



**Milwaukee County Commission on Aging
Executive Committee Meeting
September 12, 2022**

A quorum of Executive Committee members convened virtually on Monday, September 12, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams with video conference and conference call options (computer or telephone).

Vice-Chair Amber Miller took roll call and confirmed attendance by calling each Committee member's name.

Members Present

John Griffith, *Chairman*
Amber Miller, *Vice-Chair*
Elliott Moeser, *Legislative Officer*

Milwaukee County Staff Present

Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS Aging Unit*
Schinika Fitch, *County Executive's Office*
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS Aging Unit Executive Assistant*

Members Excused

Janice Wilberg, *Secretary*

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll:

Chair Griffith called the meeting to order at 11:01 am, and roll was taken.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8, 2022, AND AUGUST 19, 2022, COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the August 8, 2022, and August 19, 2022, Commission on Aging meeting minutes.

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

III. Discussion and Action Items:

A. Action Items:

- a) **Reviewing dates for the October and November Commission on Aging Meetings:** Director Idzikowski and Executive Assistant Ms. Nyang informed the Executive Committee that the original November COA meeting date was too close to the October COA meeting.

Because November 11, 2022, is Veterans Day, the request is to move the November COA meeting to November 18, 2022. The Executive Committee voted to change the meeting date to November 18, 2022, from 9-11 a.m. The Aging Unit Director and Executive Assistant will ensure notice is sent to Commission informing them of the meeting date change.

MOTION: To approve scheduling the Commission on Aging for November 18, 2022, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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

b) 2022 Schedule of COA Presentations and Reflections:

The Executive Committee discussed the remainder of scheduled COA presentations and reflections for the year (September, October, and November). Vice-Chair Miller will contact the Commissioners scheduled for the remaining reflections to confirm their presentation dates.

Reflections

- September: Gloria Pitchford Nicolas
- October: Richard Byington
- November: John Griffith

Presentations

- Behavioral Health, Dr. Lappen (October or November)
- Mental Health Taskforce
- Disability Rights League of Women Voters on Voting Rights
- Senior Center Select Committee-Update on Final Report on Future of the five County-owned Senior Centers

The Executive Committee discussed possible presentations for the September, October, and November COA meetings. Director Idzikowski suggested having Director Lappen provide a presentation on changes to the Behavioral Health Division. The behavioral health presentation is pending, depending upon his schedule. The other possible presentation topics discussed are listed above.

Chair Griffith wants the October Commission on Aging to be a hybrid meeting. Director Idzikowski will investigate coordinating a hybrid meeting in conference room 104 and inform the Executive Committee if it is possible.

- c) **Setting the September 23, 2022, Commission on Aging meeting agenda:** Chair Griffith wants to have a public official's reception. This discussion item will be added to the September COA agenda. The Executive Committee set the September meeting agenda.

B. Discussion Items:

- a) Update on Commission on Aging Vacancies:

Jon Gaines appeared before the Committee on Health Equity and Human Needs, and they approved his Commission appointment. Next he will appear before the County Board for final approval at the end of the month. There are two more Commission on Aging candidates that the County Executive's Office is reviewing; however, the County Board will be in recess until December which will prevent Commission appointment approvals moving forward until then. Director Fitch will provide an update on the 2023 budget process.

- b) Appointments of non-Commissioners to Committees and Councils: No appointments were discussed at this meeting.

IV. **Other COA Business:** (This item was discussed during the September COA agenda setting)

Aging Unit Director Idzikowski informed the Executive Committee that the State sent out an application to run the OAA Title V Senior Employment Program (SEP) program. The SEP program allows adults 55 and older to have a subsidized community service employment placement. It is a statewide program divided into regions, and our program area was formerly run by Interfaith and just recently by Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) until now. GWAAR decided to give the program up, so now the State is looking for an organization to run this program. The Aging Unit Director is asking the Executive Committee for approval to submit a letter of intent and an application for the program. The Aging Unit would look for a vendor to provide the services. The State notified the Aging Unit Director that the letter is due today, and the application is due by this Friday, which doesn't allow him to receive full approval from the full commission. Chairman Griffith stated they could allow contingency approval; they can allow approval.

MOTION: The Executive Committee will send a letter of intent and an application for the Milwaukee County AAA to administer the Senior Community Services Employment Program in Milwaukee County and will send it to the Commission for full approval at the September COA meeting.

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

There is currently a debate over the possibility of the acquisition of Managed Long Term Care agencies by private for-profit insurance companies under the Medicaid Waiver Home and Community-Based long-term care system for older adults and those with disabilities. This program supports seniors to age/stay home instead of living in a nursing home. Director Idzikowski would also like to have this topic discussed at the September COA meeting.

- V. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Amber Miller and seconded by Janice Wilberg to adjourn the meeting at 12:0 a.m.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022, at 11 a.m. (virtual and audio) on Microsoft Teams and a teleconference phone.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang, Executive Assistant