



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES

**AGING & DISABILITIES
SERVICES**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

The Milwaukee County Aging Advisory Council convened in-person at Kelly Senior Center (6100 S Lake Dr, Cudahy, WI 53110). Members and attendees also joined virtually.

Members Present

Ellen Pimentel, *Chair*
Jennifer Bliese, *Vice Chair*
Gail Morgan
Nancy Simuel
Karen Guskowski
Linda Stone
Amy O'Connor
Joanne Allbaugh
Cassandra Robinson
DA Leonard
Julia Means
Megan Newman

Members Excused

Commissioner Paula Penebaker, *Ex Officio Member*
Deborah Lewis
Deiadra Queary
Amy O'Connor
Joanne Allbaugh
Constance Tenhawks
Demetrius Mack
Roland Dittus-Plath

Staff Present

Emily Petersen, *DHHS*
Claire Enders, *DHHS*
Michael Vanblaricum, *Serving Older Adults*

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Advisory Council Chair, Ellen Pimentel, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and Emily Petersen, AAA Advocacy and Policy Manager took the roll call. A quorum of Council members was not present at the time roll was called, but appeared shortly thereafter.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 22, 2026 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the January 22, 2026 Advisory Council meeting minutes as revised.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Guskowski moved, Stone second).

III. REPORT FROM ADVISORY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Ex Officio Member Paula Penebaker was not at the meeting, so this item was laid over to the next meeting of the Advisory Council.

IV. 2025-2027 AGING AREA PLAN REVIEW

A. Review Quarterly Progress Reports

The Council reviewed and discussed each quarterly progress report for each of the goal areas. There was no action taken.

B. Review 2025 Area Plan Year-in-Review

The Council reviewed the Year-in-Review document. It was discussed with no action taken.

V. PRESENTATION ON MILWAUKEE COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING OLDER ADULT TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND 2025-2027 AREA AGING PLAN TRANSPORTATION GOALS BY CLAIRE ENDERS, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

Claire Enders, Transportation Coordinator, provided an overview of Milwaukee County Aging's transportation program for older adults, other transportation options available to older adults in the community, and progress made on goals in the 2025-2027 aging area plan, including limitations to the program due to funding constraints. The Council discussed with no action taken.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Leonard moved, Robinson second).

Meeting Adjourned at 2:24 p.m. The next Advisory Council meeting is March 26, 2026.

Sincerely,
Emily Petersen
Advocacy and Policy Manager