



MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
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## **Commission on Aging Senior Center Select Committee Meeting February 14, 2023**

The **Senior Center Select Committee** members convened virtually on Tuesday, February 14, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and or conference call options (computer or telephone).

### **Members Present:**

Chair Gene Guszowski  
Commissioner John Griffith  
Sandra Dotson  
Sharron Fitak  
Kent Mayfield  
Howard Snyder  
Alice Steuck Konkel  
Cathy Wood

Sally Lindner  
Kelsi Lyons  
Commissioner Cherie Swenson  
County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor

### **Milwaukee County Staff**

Daniel Idzikowski, DHHS  
Domonique Klett, *DHHS*  
Jill Knight, DHHS

### **Members Excused:**

Leon Davis  
Patricia Delmenhorst  
Lorraine Jacobs

### **Attendees from the Public:**

Miriam Kaja, SOA  
Commissioner Janice Wilberg

## **MINUTES**

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

Chair Gene Guszowski called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. DHHS Aging Director Dan Idzikowski called the roll and a quorum was not present.

### **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE November 15 and December 13, 2022, SENIOR CENTER SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.**

Minutes were available for review at today's meeting but since the meeting was not at quorum, minutes could not be reviewed for approval.

### **III. REVIEW THE DRAFT OF THE FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Dan Idzikowski presented a brief overview of the Draft of the Final Committee Report and encouraged committee members to send in their individual edits privately via email.
- Committee members were asked to answer 3 questions:
- What items are missing from the draft that should be added?



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- The majority of committee members agree that the draft needs to be restructured and that the “big” idea needs to be defined in a much larger and clearer way.
- Formatting needs to be adjusted.
- Does the document flow well?
  - Member Kent Mayfield does not believe the document is addressing the right demographics. He shared it with various public funders who did not find it compelling. He states that the way it currently reads, it implies that even though the market has moved the model is staying the same and that does not make sense. It caters too much to the sluggish characteristics of the current senior centers and does not put forth the new vision of senior centers discussed by the Committee front and center. Move beyond “polishing the stone” of the existing system.
- How much additional detail should be provided in devising a gameplan for implementing these recommendations?
  - It is recommended that another month or so be granted to implement all the edits into the draft that were discussed during this meeting to satisfy all of the recommendations of the committee members.

#### **IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND NEXT STEPS**

The chair of the Select Committee on Senior Selects will present a preliminary report to the full Commission on Aging on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Recommendations will then be presented to the Aging Advisory Council on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Revisions will be made to the document and it will be represented to the Select Committee on March 14<sup>th</sup>, with approval to present a final draft to the full Commission on Aging on March 24, 2023.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The first meeting with Westlawn Gardens was held Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the McGovern Senior Center. Gene Guskowski was in attendance. Their next meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Spring Community Center.
- The next Senior Center Select Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, at 1 p.m., a virtual meeting.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

MOTION: To adjourn.

ACTION: Approved unanimously (Griffith moved, Snyder seconds).

Respectfully submitted,

Domonique Klett, Clerical Specialist I

