



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES

AGING & DISABILITIES SERVICES

COMMISSION ON AGING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING June 14, 2024

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Friday, June 14, 2024. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams with video and call options.

Members Present

Janice Wilberg, *Chairwoman*
Terrence Moore Sr, *Vice-Chair*
Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*
Amber Miller, *At Large Member*
Gloria Miller, *Secretary*

Milwaukee County Staff

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

Attendees

Jill Kenehan-Krey, *ACL Interpreter*
Steph Zito, *ACL Interpreter*

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Secretary Gloria Miller took roll. A quorum of Committee members was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10, 2024, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the May 10, 2024, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Informational Item, Update on Candidates to the Commission on Aging, (COA) Chair Janice Wilberg:** The Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning reviewed and approved Marni King's appointment. Ms. King's appointment has been referred to the full County Board for confirmation. If confirmed, she will be a commissioner this month. No other Commission appointments are being processed currently.
- b) **Action Item, Nomination of Non-Commissioner Committee Member to the Advisory Council, Gary Ingram:** Chair Wilberg informed the Executive

Committee that Mr. Ingram participated in the Senior Leadership program. Mr. Ingram brings a lot of community experience and would be an excellent addition to the Commission's Advisory Council.

MOTION: To forward Gary Ingram's nomination to serve on the Advisory Council to the full Commission.

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

c) Action/Discussion Item, Mode of Committee and Council Meetings: The Commission on Aging (COA) Chair discussed making a standard policy for all meetings of the Commission and its subcommittees and councils to be hybrid meetings. The purpose is to make the meetings more accessible so those unable to attend in person can participate virtually. This standard does not remove the Commission and its subcommittees and councils' ability to have only virtual meetings. Director Idzikowski informed the Executive Committee that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has a portable OWL system allowing hybrid meetings at places that do not have a virtual system set-up. The Executive Committee agreed to make this a standard policy of the Commission and that the Chairs of the Committees and Councils should be informed of this decision.

d) Action Item, Senior Pass for State Recreation: Chair Wilberg informed the Executive Committee that the Advocacy Committee had discussed the Senior Pass for State Recreation at their May meeting, and the Advocacy Committee thought they had voted to send a letter and approved by the Commission in May. However, the Advocacy Committee could not vote on this topic due to a non-quorum at their May meeting, and the Commission didn't have this item on their May agenda for approval.

Chair Wilberg asked the Executive Committee for a motion to approve the position on behalf of the Advocacy Committee. Request a letter of support for the Senior Pass for State Recreation.

MOTION: To approve the Advocacy Committee's recommendation to send a letter of support for the Senior Pass for State Recreation.

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

e) Action Item, Setting the June 29, 2024, Commission on Aging (COA) meeting agenda: Chair Wilberg discussed the presenters expected to present this month at the June Commission meeting.

- A Demographer from the State is providing an overview of Milwaukee County's population changes, particularly in regard to older adults.

- DHHS and the Parks Department created a plan to address the needs of Milwaukee County's five-owned senior centers, which they presented to the Senior Center Committee last week.
- DHHS CFO Matt Fortman will provide a preliminary report on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) budget.
- Lastly, DHHS Housing Services had will present on the increase in Milwaukee County's homeless population among older adults. Because of the importance of the four topics (Demographics, Senior Center Plan, Aging budget, and Housing), the Chair suggested removing the regular monthly reports for this meeting to allow ample time to hear the presentation and have Q&As. The Executive Committee agreed to the changes. The Chair asked the Executive Committee if there were any items that needed action from the Commission. The Advocacy Committee Chair, Brain Peters, discussed the Budget Priorities for 2025, which may need action. Chair Wilberg stated that the Commission had time to address the priorities at the August meeting.

f) Informational Item: Announcements

- **In District Advocacy Day:** Wilson Park Senior Center on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 4 p.m. Elected officials, Commissioners and Advocacy Committee members. County supervisors and some of the state legislatures. US Senators and Representative Moore's office.
- World Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Day, Wilson Park Senior Center today – invited the Executive Committee.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

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

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2024, at 9 a.m. (virtual and audio) on Microsoft Teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang,
Executive Assistant