

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

Administration

- Milwaukee County **Age Friendly Communities** Steering Committee.
- Transitioned into to **new Marcia P. Coggs Human Services** building.
- Met w/ WI-DHS regarding implementation of new ACL regulations and potential changes in support and funding at the federal level.
- Supported DHHS, County Executive, Parks, Economic Development and Administrative Services regarding **MKE HUBS re-envisioning initiative**.
- Worked with fiscal team to submit the 180B **Older Americans Act report**.
- Supported recruitment of new **Aging Advisory Council** members.

Advocacy

- Coordinated the **2025 Senior Leadership program**.
- Facilitated older adult participation in **Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Day** to meet with state legislators to advocate for our state budget priorities.
- Drafted letter to Congressional delegation to **support Older Americans Act**, and continued support of a unified federal Administration on Aging.
- Supported **Commission on Aging /AARP forum on Social Security**.
- Worked collectively with advocates across Wisconsin to eliminate means testing for **Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program** to increase access and allow AFCSP funds to be used as match for NFCSP funds.
- Reviewed and commented on Wisconsin draft **State Plan on Aging**.
- Planned conference to assist with **end of life decision-making**.

Social Support Services

- Provided training to first group of **Americorps Senior Companions**.
- Released the **Serving Older Asylees and Refugees** Request for Proposal.
- Facilitated collaboration with **Urban Ecology Center** and SOA staff to provide presentations on ecology at senior centers.
- Helped to facilitate **Super Senior Friday** at Clinton Rose senior center

Transportation

- Completed **retroactive contract amendment** process to satisfy remaining TransDev expenditures from 2024.
- Completed new Price Agreement with **Z-Trip** for Older Adult Transportation Services and met weekly with Z-Trip management to monitor performance.

- Developed plan to secure local match to initiate purchase of **3 additional accessible vehicles** through the federal FTA 5310 grant award.
- Supported **ERAS Senior Network** to implement **mileage reimbursement** program for their **Volunteer Driver Program**.

Senior Centers

- Attended community listening sessions to explore development of **new senior center & affordable housing** in **McGovern Park**.
- Facilitated tour at Kelly Senior Center for Continuum architects for the planning of a new senior center at **Bucyrus Erie** in South Milwaukee.
- Facilitated a listening session with **Kelly senior center** participants regarding the development of a new senior center & programming.
- Coordinated the repair of external **cameras at McGovern** senior center.

Nutrition Services

- Restricted community dining at low-income housing sites to adults age 60+.
- Cooking demonstration at **new Washington Park senior center kitchen**.
- Planned for **malnutrition interventions** with congregate dining participants.
- Reviewing Latino and Asian inspired restaurants for **Dine-Out program**.

Health & Wellness

- Hosted **National Senior Health and Fitness Day** on May 28th at all Milwaukee County senior centers, UCC, and MCC.
- Presented at Wisconsin Public Health Association conference, and MCW Research Forum on **Social Isolation and Loneliness Social Rx** project.
- Hosted **Heart Health** event launching **Blood Pressure screening and education program** at Kelly senior center.
- Hosted **Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative** wrap up meetings.
- Hosted **12 Health & Wellness workshops**.

Caregiver Support

- Presented at the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter State Conference on the Dementia State Plan on May 6, 2025.
- Met with Dr. Melinda Kavanaugh of UWM as a part of an effort of the Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance to improve outreach and access to resources for youth caregivers/young carers.
- AAA and ADRC staff are working collectively to host the Are You Prepared end-of-life planning event on June 28th. For Milwaukee County residents.
- Hosting two upcoming Powerful Tools for Caregivers courses.

- The Caregiver Support Team has established 148 Caregiver Support Grants with families in 2025 as of 5/8/2025. AFCSP funds are nearly depleted.

Outreach

Senior Health and Fitness Day – Wednesday, May 28th at Milwaukee County senior centers, Milwaukee Christian Center, and United Community Center.

World Elder Abuse Prevention Day – Wednesday, June 11th at McGovern Park senior center

Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Grand Opening celebration - Friday, June 13th, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 1230 W. Cherry Street, Milwaukee.

In-Person **Spanish language Powerful Tools for Caregivers**: Mondays, 6/2/25-7/7/25 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Location: Mitchell Street Library, 906 W Historic Mitchell St. Milwaukee

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

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