

## **Milwaukee County Commission on Aging Aging Services Director's Report – November 2024**

### **Administration**

- Facilitated **2025-27 Area Aging Plan** development.
- Attended **USAging/US ACL Region V Directors** meeting.
- Attended **2024 AARP Wisconsin Age Friendly Network Gathering**.
- Planned follow-up from the **Milwaukee County Aging Network Summit**.
- Supported DHHS, County Executive, Parks, Economic Development and Administrative Services regarding **MKE HUBS re-envisioning initiative**.
- Contributed to meetings regarding the Wisconsin Office on Aging, Milwaukee County, and Milwaukee County DHHS **Strategic Plans**.
- Transitioned to **Peer Place**, the new WI-DHS OAA/ADRC **data management** application, including training vendors on data entry into new system.
- **Completed FFY 2024 service & participant data entry** for Older Americans Act services including **additional 115,000 Serving Older Adults data points**.
- Completed **RFP process for Specialized Transportation for Older Adults**.

### **Advocacy**

- Developed letters to the Milwaukee County federal congressional delegation regarding **the FFY 2025 Budget, requesting increased OAA funding**.
- Drafted correspondence to Milwaukee County federal congressional delegation urging **support for MIPPA program** funding and that action be taken to protect older adults from predatory Medicare practices.
- Set **2025-2027 Wisconsin State Budget advocacy priorities**:
- Joined the **Policy Champions Committee of the Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection**, supporting state and national policy initiatives that increase social connections for older adults and people with disabilities.
- Supported **10 Steps to Planning Presentations** in Spanish and English delivered by DCS team at MKE REC Oasis Senior Center.
- Submitted **Wisconsin State Budget Aging Priorities** to DHHS Leadership.
- Hosted 6 **Medicare 101 and Medicare Advantage and Part D** presentations.
- Participated in **Voter** promotion with Disability Vote Coalition.

### **Social Support Services**

- Continued collaboration and coordination discussions with **American Heart Association to advance Blood Pressure Heart Health Initiative** in all five Milwaukee County owned Senior Centers.

- Initial discussion and collaboration with **MKE FreshAir Collective** to improve Air Quality and provide Interventions at Senior Centers.
- Extended Employ MKE contract for senior employment services to 12/31/24.
- Assisted in writing US HUD grant proposal for **Falls Prevention Home Repair** program with Milwaukee County Housing as lead agency.

## Transportation

- Held panel with Commissioners on **RFP for Older Adult Transportation Services** and selected a new vendor, submitting required documents for 2025 service contract to the County Board.
- Submitted County Board documents to apply for and accept new **FTA 5310 Mobility Management grant proposal** to fund Transportation Coordinator, volunteer driver mileage, and acquire additional vehicles in 2025-26.
- Provided OATS rides to early voting sites and polls on election day.
- Received delivery of **8/8 new accessible vans** for the OATS program.
- Addressed a potential increase in contract demand on 2024 OATS program.

## Senior Centers

- Attended Architecture & Engineering tour of **Clinton Rose** senior center to review redevelopment of center in line with **MKE HUBS initiative**.
- Host a Listening session on the MKE HUBS initiative and the **Flexibility Facilities Program at Clinton Rose senior center**.
- Toured Bucyrus Erie site in South Milwaukee as possible **MKE HUBS** location on south side of county.
- Attended Community Developers meeting regarding **MKE HUBS location** at McGovern Park.
- Secured 2025 agreement with **Serving Older Adults of Southeast Wisconsin** for continued **programming in the Milwaukee County senior centers**.
- **Independence First** completed **accessibility review** of all 5 senior centers.

## Nutrition Services

- Completed construction of the new **Washington Park senior center demonstration kitchen**.
- Met with **design team** regarding **remodel** at the **Clinton Rose senior center**.
- Submitted **County Board documents for Canteen** (Compass Group) for the southside senior dining & Meal on Wheels **catering** contract.
- Submitted County Board documents for increase in the 2024 **Goodwill contract** for the **Home Delivered Meal Program**.

- Notified MCO's & ICA's of new **senior meal program rates for Medicaid Long Term Care** enrollees.

## **Health & Wellness**

- Submitted County Board documents to create an **Evidence Based Health Promotion Coordinator** within DHHS Aging Services.
- Initiated an **OEM workgroup** to create **Emergency Plans** for Aging Network.
- Attended MCW **Alzheimer's Disease Symposium** at Froedtert Hospital.
- Attended **Symposium for People with Multiple Sclerosis** and Families.
- Attended **Parkinson's' Disease Symposium**.
- **ADS Vaccination Collaborative** will host **28 vaccine clinics** in November.
- More than **5000 COVID and Influenza vaccinations** have been administered through HCI community events, and at **partnering pharmacy locations**.
- Met with ADVC partners to extend the **Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative** until July of 2025.
- Hosted **12 Health & Wellness workshops** including **Healthy Living with Chronic Conditions**.

## **Caregiver Support**

- Supported Life Navigators **Caregivers Appreciation event** at Washington Park senior center.
- Presentation on **Social Isolation Week and National Caregiver Month** event with Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.
- Hosted **Caring for the Caregiver** event at St. Mark AME Church.
- **Partners for a Caregiver Panel** with UCC and Alzheimer's Association at Mitchell Street Library.
- To date have **provided 227 family caregivers with grant funds** through NFCSP and AFCSP. Have had an additional **300 one-on-one contacts** with other individuals who have not participated in NFCSP and AFCSP.
- Collaborated with the Wisconsin Family and Caregiver State Alliance to **develop a National Family Caregiver Month Social Media Toolkit**.

## **Outreach**

- [Sign up for the Dementia Friendly Milwaukee Newsletter](#)
- [Sign up to receive the Milwaukee County ADRC Resource Report](#)
- [Sign up to receive Aging Advocacy Alerts](#)