



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES

**AGING & DISABILITIES
SERVICES**

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 26, 2026

The Milwaukee County Aging Advisory Council convened in-person at Washington Park Senior Center (4420 W Vliet St, Milwaukee, WI 53208). Members and attendees also joined virtually.

Members Present

Ellen Pimentel, *Chair*
Jennifer Bliese, *Vice Chair*
Commissioner Paula Penebaker, *Ex Officio Member*
Gail Morgan
Karen Guskowski
Linda Stone
Amy O'Connor
Joanne Allbaugh
Cassandra Robinson
DA Leonard
Demetrius Mack

Members Present (continued)

Constance Tenhawks
Megan Newman

Members Excused

Deborah Lewis
Nancy Simuel
Julia Means

Staff Present

Emily Petersen, *DHHS*
Jill Knight, *DHHS*
Kaisa Kerrigan, *DHHS*

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Advisory Council Chair, Ellen Pimentel, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and Emily Petersen, AAA Advocacy and Policy Manager took the roll call. A quorum of Council members was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 26, 2026 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the February 26, 2026 Advisory Council meeting minutes as revised.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Guskowski moved, Stone second).

III. DISSOLUTION OF THE AD-HOC BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Chair Pimentel proposed dissolution of the Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee because the Advisory Council has adopted the final recommended bylaws. The Chair can re-establish the Bylaws Committee in the future if revisions are required. The Council discussed and agreed with the recommendation from the Chair.

MOTION: To dissolve the Advisory Council's Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Newman moved, Mack second).

IV. REPORT FROM ADVISORY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Ex Officio Member Paula Pennebaker provided an update on activities of the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging and opportunities for Council members to participate in community activities. Paula provided an update on the Milwaukee County Age-Friendly Communities Steering Committee, including the three selected focus areas. She also provided an update on the Milwaukee County Future State project and recommendations that could impact older adults. The Council asked Emily to send out the draft recommendations for review after the meeting. Pennebaker encouraged Council members to attend engagement opportunities to elevate the voice of older adults.

V. PRESENTATION ON MILWAUKEE COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING EVIDENCE-BASED DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES AND 2025-2027 AREA AGING PLAN TRANSPORTATION GOALS BY KAISA KERRIGAN, COMMUNITY HEALTH COORDINATOR

Kaisa Kerrigan, Community Health Coordinator, provided an overview of Milwaukee County Aging's Title 3D Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion programs for older adults and progress made on goals in the 2025-2027 aging area plan, including limitations to the program due to funding constraints. Kaisa detailed the different programs offered and their availability throughout Milwaukee County. The Council discussed opportunities to provide these programs in different languages besides English and Spanish and other suitable locations for these programs. There was no action taken.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Emily provided the Council with opportunities to engage and provide feedback on behalf of Milwaukee County older adults, including the 2026 Milwaukee County Senior Leadership Program, Transit Plus public input meetings, and the Milwaukee County Future State project. The Council discussed with no action taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Stone moved, Newman second).

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next Advisory Council meeting is April 23, 2026.

Sincerely,
Emily Petersen
Advocacy and Policy Manager