

**Health Care Providers Council of Pierce County**  
“Enhancing the Lives of the Seniors We Serve”



***June, 2021***  
***Newsletter***

**Our next meeting is: June 10, 2021 – Virtual!!**  
Dues are \$75 per year, per individual

***President’s Message***

Happy June! And what a lovely month it is.

The May Caregiver’s events were both so amazing and well attended, thank-you to Bob Riler and his committee for their hard work.

Speaking of Bob Riler....a legend in this industry is retiring. Hard to believe. Although I am sad that he and his incredible knowledge will be leaving the industry. I am so happy for him and his family. Enjoy, my friend!

You will want to join us this month for a very informative meeting. To help us understand the rules and regulations surrounding “Safe Start”, we will have Vicki McNeeley speak to us.

This month our meeting sponsor is our good friend Jonete Rehmke and Rehmke Law. Thanks so much. I’m sure we will have something wonderful to bid on.

I look forward to seeing everyone’s shining faces on June 10th. This may be the very last time we will have a ZOOM meeting...more on that later.

Warmly,

Melissa Martin  
President

Health Care Providers Council of Pierce County

**Meeting Schedule**

**June 10th -**  
Vicki McNeely – Safe  
Start

**July 8th -**  
TBD

**2021 Board Members**

**President:** Melissa Martin, Narrows Glen  
**Vice President:** Tina Baril, Monarch Transitions  
**Secretary:** Rebecca Brooks, Family First Adult  
Family Homes  
**Treasurer:** Tawnya Krall, Holiday Retirement  
**Members-at-Large:** Lynessa Stone – Advanced  
Healthcare, Trish Cooper – Pinnacle Senior  
Placements, Amanda Cassman – We Care Senior  
Advisors, Susan Dale – Wesley Homes, Carole Velez  
– Franke Tobey Jones, Beth Rahman –EXP Realty  
**Social Media/IT:** Jenny Krzemien – Concierge  
Care Advisors

**Board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month, 8:00 am via Zoom. The next meeting is June 24, 2021. All members are welcome to attend.**

**Monthly Meeting Sponsor**

Jonete Rehmke & Rehmke Law

**After Hours**

JUNE is AVAILABLE!!

Contact [secretary@healthcareproviderscouncil.com](mailto:secretary@healthcareproviderscouncil.com) if you would like to sponsor After Hours!!

**HCPC Breakfast Sponsor**

Cancelled

**Upcoming Events**

Scheduled events may be cancelled or postponed. We recommend you call first to confirm.

Now through June 30  
Developmental Disabilities Administration and Department of Vocational  
Rehabilitation, along with  
Wise and Washington State Counties hold the 2021 Community Summit  
Webinar Series & Resource  
Webinars are free and open to all who share

the Community Summit goals of creating more inclusive communities in the state of Washington.

June 9 – Advance Care Planning: A Medical Perspective  
(Event Calendar) Attorneys help people create important documents like Power of Attorney, Advance Directives and Living Wills. However, the reality in a hospital or an Emergency Room can be quite different. Health conditions frequently result in significant grey areas that legal documents cannot anticipate. It's left for families and medical professionals to explore a patient's wishes, intentions and life goals. This free online workshop will discuss issues from a medical perspective. Presenter is Glenda Shepard, ARNP, specializing in Hospice and Palliative Medicine at CHI Franciscan. Ample time for questions will be provided. View event flyer. Advance registration at <https://bit.ly/3sgsrLc>. Join by phone at 253-215-8782 or 888-788-0099 – Webinar ID: 941 8679 8914.

June 9 – Strategies for Increasing Routine Adult Vaccination Rates  
Routine vaccination is an essential preventive care service for adults as well as children. Unfortunately, many US adults do not receive all recommended vaccines and thus, remain unprotected against preventable diseases. This gap in coverage has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Join the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases for a discussion on current adult vaccination recommendations and strategies for increasing coverage among adults in the US. Held at 11 a.m. Free but pre-registration is required.

June 10 – Universal Design: Making an “Age Friendly” Home  
(Event Calendar) When it comes to “aging-in-place,” most people think it's for older adults. But the principles of “aging-in-place” actually apply to all ages. From clearances and heights to lighting and handles, simple considerations make a home livable for everyone and contribute to comfort and safety. Homeowners quickly realize that products, technologies and systems introduced into the home really

benefit every member of the family – not just older adults. Learn how the principles of “Universal Design” are more accurately viewed as “Lifespan Design” or “Design for All Ages” and how they can be applied to make any home a much more comfortable and safer environment for all. View event flyer. Advance registration at <https://bit.ly/3s6ystS>. Join by phone at 253-215-8782 or 888-788-0099 – Webinar ID: 945 8462 6961.

