



MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
**Department on Aging**

**Milwaukee County Commission on Aging  
Executive Committee Meeting  
March 2, 2020**

The Executive Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020, in conference room 104 at Marcia Coggs Human Services Center, 1220 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee 53205.

Roll Call was taken by COA Chairman Richmond Izard.

**Members Present:**

Chair Richmond Izard  
Vice Chair Sharon Abston-Coleman, Ph.D.  
John Griffith, Secretary

**MCDA Staff Present:**

Jon Janowski  
Dan Idzikowski  
Vonda Nyang

**Commissioners Present:**

Rev. George Pumphrey, Jr., Ph.D.

**Attendees from the Public**

None

**MINUTES**

- I. Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.
- II. **Review and approval of the February 3, 2020, Executive Committee meeting minutes**  
MOTION: To approve the February 3, 2020, Executive Committee meeting minutes  
ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (Griffith **Moved**, Abston-Coleman **Second**.)
- III. **Discussion and Action Items:**
  - A. **Discussion Items:**
    - a) **Update on Commission on Aging succession planning**

Mr. Janowski reviewed potential candidates from the "Potential Commissioner" list. Walt Wochos will be appointed in the March cycle, which leaves two COA vacancies, one of which must be filled by a Milwaukee County suburban representative. The Executive Committee is forwarding Elliott Moeser to the County Executive's Office for approval. There is a hold on selected Commissioner candidates because a new County Executive will be sworn into office in May. The Executive Committee discussed the need to have representation from the Native American, Latino, and Hmong communities on the Commission on Aging. Chairman Izard emphasized the need for Caucasian and male representation on the Commission on Aging as well. The Commission added two more potential candidates to the "potential commissioner's" list. The Executive Committee is working diligently to ensure that there is diverse representation from all communities on the Commission.

**b) Review and discussion of 2020 Reflection and Presentation calendar**

Mr. Janowski provided possible topics to the Committee for COA presentations. Chair Izard suggested having a presentation from Joe Czarnecki identifying topics that the Commission should use for onboarding new standing committee Chairs. A few of the presentation topics discussed were Alzheimer's Association services, Dementia Care Specialist services, Veterans Association services, transit programs, and housing programs and services.

**c) Potential Executive Board Quorum Violations**

To prevent quorum violations, the Executive Committee discussed how they should expand the membership of the Executive Committee. The Commissioners discussed who they should appoint to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee decided to appoint Rev. George Pumphrey and Barbara Wyatt Sibley. The Executive Committee decided this would be the best approach to prevent having to make changes to the bylaws. The Chair will announce these two new appointments at the March COA meeting.

**B. Action Items:**

**a) Setting the March 27, 2020, Commission on Aging meeting agenda**

Additional topics that will be added to the regular agenda items:

- Creation of a Select Committee to ensure that the Senior Center recommendations are followed through for Milwaukee County's senior centers. Members of the Committee would include some Commissioners as well as one person from each county-owned senior center.
- A moment of silence for Tom Frazier.
- MCTS Transit presentation (Overview of services, trends, and themes as well as time for questions).

**d) Update 2020 Commission on Aging meeting schedule**

Mr. Janowski provided updates on the 2020 Commission on Aging meetings:

- The March COA meeting and the Senior Statesman program both will be held at Wilson Park Senior Center. The Senior Statesman ceremony will follow the Commission on Aging meeting.
- The April COA meeting will be held at the Marcia Coggs Human Services Building.
- The May COA meeting and the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame ceremony will be held at Wilson Park Senior Center. The Hall of Fame ceremony will follow the Commission on Aging meeting.

The Commissioners also discussed other local senior centers as potential locations where future Commission on Aging meetings could be held. One example offered was the Brown Deer Senior Club, which also has a meal site.

**IV. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Commissioner Abston-Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Griffith to adjourn the meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. as a virtual/audio meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Vonda Nyang  
Executive Assistant