



**Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2021**

Members Present

Commissioner Janice Wilberg, Ph.D., *Chair*
Commissioner John Griffith
Milwaukee County Supervisor Jason Haas
Patricia Dunn
Gene Guszowski
Debra Jupka
Amanda Weiler
Barbara Wyatt Sibley

Members Excused

Commissioner Cherie Swenson
Ruth Bevenue
Barbara Bechtel
James Kimble

Members Excused

Sally Lindner
Nia Norris
Patti Pagel

Milwaukee County Staff Present

Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS*
Jon Janowski, *DHHS*
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*

Attendees

Commissioner Bettie Rodgers, *J.D., M.S.W.*
Commissioner Gloria Miler

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Advisory Council members convened virtually on Wednesday, December 17, 2021. Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Daniel Idzikowski, Program and Policy Coordinator for DHHS Division on Aging, called the roll. A quorum of members was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2022-2024 AREA PLAN

Commissioner and COA Chair Bettie Rodgers presented to the Advisory Council her concerns around the words “functionally eligible” in the first Long Term Support goal of the 2022-2024 Area Aging Plan:

Provide more options for low cost or sliding scale supportive home care services for older adults, particularly for those not functionally eligible for publicly funded Long Term Care but who cannot afford private pay services long-term.

Her request is to remove the word “functionally” from the wording to enable the goal to serve people who would be financially ineligible for publicly-funded long term care programs due to Medicaid’s strict assess limits, yet who have otherwise been found to be eligible for the program exhibiting a high level of need for care.

MOTION: To remove the word “functionally” from the 2022-2024 Area Aging Plan and accept the 2022-2024 Area Aging Plan as amended.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Griffith, Jupka second).

The 2022-2024 Area Aging Plan was amended and will be forwarded immediately to the Commission on Aging for final approval.

III. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

The Aging Advisory Council will next meet virtually at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang
Executive Assistant