



**Commission on Aging  
Senior Centers Select Committee Meeting  
May 12, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Chair Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas  
Vice Chair Gene Guskowski  
Pat Dunn  
Sharron Fitak  
Commissioner John Griffith  
Alice Steuck Konkel  
Deborah Lewis  
Kelsie Lyons  
M. Kent Mayfield  
Howard Snyder  
Cathy Wood

**Members Excused:**

Commissioner Cherie Swenson  
Leon Davis  
Sondra Dotson  
Patricia Delmenhorst

Sally Lindner

**Milwaukee County Staff**

Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS*  
Darryl Whyte, *DAS*  
Peter Nilles, *DAS*

**Attendees from the Public:**

Ann Cook  
Sandra Dotson  
Diane Chilinski, *SOA*  
Shannon Downie, *SOA*  
Vevette Hill-Nwagbaraocha, *SOA*  
Laz Jackson, *SOA*  
Miriam Kaja, *SOA*  
Eric Pampuch, *SOA*  
Lois Redic

## **MINUTES**

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

Chair Pitchford Nicholas called the Senior Center Select Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Program and Policy Coordinator Dan Idzikowski took roll. A quorum was present.

### **II. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF MEETING PURPOSE**

Chair Pitchford-Nicholas reviewed what took place at the previous Senior Center Select Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the Senior Center attributes matrix and discussed and identified commonalities among the five County-owned Senior Centers. Today, the Senior Center Select Committee will address the individual recommendations for each of the five County-owned senior centers.

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22, 2022, SENIOR CENTER SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Review of previous committee meeting minutes was held over until next meeting.

**IV. SENIOR CENTER ATTRIBUTES MATRIX APPLICATION – ISSUES SPECIFIC TO INDIVIDUAL FACILITIES**

Vice-Chair Guskowski reviewed the “Common Needs Identified in the Senior Center Assessments” document and the “Space Planning and Consideration Matrix” with the Committee. Vice-Chair Guskowski outlined the needs identified at all five County-owned senior centers (Clinton Rose Senior Center, Kelly Senior Center, McGovern Senior Center, Washington Park Senior Center, and Wilson Senior Center) in both documents. He briefly reviewed accessibility facility upgrades and signage and recommendations for internal and external modernization of existing centers (atmosphere changes, new equipment, additional space). He also mentioned the desire to co-locate a health center and aging resource center in all the senior centers, so they can serve as regional hubs to gain access to other health, social, and recreational services. This will require the development of new partnerships in addition to the revision of the physical infrastructure.

Committee member Steuck Konkell suggested incorporating a volunteer coordinator for the senior centers in the plan as it’s a crucial position. She shared her experience with touring the Center at Bellevue (a new Senior Center model), located in Charlottesville, VA. Chairwoman Pitchford-Nicholas asked Ms. Steuck Konkell if she would share the pictures she has of this Bellevue center at the next Senior Center Committee meeting.

**V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, MEETING TIMES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

The Senior Center Select Committee will next meet virtually on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang  
Executive Assistant