



## **Advisory Council Meeting July 13, 2022**

A quorum of **Advisory Council** members convened virtually on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and conference call options (computer or telephone).

### **Members Present:**

Commissioner Janice Wilberg, *Chair*  
Patricia Dunn  
James Kimble  
Ann Laatsch  
Kent Mayfield  
Nia Norris  
Suzie Ryer  
Amanda Weiler

### **Members Excused:**

Barbara Bechtel  
Ruth Bevenue  
Commissioner John Griffith  
Gene Guskowski, *Vice Chair*  
Sally Lindner  
Commissioner Cherie Swenson  
Barbara Wyatt Sibley

### **Staff Present:**

Michelle Allison, *DHHS*  
Alena DeGrado, *DHHS*  
Dan Idzikowski, *DHHS*  
Jill Knight, *DHHS*  
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*  
Gaylyn Reske, *DHHS*  
Bekki Schmitt, *DHHS*  
Carrie Koss Vallejo, *DHHS*  
Nina Yang, *DHHS*

### **Attendees from the Public**

Michelle Drouillard, *Goodwill*  
Melvin Reese  
Cathy Wood, *SOA*

## **MINUTES**

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

Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Dan Idzikowski, Program and Policy Coordinator for DHHS Division on Aging, took roll call.

### **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 11 2022. Minutes were not available so they will be reviewed at the next Advisory council Meeting.**

MOTION: To accept the May 11, 2022, Advisory Council meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Moved, Second)

### **III. 2022-24 AREA AGING PLAN UPDATE**

Dan Idzikowski, Program and Policy Coordinator, DHHS Aging Unit, provided an overview of the previous Area Aging Plan goal statements for 2019 –2021. The Aging Unit Program Coordinators provided reports on the goal statement progress made on the 2019-2021 Area Plan Goals. Mr. Idzikowski reported on Advocacy related Activities, Senior Centers; and Elder Justice; Gaylyn Reske, Senior Dining Program Coordinator (Nutrition Program); Jill Knight, Program Coordinator (Services in Support of Caregivers) Services in Support of Caregivers; Bekki Schmitt, Community Programs Coordinator provided a report on behalf of DHHS Dementia Care Specialist (Services to People with Dementia), and (Healthy Aging), Daniel Idzikowski/Alena DeGrado, Transportation Coordinator (Transportation), Dan (Local Goals). For more information on this report, see the “2019-21 MC Area Aging Plan Goals Summary “document.

A few of the goals in some categories were either unobtainable or not fully fulfilled due to the pandemic that caused coordinators and the Aging Unit’s vendors to devise creative and inventive ways to provide services and programming to seniors. The Chair asked the Program Coordinators if they could provide information on programming attendance if requested, and the answer was yes. This report raps up the old Area Plan and the fourth quarter report is on the new Area Plan 2022-2024. Mr. Idzikowski reviewed the new 2022-2024 Goals with the Advisory Council. For more information, see the “2022-24 MC Area Aging Plan Goals Summary “document.

The Chair requested an extra column to be added to the summary and to provide bullet points of accomplished goals.

### **IV. NEW OLDER AMERICAN’S ACT (OAA) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROJECTS**

Dan Idzikowski reported on the Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III-A funds received this year. The Aging Unit received twice as much funding this year in every category. The County received extra funds (ARPA Funds) this year for COVID recovery. The funds will end in 2024. Mr. Idzikowski reviewed the projects that the Advisory Council has already approved for proposed projects using the ARPA funding. For more information, see the document titled “ARPA OAA IIIB Social Support project list2.pdf “

**MOTION:** To approve the proposed projects and initiatives for the Title III-A ARPA funding.

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Dunn Moved, Kimble Second)

**MOTION:** To approve the proposed projects and initiatives for the Title III-B ARPA funding.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Ryer Moved, Kimble Second)

**V. WISCONSIN OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) OLDER AMERICANS ACT (OAA) FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FORMULA**

Dan Idzikowski informed the Advisory Council that the State has developed its funding distribution formula. There is a disparity that Milwaukee County asserts is incorporated into the new methodology based in the fact that the distribution is tied to the number of older adults in the population, and because of health inequities, older adults of color are less likely to reach the age at which they can enjoy programs funded by the Older Americans Act.

**VI. COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION PROCESS – Lay over until the next meeting (August)**

**VII. AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Packets sent for upcoming events. See attached documents or visit CLIC website's Advisory Council July 13, 2022, meeting announcement attachments.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.(Weiler/Kimble)

The next Advisory Council meeting will be August 10, 2022, a virtual meeting. Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang  
Executive Assistant