

**2024 Virtual Fall Conference**

**Thursday October 17, 2024**

**2024 Fall Conference Recap**

The **Senior Citizens’ Foundation** held their 2024 Virtual Fall Conference on Thursday October 17, 2024. We had 240 people including speakers attend the 2024 Fall Conference.

The Sponsors for the 2024 Fall Conference were: Aging and Long-Term Care Support Administration, Hearing Loss Association of Washington, Long-Term Care Foundation of Washington State, Retired Public Employees Council of Washington - Chapter 2, Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A), and Washington State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

The Nine Presenters with Power Point Presentations were the following:

* Louise Ryan, Regional X Administrator Administration for Community Living - **Emergency Planning for Seniors**
* Tim Smolen, SHIBA Program Manager Office of the Insurance Commissioner - **2024 Medicare Open Enrollment Coverage changes and Options**
* David Mancuso, Director, DSHS Research and Data Analysis Division – **Washington Age Wave and Senior Demographics**
* Pat Sullivan, Director of Office of Financial Management - **The 2025 Outlook**
* Todd Slettvet, MA, Medicaid Program Division and Ellen Wolfhagen, Retire Benefits Manager, Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) **– Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) Update & Health Care Authority Activity**
* Catherine Kinnaman, Home & Community Services, Kathy Morgan, Adult Protective Services, Amy Abbot, Residential Care Services, Ernest Covington III, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services, Ben Veghte, WA Cares, Mike Anbesse, Residential Care Services (RCS), Eric Mandt, Management Services - **DSHS Aging & Long-Term Support Administration - Agenda for 2025, Report from the Directors**
* Cynthia Stewart, LWV League of Women Voters**, Update 2024 Election**
* Bryana Cross Bean, Attorney at Law**, Your Emergency Legal Documents**
* Leslie Emerick, Hospice Care**, Happy 100th Birthday President Carter**

Thank you to all of the Speakers for an excellent Conference. The goals were to prepare for the 2025 Legislative Session and the Age Wave. It was also an introduction of the 2025 Health Care Enrollment Plan, preview of the 2025 State Budget, reports from the Division Directors that manage the Long-Term Care Agency, review of emergency legal documents and preparedness for natural disasters. The Conference closed with recognition of President Carter who is in Hospice Care and celebrating his 100th Birthday. He exemplifies the need for and importance of Hospice which addresses an individual’s end of life physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs.