Mid-year 2025 Report to the Service Delivery Committee of the Commission on Aging MILWAUKEE CHRISTIAN CENTER NUTRITION SITE SUPERVISON SERVICES



Please share a success from the first half of 2025.



A highlight of the first half of 2025 was the grand reopening of Hart Park Senior Dining in February after being closed for 11 months for renovations. The updated space offers a brighter, more comfortable, and accessible setting for older adults to enjoy meals together.

The reopening brought the community back together longtime participants reunited, and new faces joined in to experience the revitalized space. Hart Park is once again a vibrant hub for nutritious food, conversation, and connection.





Please share a challenge from the first half of 2025.

A challenge we've faced is the low utilization of our HACM meal sites at Arlington Court, College Court, Convent Hill, and Lapham Park. While these locations serve a small group of residents consistently, many seniors in the buildings do not participate. Maintaining underutilized sites is not an effective use of limited resources and impacts our ability to reach a broader population of older adults.

Accessibility is also a barrier because entry requires keys, preventing non-residents from joining and limiting the community reach of these sites. Our goal is for meal sites to be open and welcoming to all older adults, and we are reviewing these locations in partnership with HACM to explore solutions that align with both community access and program sustainability.



Report on 2025 Performance Objectives

	Goal/Actual
5% increase of diners to receive more than 12 meals per quarter	Goal – 5% (49 diners) of 997 diners to increase 12 meals per quarter Actual – 9% (89 diners) of 997 diners have increased 12 meals per quarter
Nutrition Education: Increase awareness of Nutritional Problems that effect older adults	Goal – Distribute Nutritional Handouts at least quarterly Actual – Distribute Nutritional Handouts monthly



Funding Summary

- Total Agency Budget -\$5,635,620
- ADS funding amount \$224,000
- Percentage of agency budget 4%
- Contract spending \$109,836



Please share one service improvement or planned change for the second half of 2025.

For the second half of 2025, we are exploring ways to maximize our impact, including potential adjustments to the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) meal sites. While recognizing the significant needs of residents, low utilization and accessibility challenges require us to evaluate how best to serve the broader older adult community.

As part of this process, we are actively engaging with HACM residents to better understand their needs and gather valuable input. This evaluation supports our broader goals of equity, accessibility, and sustainability in the congregate dining program.

Our focus remains on ensuring that all older adults, especially those most vulnerable, have access to nutritious meals and supportive programming in welcoming, accessible locations. We are committed to working closely with Department on Aging staff, particularly Senior Dining Program Coordinator Gaylyn Reske, to consider options that align with these goals as decisions are determined.

