



Milwaukee County Department on Aging Advisory Council February 8, 2018

The Milwaukee County Commission on Aging Advisory Council held its quarterly meeting on February 8, 2018 at the Coggs Building, 1220 W. Vliet St., Room 104, Milwaukee, WI 53205

Commissioners Present

None

Commissioners Excused

Gwen Jackson

Council Members Present

Rocille McConnell – Co-chair
Barbara Bechtel
Laura Engel
David Hoffman
Karen Jackson
James Kimble
Krystina Kohler
George Liberatore

Council Members Excused

Judith Troestler –Co-Chair
Ruth Bevenue

Vevette Hill
Karen Jackson
Sue Simon
Mary Till
Natalie Zanoni
Virginia Zerpa

Milwaukee County Staff Present

Carmen Pangilinan
Jill Klecha
Andy Bethke

Guests Present

Tony Jones

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Rocille McConnell called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM. Ms. Judith Troestler, Advisory Council co-chair, was excused from today’s meeting. Everyone went around the room and provided a brief introduction.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MONDAY, November 9, 2017

MOTION: Approve the minutes from November, 2017

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (Hoffman moved, Liberatore seconded)

III. COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS WORKGROUP REPORT – GEORGE LIBERATORE

Mr. Liberatore shared that the website is delayed and MCDA is awaiting the ability to move forward based on technical issues. The group also gathered feedback and ideas for the department brochures. The department will be working on this redesign in the

coming year. Two new members joined the group at this last meeting, Jim Piontek from AARP and Casey Rozanski from St. Ann Center. Mr. Liberatore noted he hopes to have a few new members join at the next meeting. Additionally, Mr. Liberatore made contact with Columbia West clinic and asked them to help share MCDA information and brochures at their office. Mr. Liberatore hopes to ask to be connected with other clinics for additional outreach. And finally, Mr. Liberatore detailed his work with seniors at Clinton Rose Senior Center and students at Brown Street Academy to connect them through the Forever Friends Project. They meet twice a month, help tutor, do activities, join on field trips, and share experiences together.

Mr. Hoffman brought up the annual Medicare Exam as an opportunity to educate the nurses who offer this exam about MCDA's services so they may be able to offer more than just the medical exam to patients. It may be a specialized group of nurses that specialize in Medicare Exams. It would be helpful if the group could identify a health care network or the group that is leading this. The question was raised if there is a requirement from Medicare that there be certain items covered at this exam including a social component, and if so, it would be an appropriate time to share information about MCDA.

IV. ACTION ITEM: REVIEW OF ADVISORY COUNCIL ONE-PAGER

Ms. Pangilinan reviewed the discussion around Section 6 of the one-pager that took place at the last meeting. Ms. Pangilinan explained she tried to identify wording adopted by the County Board around the definition of the term minority individuals, but was unsuccessful at finding this. After additional research, she was able to find a definition of minority individual from the Diverse Elders Coalition. The definition reads: elders of color, American Indian and Alaska Native elders, and LGBTQ elders- and this was included in the description of the body's required and current composition. Council members were asked for approval on this One Page Description of the Advisory Council and it was unanimously approved.

V. DISCUSSION ITEM: 2019-2021 AREA PLAN INPUT GATHERING FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Pangilinan and Ms. Schmitt led a discussion with the group to gather input from members for the 2019-2021 Area Plan. Information was gathered about what they feel will make Milwaukee County better for older adults. They were asked the following three questions:

- When thinking about Milwaukee County, what do you want for older adults in our community?
- Why are these things important?
- What can we do to make it better?

The group discussion was summarized and can be viewed in attached document.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE 2017-2018 AREA PLAN FOR OLDER PEOPLE, AND UPDATE ON PLANNING PROCESS FOR 2019-2021 AREA PLAN FOR

**OLDER PEOPLE- CARMEN PANGILINAN, PROGRAM AND POLICY COORDINATOR,
MILWAUKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

Ms. Pangilinan reviewed the response by the State Office on Aging regarding the requested amendments to the 2017-18 Area Plan. Per an email from Neal Minogue at the State Office on Aging, all amendments as presented on November 14, 2017 are approved by the State Office on Aging. It is the request of the Office on Aging that the Amendment to Goal #1 in the Elder Nutrition Program assure that whatever criteria are used for evaluating the performance for a senior dining center include input from the community that are both users and non-users. They also request that MCDA shares the criteria used to evaluate senior dining centers with their office when complete.

Ms. Pangilinan briefly described the process of planning the 2019-2021 Area Plan which is underway. Input gathering has started and includes caregiver surveys administered to caregivers at a caregiver appreciation event offered through the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute as well as another caregiver appreciation event offered through Interfaith's Family Caregiver Support Network, a one on one interview with an older adult, and listening sessions with SDC Senior Companions, Cudahy St. Francis Interfaith Program for the Elderly volunteers, MCDA All-Staff Meeting, and the LGBT Community Center's 50 and Better Group. There are more sessions scheduled with the United Community Center, Communication and Awareness Workgroup, the Alzheimer's Action Network, and Washington Park Senior Center. In addition, Ms. Pangilinan is working with the Milwaukee Christian Center where their staff will interview members, many of whom are non-English speaking, and will record their answers. Ms. Pangilinan and Ms. Schmitt will meet with members of the Milwaukee Christian Center after staff has had time to interview them. Public Hearings will be held on April 30 at Clinton Rose Senior Center and May 22 at Wilson Park Senior Center. Flyers will be created.

The group discussed how best to get the Area Plan read by the County Board of Supervisors. The creation of a one page Executive Summary was suggested. Ms. Pangilinan informed the group that is required for the plan and could be easily shared with the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. McConnell also suggested connecting with Senior Ambassadors to gather feedback for the Area Plan

VII. PROGRAM UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Pangilinan announced the Senior Statesman program where older adults will be provided with training on how County Government works as well as how to be an advocate. She encouraged people to nominate individuals who they feel would benefit from the program. Mr. Hoffman suggested that each participant of this program should meet their County Board Supervisor.

Ms. Klecha announced the Senior Hall of Fame nominations are currently open. She encouraged the group to please take the time to nominate those who should be recognized for their volunteer work.

Mr. Hoffman announced Senior Health & Fitness Day will be on Wednesday, May 30.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING (MCDA) UPDATES

No updates were provided.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM. **The next quarterly Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2018, at 1:30 PM, at Marcia Coggs Human Services Center located at 1220 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee, WI in Conference Room 104.**

Respectfully submitted,



Carmen Pangilinan
Program and Policy Coordinator