



MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Department on Aging

**Senior Center Select Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2021**

**Members Present**

Chair Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas  
Commissioner John Griffith  
Patricia Delmenhorst  
Gene Guskowski  
Dain Maddox  
Kent Mayfield  
Alice Steuck Konkel  
Howard Snyder  
Jim Piontek  
Cathy Wood

**Members Excused**

County Supervisor Jason Haas  
Ruth Bevenue  
Leon Davis  
Sharron Fitak  
Deborah Lewis  
Sally Lindner  
Kelsie Lynons  
Debra Jupka

**Milwaukee County Staff**

David Muhammad, *DHHS*  
Jon Janowski, *DHHS*  
Andrew Bethke, *DHHS*  
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS*  
Jill Knight, *DHHS*  
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*  
Carrie Ross Vallejo, *DHHS*

**Guests**

Ana Castaneda  
Maureen Conrad  
Ann Cook  
Pat Dunn  
Laz Jackson  
Clarence Nicholas  
Lee Sprengel  
Patricia Yunk

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Pitchford-Nicholas called the Senior Center Select Committee to order on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 1:02 p.m. DHHS Division on Aging's Program and Policy Coordinator Dan Idzikowski took roll call.

**II. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF CHARGE**

Chair Pitchford-Nicholas reviewed the Committee's charge.

1. Evaluate suggestions presented in the "Envisioning" report
2. Categorize suggestions as long or short term
3. Review programming & infrastructure needs at each MC Senior Center
4. Develop and monitor short and long-term plans for senior centers and senior center programming.
5. Ascertain resources necessary to carry out these plans.
6. Report findings and recommendations to the Advisory Council.

### **III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 SENIOR CENTER SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes were approved upon correcting the misspelling of two-member names: Snyder and Steuck Konkel.

MOTION: To approve the September 7, 2021, Senior Center Select Committee meeting minutes as amended.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Snyder, Mayfield second).

### **IV. FUTURE OF SENIOR CENTER VISION STATEMENT / WORKPLAN**

Member Guskowski provided a summary of the Senior Centers Committee Vision Statement and a synopsis of the changes made in finalizing the statement. He also reviewed the "A Path Forward" document outlining the steps and strategies in prioritizing the Committee's work based upon the Vision Statement in alignment with the Committee's charge. This document suggests a work plan for the Committee to move forward in evaluating the County's senior centers.

The Senior Center Select Committee will present their final vision statement at this month's Commission on Aging meeting on November 19, 2021.

### **V. MILWAUKEE COUNTY CAPITAL BUDGET AND ARPA FUNDING**

Jon Janowski, DHHS Division on Aging Director, informed the Senior Centers Select Committee on how the County's Capital Budget process works, its schedule, and prioritizing capital improvements. He discussed in particular how the Senior Center Select Committee could assist with strategic planning with the capital budget and ARPA funding with regard to the Milwaukee County senior centers. Janowski explained the County's ARPA Taskforce, their charge and creation of subcommittees, and the process they are following for assigning ARPA funds. Commissioner Wilberg, County Supervisor Haas, and Transportation Coordinator each serve on one of the ARPA subcommittees.

Director Janowski reviewed possible ARPA allocations, current capital expenditures categories and discussed how the Commission on Aging and Senior center Select Committee could be a part of the process.

### **VI. MILWAUKEE COUNTY STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND SENIOR CENTERS**

David Muhammad, Deputy Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, discussed the Department's Strategic Plan for 2020-2025.

He highlighted two strategic priorities: the "No Wrong Door" integration of services and care coordination across all the service areas of DHHS; and Core Population Health and System Change, which will improve service evaluation,

partnerships, and collaboration with health care, philanthropy, and municipalities to improve health outcomes across the lifespan.

The DHHS vision is to create easy access to services and provide person-centered care with seamless transitions. Director Muhammad reviewed the next steps the department is taking to fulfill its strategic plan.

The Senior Centers Select Committee asked for more information on the "No Wrong Door" strategy. Also discussed were plans for the renovation of the Coggs Building. Director Muhammad presented the DHHS Strategic Plan Leadership for the Committee to view. See the document titled "2020 DHHS Strategic Plan, Creating Healthy Communities 2020-2025 " for more information on DHHS Strategic Plan for 2020-2025.

## **VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Senior Center Select Committee will meet **on Tuesday, December 7, 2021**. The committee decided to cancel their subcommittee meeting for December 21, 2021.
- The Chair discussed possible in-person meetings at the Senior Centers next year.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:51 P.M.**

The next Senior Center Select Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

**Note:** All reference Materials and Reports are Located on the Milwaukee CountyDivision on Aging Webpage: "Envisioning Our Senior Centers":  
<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Department-on-Aging/Senior-Centers-Dining/Envisioning-Our-Senior-Centers>