



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES

AGING & DISABILITIES SERVICES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15, 2025

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Zoom with video and call options.

Members Present

Janice Wilberg, *Chairwoman*
Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*
Amber Miller, *At Large Member*
Gloria Miller, *Secretary*

Members Absent

Terrence Moore Sr, *Vice-Chair*

Milwaukee County Staff

Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*

Attendees

Jill Kenehan-Krey, *ASL Interpreter*
Stephanie Zito, *ASL Interpreter*

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m., and Chair Wilberg took role. A quorum of committee members was present.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Action/Informational Item, Update on Candidates to the Commission on Aging, (COA), and Non-Commission Candidates to COA's Committees and Councils**, Chair Janice Wilberg and AAA Director Daniel Idzikowski discussed the status of nominations for the Commission on Aging (COA) and potential appointments to other committees and councils. Juan Miguel Martinez was nominated by the County Executive to replace County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, but no further details are available now. Dr. Julia Means, recommended by Commissioners Gloria Miller and Jacqueline Smith to serve on the Advisory Council, has expressed her interest. The Advisory Council is actively pursuing additional nominations to the Council.
- b) **Informational Item, Aging Network Updates**, AAA Director Daniel Idzikowski: Director Idzikowski updated on aging network projects, including the Clinton Rose, New South Milwaukee Senior Center, and McGovern Park projects. He expressed concern about the county's budget deficit and potential funding cuts for discretionary services, particularly impacting senior centers and programming.

The County Budget Office has set a high-level target for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which is exploring budget management options. The Administration for Community Living, which includes the Administration on Aging, may be eliminated at the federal level, but the DHS Office on Aging will continue with a reduced staff under the Administration for Children and Families. Due to bipartisan support, there is cautious optimism that Older Americans Act (OAA) programs may remain unaffected by federal budget cuts.

Informational Item, COA Chair's Report. Chair Wilberg announced an upcoming Social Security listening session with the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) on April 30, 2025, at the Washington Park Senior Center from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The session will address how changes to Social Security will impact older adults, and flyers have begun circulating. AAA staff and Chair Wilberg are inviting elected officials to ensure they understand these changes' effects on their constituents.

- c) **Action Item: Setting the April 25, 2025, Commission on Aging Agenda:** Chair Wilberg confirmed that April's COA meeting would be held virtually due to the Coggs relocation. The Chair also suggested that Director Idzikowski contact Supervisor Taylor to verify the status of Juan Miguel's appointment. . The COA meeting agenda for April 25, 2025, was set.

MOTION: To accept the April 25, 2025, COA meeting agenda.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Peters Moved, A. Miller Second).

- d) **Informational Item, Announcements:** Brian Peters announced the passing of his wife's grandmother at the age of 102. The commissioners expressed their condolences and admiration for her long life.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (A. Miller Moved, G. Miller Second).

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 9, 2025, at 9 a.m. (virtual and audio) on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang,
Executive Assistant