



Milwaukee County Commission on Aging

2025 Year in Review

The Commission on Aging is a 16-member body appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors responsible for developing a comprehensive, coordinated, community-based services system for the 192,000 county residents aged sixty (60) years and older. The Commission is charged with assessing the issues and needs of older residents, developing and monitoring an Area Aging Plan based on those needs, and advocating for policies and programs to improve older residents' health and well-being (ch. 53 Milwaukee County Ordinance).

The Commission on Aging provides this report on the following achievements in 2025:

- Successfully transitioned the Aging Advisory Council to a quasi-independent advisory body without Commissioner membership consistent with federal law.
- Monitored and supported implementation of the 2025-2027 Milwaukee County Area Aging Plan with 41 goals in each of 7 program areas plus local goals.
- Actively participated in the Milwaukee County AARP Age-Friendly Communities Steering Committee to set priority focus areas and values.
- Oversaw successful establishment of a Services to Older Asylees and Refugees program to reach a broader range of older adults in socioeconomic need.
- Celebrated successful implementation and promotion of heart health initiative with the American Heart Association at all Milwaukee County senior centers.
- Reviewed all Aging Services vendors' performance with an emphasis on improving health equity, program performance, and fiscal accountability.
- Set the 2025 Aging Public Policy Priorities and participated in legislative advocacy activities including Aging Advocacy Days in Madison and Washington, D.C., and testifying at the state and Milwaukee County budget hearings.
- Sponsored the 2025 Senior Leadership Program, providing advocacy and leadership training to older adults in Milwaukee County.
- Led implementation of *THE MKE HUBS, Reimagining Senior Centers for Milwaukee County in the 21st Century* report; advocating for county-wide initiatives to improve Milwaukee County senior center facilities and update programming to appeal to many generations of seniors in the 21st Century.
- Actively supported initiatives to remodel Clinton & Bernice Rose senior center and replace Kelly and McGovern senior centers with modern expanded facilities.