June 12 – E-Recycling at The Weatherly Inn  
Wondering what to do with your old electronics? Recycle them safely at the Weatherly Inn, 6016 N. Highlands Parkway in Tacoma. Most electronics accepted except CRT TVs, monitors and alkaline batteries. Held 8 to 11 a.m.

June 15-17 – Forward Together  
The 70th Annual LeadingAge Washington Virtual Conference built around strategic initiatives related to expanding possibilities for aging. Topics include transforming the continuum of care to better meet consumer needs, demands and expectations; developing and retaining a skilled workforce; best practices in resident care models (including, but not limited to, culture change); quality improvement and accountability; and new technologies for older adult service delivery. Registration is now open.

June 16-18 – Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference  
Our theme, Stronger Together – A Path Forward, will be supported through critical content on race and equity in behavioral health, COVID-related innovations, connections between corrections and behavioral health, and best practices in team-based care. This virtual event will highlight 35 workshops, with tracks focusing on corrections & mental health, recovery & resiliency, emerging, best & promising practices, management, leadership & operations, race and equity in behavioral health, and more. Held each day 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Scholarships available. Register online.

June 23 – Elder Abuse in People Living with Dementia: Prevention, Detection, and Intervention  
Hosted by the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center, this webinar will discuss elder abuse in people living with dementia. A physician and an attorney will share indicators of concern, provide practical tips on when and how to intervene, and highlight the issue of capacity. Held 11 a.m. to 12 noon Pacific Time. Register in advance here.

June 24 – Medicare and Parkinson's: What You Need to Know  
Learn about Medicare coverage options, what is "typically" paid for by Medicare and what to think about budgeting for, how to enroll, where you can find additional resources and more. Held 10 a.m.  
Free. Register online. Sponsored by the Parkinson's Foundation.

***If you are interested in posting an event, please email Rebecca Brooks at: [secretary@healthcareproviderscouncil.org](mailto:secretary@healthcareproviderscouncil.org). All postings must be submitted by the 15th of the month.***

#### **Announcements/Ideas**

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From Visiting Angels:

Visiting Angels in Tacoma (1401 S. Union Ave.) will host two new in-person classes in June.

- Heart Failure - Thurs, June 24, 2-4 p.m., \$25 and 2 CEU's per class
- End of Life Care - Sat, June 26, 9 a.m. – noon, \$35 and 3 CEU's per class

All Classes are located at our office at 1401 S. Union Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405, they can register by calling or emailing Marian at 253-537-3700 or [Marian@TacomaAngels.com](mailto:Marian@TacomaAngels.com)

Dementia Friendly Pierce County

Did you know that there are tens of thousands of people living and dealing with dementia in Pierce County? Did you know that you can be part of ensuring they are included,

valued, and cared for in their community? Dementia Friendly Pierce County is an initiative through Lutheran Community Services Northwest, and is leading the way to remove stigmas and creating a culture of compassion that is formed around health, justice and hope.

You can help build that caring, friendly community. How can you engage with us? We offer three ways to get involved:

- 1) Listen and Advocate: We want to speak with your community group or organization about dementia. Education is key to reducing stigma. With our one-hour virtual Dementia Friends information session, we can help you educate people about how to have positive interactions with people living with dementia and their care partners.
- 2) Volunteer: Through our Dementia Friends and Opening Minds through Art activities we can help you find positive ways to engage with people who are living with dementia. As a Dementia Champion you can help directly educate others and with Opening Minds through Art you can help a person living with dementia create inspiring art.
- 3) Recommend: Share information about our services with others. Help us spread the word about the activities we offer, and encourage others to learn how they too can create a Dementia Friendly Pierce County, that is inclusive to people of all ages and abilities. Learn more at [www.dementiafriendlypc.org](http://www.dementiafriendlypc.org) or [dementiaservices@lcsnw.org](mailto:dementiaservices@lcsnw.org).

### **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

SENIORS PROVIDERS NETWORK GROUP - WEST SOUND  
BRINGING TOGETHER A NETWORK OF LIKE MINDED, COMPASSIONATE  
PROFESSIONALS WHO SERVE 50+, WHO WE CAN SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE  
AND EXPERIENCES TO GROW OURSELVES AND OUR BUSINESS.

MEETING TIMES VIA ZOOM - THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 1 P.M.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR NETWORKING GROUP PLEASE  
SEND DEBBIE RUVO WITH 55+ REAL ESTATE SERVICES AN EMAIL AT  
DRUVO@COMCAST.NET OR PHONE AT 253.370.1947.

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