the public comment portion of the program. Panel members may include:

1. A person living with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia
2. A family caregiver
3. A physician or professional caregiver serving individuals and families with Alzheimer's or other dementias
4. A researcher who can provide an update on the latest developments in Alzheimer's research
5. A representative of *HealthPathWashington*

Schedule for Town Halls

- 08/20 **Bremerton**—Bremerton City Council Chambers, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
*A Special Seminar hosted by Congressman Derek Kilmer
- 08/27 **Coeur d'Alene**—Fox Auditorium at Kootenai Health, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 08/26 **East Wenatchee**—Aging and Adult Care of Central WA, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 08/20 **Everett**—Gipson Senior Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 08/22 **Issaquah**—Swedish Hospital, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 08/18 **Lacey/Olympia**—Olympia Senior Center, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 08/04 **Longview/Kelso**—Kelso Senior Center, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 08/11 **Mount Vernon**—Mount Vernon Senior Center, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 08/08 **Renton/Tukwila**—Tukwila Community Center, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 08/15 **Seattle**—St. Joseph Parish Hall, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 08/14 **Sequim**—Shipleigh Senior Center, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- 08/26 **Spokane**—Gonzaga University School of Law, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 08/06 **Tacoma**—Morgan Family YMCA, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 08/25 **Tri-Cities**—Richland Public Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 08/21 **Yakima**—Harman Senior Center, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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