

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 17, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an annual report on the 2024 Area Agency on Aging and Commission on Aging

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

This informational report is provided pursuant to Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (MCGO) [Chapter 53.10](#).

POLICY

The Milwaukee County Area Agency on Aging is designated as an aging unit and administers the programs and services authorized under the Older Americans Act, in accordance with [Wis. Stat. § 46.82\(3\)](#). Wisconsin State Statute determines that the Milwaukee County Area Agency on Aging, as a single-county aging unit, must be governed by a Commission on Aging, with members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors ([Wis. Stat. § 46.82\(4\)](#)).

MCGO Chapter 53 outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Commission on Aging and, as a result, the Milwaukee County Area Agency on Aging. One requirement outlined within MCGO Chapter 53 is that the Commission on Aging provide an annual report to Milwaukee County leadership, including the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on the activities of the prior year. The attachments to this file outline the 2024 activities of the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging and the Milwaukee County Area Agency on Aging.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	§46.82(3), 46.82(4)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	Chapter 53.10

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government.
- The Milwaukee County Commission on Aging is composed of 16 members from across the County (15 spots currently filled). Recruitment to the Commission is strategic and based upon ensuring that the entire older adult population of Milwaukee County is reflected, including racial and ethnic diversities, diversity of ability, diversity in sexual orientation, and geographic diversity. The Commission also consists of several Committees and Councils that prioritize developing diverse membership.
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses.
- The Commission on Aging is responsible for determining how the Area Agency on Aging's Older Americans Act funds are spent. The Commission and staff have worked together to develop programs and services that support older adults of color, which includes contracts to minority and women-owned businesses. Our highly successful Dine Out Senior Nutrition program is one example that continued in 2024, offering culturally competent meals in locations throughout the County. In 2024, we also increased engagement with minority owned businesses in caregiver support services and community health outreach, particularly through the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative initiative.
- 2A&2C: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity & apply a racial equity lens to all decisions.
- The mission and vision of the Area Agency on Aging is to "improve the health and well-being for all older adult residents of Milwaukee County by acknowledging and overcoming structural racism, promoting health equity, improving communication and collaboration, and addressing all dimensions of wellness." The Commission on Aging, which is responsible for determining what, where, and how we deliver older adult services, uses this mission and vision when it evaluates which programs to fund and at what levels through the Commission's Service Delivery Committee.

FISCAL EFFECT

This item is informational only and there is no fiscal impact.

VIRTUAL/HYBRID MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Report—2024 Commission on Aging Year in Review
Report—2024 Area Agency on Aging Year in Review

CC: County Executive David Crowley
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