



Commission on Aging Senior Center Select Committee Meeting February 14, 2023

The **Senior Center Select Committee** members convened virtually on Tuesday, February 14, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and or conference call options (computer or telephone).

Members Present:

Chair Gene Guszowski
Commissioner John Griffith
Sandra Dotson
Sharron Fitak
Kent Mayfield
Howard Snyder
Alice Steuck Konkel
Cathy Wood

Sally Lindner
Kelsi Lyons
Commissioner Cherie Swenson
County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor

Milwaukee County Staff

Daniel Idzikowski, DHHS
Domonique Klett, DHHS
Jill Knight, DHHS

Members Excused:

Leon Davis
Patricia Delmenhorst
Lorraine Jacobs

Attendees from the Public:

Miriam Kaja, SOA
Commissioner Janice Wilberg

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Gene Guszowski called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. DHHS Aging Director Dan Idzikowski called the roll and a quorum was not present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE November 15 and December 13, 2022, SENIOR CENTER SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

Minutes were available for review at today's meeting but since the meeting was not at quorum, minutes could not be reviewed for approval.

III. REVIEW THE DRAFT OF THE FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- Dan Idzikowski presented a brief overview of the Draft of the Final Committee Report and encouraged committee members to send in their individual edits privately via email.
- Committee members were asked to answer 3 questions:
- What items are missing from the draft that should be added?



- The majority of committee members agree that the draft needs to be restructured and that the “big” idea needs to be defined in a much larger and clearer way.
- Formatting needs to be adjusted.
- Does the document flow well?
 - Member Kent Mayfield does not believe the document is addressing the right demographics. He shared it with various public funders who did not find it compelling. He states that the way it currently reads, it implies that even though the market has moved the model is staying the same and that does not make sense. It caters too much to the sluggish characteristics of the current senior centers and does not put forth the new vision of senior centers discussed by the Committee front and center. Move beyond “polishing the stone” of the existing system.
- How much additional detail should be provided in devising a gameplan for implementing these recommendations?
 - It is recommended that another month or so be granted to implement all the edits into the draft that were discussed during this meeting to satisfy all of the recommendations of the committee members.

IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND NEXT STEPS

The chair of the Select Committee on Senior Selects will present a preliminary report to the full Commission on Aging on February 24th. Recommendations will then be presented to the Aging Advisory Council on March 8th. Revisions will be made to the document and it will be represented to the Select Committee on March 14th, with approval to present a final draft to the full Commission on Aging on March 24, 2023.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The first meeting with Westlawn Gardens was held Friday, February 10th at the McGovern Senior Center. Gene Guskowski was in attendance. Their next meeting will be held on March 10th at the Silver Spring Community Center.
- The next Senior Center Select Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, at 1 p.m., a virtual meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

MOTION: To adjourn.

ACTION: Approved unanimously (Griffith moved, Snyder seconds).

Respectfully submitted,

Domonique Klett, Clerical Specialist I