

Informational Report

May 20, 2025

Daniel Idzikowski - Commission on Aging Services (AAA)

Administration

- Attended first meeting of the Milwaukee County **Age Friendly Communities** Steering Committee.
- Prepared for transition to **new Coggs Human Services** building.
- Met w/ WI-DHS regarding policy and staffing changes at **ACL**.
- Supported DHHS, County Executive, Parks, Economic Development and Administrative Services regarding **MKE HUBS re-envisioning initiative**.
- Completed **2025 Aging Services Purchase of Service contracting** process.

Advocacy

- With other DHHS staff, attended the Wisconsin Counties Association Human Services advocacy day to meet with state legislators to advocate for our state budget priorities.
- Attended the 2025 USAging Policy Briefing in Washington, D.C. with Legislative Officer Brian Peters and met with Senators Baldwin and Johnson and Representatives Fitzgerald and Moore to advocate for federal aging priorities, reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, protection of Medicaid funding, and continued support of programs and services provided by the Administration for Community Living.
- Participated in Eras Senior Network Volunteer Fair and recruited volunteers for the Advisory Council, Senior Leadership Program, Wellness Facilitators, and Medicare Counseling.
- Coordinated testimony for the Joint Committee on Finance's state budget hearing in West Allis with Chair Wilberg and Commissioners Banda and Peters, advocating for increased funding for home-delivered meals, specialized transportation, and other aging programs.
- Worked with other Region 5 Area Agencies on Aging to coordinate and plan training opportunity for federal legislative staff on the Older Americans Act and other federal programs that provide service to older adults.

Social Support Services

- Provided training to first group of **Americorps Senior Companions**.
- Revised guidelines for **Serving Older Asylees and Refugees** program in anticipation of release of Request for Proposal.
- Continued to train vendors on use of Peer Place and implement system.

- Attended **Breaking the Silence** event to support **Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute** outreach to the African-American community.

Transportation

- Sent **administrative renewal letters** to all listed OATS participants.
- Resolved a budget overspend by TransDev in 2024 and testified on a **retroactive contract amendment** to satisfy remaining expenditures.
- 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**.
- Met with Design Firm to discuss programming needs at a new proposed Bucyrus Erie **senior center**.
- Attended meetings with McGovern Park staff regarding the multiple car brake ins and collaborated to address security needs at the center.

Nutrition Services

- Worked on Provider Agreements with MCO's & ICA's for increase to \$12.09 for **senior meal program rates for Medicaid Long Term Care** enrollees.
- Reviewing budget to determine funding available for expansion of the Dine- Out program to new Latino and Asian inspired restaurants.

Health & Wellness

- Hired **Jennifer Lefebber** as the **Evidence Based Health Promotion Coordinator**.
- Started planning and coordinating with staff at the senior centers for **National Senior Health and Fitness Day** on May 28th.
- Attended the Wisconsin Aging, Disabilities and Independent Living Network meeting and presented on **Social Isolation and Loneliness Social Rx** project.
- Hosted **Heart Health** events launching **Blood Pressure screening and education program** at Kelly and Washington Park senior centers.
- **Community pharmacies** and the **MCW School of Pharmacy** continued last month of the **Social Isolation and Loneliness Social Rx** project.
- **Vaccination Collaborative** hosted **9 vaccine events** and **pop-up clinics**.
- Hosted **12 Health & Wellness workshops**.

Caregiver Support

- Caregiver Support Coordinator participated in first in-person retreat of the leadership team for the **Wisconsin State Dementia Plan**.
- Provided a presentation on Caregiver Support and ADS Services to **West Allis Support Group for Amputees** hosted at West Allis Medical Center.
- Caregiver Support Team will be hosting a **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** course at Luther Manor starting April 30. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a six session program to help caregivers take better care of themselves.
- Caregiver Support Coordinator participated in meetings with researchers from Medical College of Wisconsin, Marquette University, and UWM to explore pilot project to provide targeted support to caregivers at the time of diagnosis with the **Milwaukee Coalition for African American Caregivers**.
- Submitted 2024 **Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program** Fiscal Report.
- The Caregiver Support Team has established 125 Caregiver Support Grants with families in 2025 as of 4/10/2025.

Outreach

- [Sign up for the Dementia Friendly Milwaukee Newsletter](#)
- [Sign up to receive the Milwaukee County ADRC Resource Report](#)
- [Sign up to receive Aging Advocacy Alerts](#)

Jacqueline Formanek - Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD)

Milwaukee County is dedicated to ensuring that individuals with disabilities have equal access to county programs, services, and facilities. The office works to enhance self-sufficiency, personal safety, economic opportunity, and overall quality of life for people with disabilities.

Mission & Vision

- **Mission:** The OPD aims to effectively utilize Milwaukee County and community resources to ensure that people with disabilities share equally in all aspects of county life.
- **Vision:** The goal is to make Milwaukee County the most accessible and inclusive county in the country, where all individuals with disabilities can participate fully and without barriers.

Key Services & Programs

The OPD provides a variety of services to support individuals with disabilities, including:

- **Employment Support:** Programs such as Broadscope help individuals with disabilities find meaningful employment.



- **Accessible Transportation:** Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) operates fully accessible buses, and Transit Plus provides specialized transportation for those unable to use regular county buses.
- **Assistive Technology:** The county offers **Aira Visual Interpreting Service**, which provides real-time assistance through mobile technology to help individuals navigate their surroundings.
- **Public Awareness & Advocacy:** The OPD promotes disability awareness and ensures compliance with accessibility standards across county facilities.

Taunya Thomas – Adult Protective Services (APS)