



MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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# Informational Report

June 17, 2025

## **Daniel Idzikowski - Commission on Aging Services (AAA)**

- Released the Serving Older Asylees and Refugees Request for Proposal.
- Supported community listening sessions to advance the MKE HUBS senior center initiative.
- Restricted community dining at low-income housing sites to adults age 60+.
- Hosted National Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 28th at all Milwaukee County senior centers, UCC, and MCC.
- Presented at Wisconsin Public Health Association on Social Isolation and Loneliness Pharmacy Outreach project
- Launched Person Spanish language Powerful Tools for Caregivers

## **Jacqueline Formanek - Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD)**

The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) is committed to fostering accessibility, inclusion, and advocacy for individuals with disabilities throughout Milwaukee County. Our efforts focus on enhancing recreational opportunities, strengthening community partnerships, and ensuring equitable access to services.

### *Recent Initiatives & Programs*

- **Recreational Expansion:** OPD has been actively working to enhance its programming, including accessible recreation and social events tailored to individuals with disabilities.
- **Community Engagement:** Partnerships with organizations such as Broadscope, Independence First, and Vision Forward have been growing, leading to new collaboration opportunities and outreach initiatives.
- **Employment & Resources:** The contract with Broadscope has been updated to improve employment resources for individuals with disabilities, supporting job placement and professional development.



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### *Upcoming Events & Partnerships*

- **Commissions Meetings:** The June Commissions for Persons with Disabilities meeting featured a presentation from Independence First, highlighting shared initiatives and support services. Vision Forward is scheduled to present in July.
- **Housing Accessibility:** OPD has been promoting new accessible housing options, including units at the MLK Library Apartments, offering one and two bedroom accommodations designed for individuals with disabilities.
- **Facility Utilization & Planning:** Conversations regarding Wil-O-Way facilities are ongoing, with a focus on balancing recreation needs and long-term sustainability.

### *Operational Updates*

- **ADS Deputy Administrator Jessica Kowalski:** is now settled in the role, handling operational tasks while supporting leadership within the department.
- **Waste Management at OPD Facilities:** Efforts are underway to improve trash and recycling pickup schedules at OPD sites, addressing issues with inconsistent service and public dumping.
- **Technology & Accessibility Enhancements:** OPD continues to explore ways to improve hybrid meeting formats and ensure better accessibility for virtual engagement.

### *Looking Ahead*

OPD remains focused on expanding partnerships, increasing accessibility, and advocating for more resources that empower individuals with disabilities. Future priorities include facility improvements, strengthening policy advocacy, and launching new initiatives that enhance inclusion and service delivery across Milwaukee County.

### **Taunya Thomas – Adult Protective Services (APS)**

- May 2025 we received 306 referrals, YTD we have served 1463 individuals across Milwaukee Co.
- APS has added four new APS workers to APS starting June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.