

Milwaukee County Commission on Aging Aging Services Director's Report – July 2025

Administration

- Attended the **USAgging Annual Conference** in Chicago.
- Attended Milwaukee County **Age Friendly Communities** Steering Committee meetings and helped to facilitate AARP survey distribution.
- Successfully recruited new members and facilitated the transition to the **Aging Advisory Council** without Commission membership.
- Finalized the **2026 AAA budget submission** to DHHS and County Executive.
- Supported DHHS, County Executive, Parks, Economic Development and Administrative Services regarding **MKE HUBS re-envisioning initiative**, including preparation of reports on the Bucyrus senior center proposal.
- Submitted **Medicaid Provider Application** and received Medicaid Provider Number for AAA Home Delivered Meal and Transportation Services.
- Met with County IT Services and US Bank representatives to develop an **electronic payment system** for contributions to OAA programming.
- Supported transition from MIDAS case management system to **Peer Place** and entered a substantial amount of participant data into the system.
- Participated in interview process for new **Adult Protective Services** Director.

Advocacy

- Supported USAgging advocacy to keep the **US Administration for Community Living** in-tact and to retain funding for all OAA programs.
- Attended Governor's signing ceremony for SB 152 into law after extensive advocacy efforts in the state legislature. This legislation **removes income requirements** for the state **Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program** to align with the federal National Family Caregiver Support Program. Removing income-based eligibility allows AFCSP to continue to match up to \$3.5 million in annual federal NFCSP funding and ensure support remains accessible to low and middle-income families.
- Set schedule for in person **Medicare Counseling** at the new Coggs center and trained volunteer SHIP counselors to host community presentations.
- Hosted "**Are You Prepared?**" conference focused on end-of-life planning with multiple presentations at Alverno College conference center.

Social Support Services

- Selected and onboarded Hanan Refugee Services for the **Serving Older Asylees and Refugees** Program.

- Released **Request for Proposal for OAA Legal Services**, Elder Benefit Services and Medicare Counseling.
- Continued to meet with new **Executive Director of Serving Older Adults of Southeast Wisconsin** to increase collaboration.
- Met with director of **LGBT Center of Milwaukee** and reviewed action plan to improve delivery of services to older adults.
- Met with directors of **Riverworks Financial Counseling program and Vital Voices for Mental Health** to discuss 2026 budget proposal and programs.
- Assisted vendor staff to complete program data entry into **PeerPlace**.

Transportation

- Attended an Easterseals webinar on setting up a **travel training program**.
- Coordinating with Nick Musson of GWAAR on advocacy efforts regarding **volunteer driver insurance** requirements.
- Attend the **SEWRPC workshop** to prepare for commentary on the proposed Milwaukee County Human Transit plan.
- Will present to Independence First's Transit Advocacy Committee on **specialized transportation options**.
- Attend the WI Transit Riders Union meeting; will share information with MobilISE Transit Advocacy Committee and explore feasibility of creating a Transit Riders Union in Milwaukee.

Senior Centers

- Participated in **planning retreat** led by DHHS Strategic Director with the **Senior Center Committee** on implementing the MKE HUBS report.
- Prepared for release of Request for Proposal for **Programming and Meal Site Supervision in the Milwaukee County senior centers**.
- Developed new Program Guidelines to prepare for release of Request for Proposal for **Senior Center serving Spanish-speaking older adults**.
- Facilitated an information session with **Kelly senior center** participants regarding the development of a new senior center & programming.

Nutrition Services

- Met with Directors at **Milwaukee Christian Center and Goodwill** to discuss funding for 2025 Nutrition Services operations.
- Developed proposal to transition away from **Senior Meal Sites** at the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee public housing sites.
- Identified a new vendor for the preparation of **Halal meals** at the Muslim Community Health Center.

- Conducted **Healthy Cooking demonstration** at Washington senior center in collaboration with County Medical Advisor's Stroke Prevention panel.

Health & Wellness

- Hosted final Blood Pressure Hub and **heart health education series** launch event at Wilson Park senior center.
- Assisted in coordinating a **Stroke Prevention Panel discussion** at Washington Park senior center.
- Awarded a LEAF **Brain Health Partner mini-grant** from the Wisconsin Institute on Healthy Aging.
- Met with **Aurora Mobile Health** leadership to expand collaboration at Milwaukee County senior centers.
- Attended the **Milwaukee Heart Health Learning Collaborative**.
- Initiated planning for the 2025 National Fall Prevention Week Falls Free Resource Fairs in September.
- Hosted **8 Health & Wellness** workshops including **Boost Your Brain & Memory**.

Caregiver Support

- Collaborated with Dr. Kavanaugh of Neuro YCare and UWM on a proposal to develop a culturally responsive caregiving support initiative focused on Latino and African American youth who care for family members with Alzheimer's and related Dementia.
- Submitted an application for an USAging grant opportunity entitled **Understanding, Testing & Evaluation Caregiver Navigator Services**. If selected, Milwaukee County would become a Program Evaluation Site to test and evaluate approaches for delivering caregiver navigation programs.
- Attended planning with Legacy Home and Respite Care Foundation to host **Community Pop Up Respite events** in Milwaukee County.
- Hosting 3rd session of **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** in 2025 with a virtual class and an additional class option in Spanish.
- Established **211 Caregiver Support Grants** with families in 2025 as of 8/14/2025. All funds budgeted in 2025 for direct financial support to family caregivers have been allocated. Family caregivers seeking financial support will be added to a waitlist.

Outreach

Healthy Bites with Bailey, Monday, August 18th at 9:45 am, Washington Park Senior Center.

Older Adults Health Roundtable on Stroke Symptoms and Prevention, Monday August 18th 10:30am– 11:30am, Washington Park Senior Center

Virtual Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Tuesdays, 7/15/25-8/19/25 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Location: Virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams platform.

To register: 414-309-7179 email: caregiversupport@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Spanish Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Wednesdays, 9/10/25-10/15/25 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Location: Milwaukee Public Library Tippecanoe Branch

To register: 414-514-4787 or caregiversupport@milwaukeecountywi.gov

2025 Free From Falls Resource Fairs are scheduled for:

September 23, 9:30-11:30 at Hart Park Senior Center

September 25, 9:30-11:30 at Franklin City Hall

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