

Milwaukee County Commission on Aging Aging Services Director's Report – August/Sept 2025

Administration

- Attended Milwaukee County **Age Friendly Communities** Steering Committee meetings and helped to facilitate AARP survey distribution.
- Hosted first **Aging Advisory Council** without Commission membership.
- Hosted **AAA Vendor Presentations** for the COA Service Delivery Committee.
- Supported DHHS, CEX, Parks, Economic Development and Administrative Services regarding **MKE HUBS re-envisioning initiative**, including testimony before County Board on the Bucyrus senior center proposal.
- Met with County IT Services and US Bank representatives to develop an **electronic payment system** for contributions to OAA programming.
- Supported transition to **Peer Place** case management system and implemented direct referral process for Meals on Wheels and OATS.

Advocacy

- Supported USAging advocacy to retain or increase funding for all **Older Americans Act** programs.
- Prepared comments on the **CY2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule** related to reimbursement for AAA services.
- Prepared letter in support of funding for the Older Americans Act Title V, **Senior Community Service Employment Program**
- Provided a comment to the US Department of Labor **opposing Fair Labor Stands Act changes for home health workers**.
- Continued work on statewide steering committee for **Reframing Aging**.
- Set schedule for in-person **Medicare Counseling** at the new Coggs center and trained volunteer SHIP counselors to host community presentations.

Social Support Services

- Evaluated responses to **Request for Proposal for OAA Legal Services**, Elder Benefit Services and Medicare Counseling.
- Assisted vendor staff to complete program data entry into **PeerPlace**.

Transportation

- Prepared comments on SEWRPC's **Milwaukee County Human Transit Plan**.
- Attended **MobilISE Transit Advocacy Steering Committee**, representing the unique transportation needs to older adults in the southeastern Wisconsin.
- Sponsoring **Week Without Driving** September 29 – October 5.

- Caregiver and Dementia Care specialist teams, Transportation Coordinator will host **Navigating the Road Together** on September 23 covering safe driving, alternative transportation options, and WisDOT driving regulations.
- Presented to Independence First's Transit Advocacy Committee on **specialized transportation options**.

Senior Centers

- Released Request for Proposal for **Programming and Meal Site Supervision in the Milwaukee County senior centers**.
- Developed new Program Guidelines to prepare for release of Request for Proposal for **Senior Center serving Spanish-speaking older adults**.
- Facilitated **second information session** with **Kelly senior center** participants regarding the development of a new senior center at the **Bucyrus** campus.
- Facilitated a **tour and listening session** for Kelly participants at **Bucyrus**.
- Facilitated **tour of Clinton Rose senior center** with Supervisor Cogg-Jones regarding planned **Flexible Facilities grant improvements**.
- Facilities and Maintenance completed **HVAC control replacement at Wilson**.
- **McGovern and Hart Park** senior centers temporarily **closed due to flooding**.
- **Washington Park senior center** served as staging HQ for Red Cross and a temporary emergency shelter in the aftermath of flooding.

Nutrition Services

- Initiated budget amendment to maintain 5 day a week service at **Milwaukee Community Crossroad's Multicultural Senior Center**.
- Presented plan to transition away from **Senior Dining Sites** at four **Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee** public housing sites to County Board.
- Added new vendor **Chik 'N Dip** for the preparation of **Halal meals** at the **Muslim Community Health Center** along with a **food truck** on Tuesdays.
- Initiated meeting senior center participants regarding **nutrition counseling**.
- Evaluated **Medicaid Waiver payments** for Home Delivered Meal program.

Health & Wellness

- Hosted inaugural **Wellness Initiative for Senior Education** series hosted at Washington Park Senior Center by Milwaukee County Behavioral Health.
- Awarded a LEAF **Brain Health Partner mini-grant** from the Wisconsin Institute on Healthy Aging.
- Attended the **Milwaukee Heart Health Learning Collaborative**.
- Hosted **2025 National Fall Prevention Week Falls Free Resource Fairs**.
- Hosted **28 Health & Wellness** workshops including **Stepping On**.

Caregiver Support

- Hosted the Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance, coordinating a \$250,000 ACL grant for Wisconsin caregiver supports, and the statewide Caregivers' Coordinators meeting at Wilson Park Senior Center.
- Awarded \$40,000 **USAgging grant Understanding, Testing & Evaluation of Caregiver Navigator Services** to evaluate approaches for delivering caregiver navigation programs.
- Caregiver Support Specialist **Migdalia Pacheco Pacheco** is collaborating with Dementia Care Specialist Cristina Huitron to host the second ever **Powerful Tool for Caregivers course in Spanish** in Milwaukee County.
- Established **225 Caregiver Support Grants** with families as of 9/11/2025. All funds budgeted in 2025 for direct financial support to family caregivers have been allocated. New family caregivers seeking financial support in 2025 will be added to a waitlist.

Outreach

Medicare 101: The Basics You Need to Know Virtual Presentation, Tuesday Sept. 16 10–11am register: medicareoutreach@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Spanish Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Wednesdays, 9/10/25-10/15/25 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, Location: Milwaukee Public Library Tippecanoe Branch

To register: 414-514-4787 or caregiversupport@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Navigating the Road Together: Staying Safe on the Road and Beyond, Tuesday, September 23 9-11am, Washington Park Senior Center

2025 Free From Falls Resource Fairs are scheduled for:

September 23, 9:30-11:30 at Hart Park Senior Center

September 25, 9:30-11:30 at Franklin City Hall

Food Truck Tuesdays with Chik 'N Dip: September 16 - October 28

Muslim Community & Health Center, 803 W. Layton Avenue, Milwaukee
Service time: 11:30am - 1:30pm, outdoor picnic seating available.

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