



Milwaukee County Department on Aging Commission on Aging May 25, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

Before the start of the meeting, Stefan Dostanic, Milwaukee County Deputy Clerk, swore in two new Commissioners – Cesar Pabon and Ron Byington. Chairwoman Wyatt Sibley welcomed the Commissioners, and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at the Marcia Coggs Human Services Center, 1220 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee WI 53205.

Commissioners Present

Barbara Wyatt Sibley, *Chair*
Fred Kneuppel, *Vice Chair*
Ronald Byington
Maria Castrejon-Pérez
Patsy J. Delgado
Jordan Luhr
Elizabeth Meyer-Arnold, R.N., M.S.
Cesar Pabon
Charles Vang

Commissioners Excused

Debra Jupka
Pastor Johnny C. White, Jr.
Gwen T. Jackson, *Commissioner Emeritus*

Commissioners Not Present

Gladys M. Carroll-Weathersby
Bettie A. Rodgers, J.D.

Milwaukee County Staff Present

Holly Davis
Jon Janowski
Kate Sprague
Carmen Pangilinan
Bekki Schmitt

Continued.....Milwaukee County Staff Present

Jill Klecha
Andrew Bethke

Guests Present

Maria Ramirez, *Social Security Administration*
Elena Gonzales-Walker, *Social Security Administration*
Annie Kubes, *MPS Recreation*
Willie Mitchell, *MPS Recreation*
Evans Gant, *County Executive's Office*
Neil Minogue, *State Office on Aging*
Vi Hawkins
Susan Joy, *Unison*
John K. Griffith, *MKE LGBT Center*
David Hoffman, *Wellness Committee*
Thomas Gossett, *Goodwill Industries*
Judith Troestler, *UAW*
Susan Yee, *Unison*
Casper Green
James Kimble, *Advisory Council*
Sandra Smith-Dill, *Unison*
Barbara Bechtel, *Advocacy Committee*
Song Xiong, *MCC*
Teresa Smith
Amy Crumble, *MKE LGBT Center*
Hector Hernandez, *UCC*

II. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2018, MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the April 24, 2018, COA meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (**Moved, Second**).

III. APRIL CONSENT AGENDA COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

A. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (April 2, 2018) *See Executive Committee meeting minutes for April 2, 2018 (mailed and distributed) for a comprehensive explanation of topic/issue discussions.*

B. **ADVOCACY COMMITTEE** (April 2, 2018) *See Advocacy Committee meeting minutes for April 2, 2018 (mailed and distributed) for a comprehensive explanation of topic/issue discussions.*

MOTION: To approve the April Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (**Meyer-Arnold Moved, Delgado Second**).

IV. REFLECTION – Commissioner Elizabeth Meyer-Arnold, M.S., R.N.

Commissioner Meyer-Arnold's reflection was on "Waiting Through Change." Ms. Meyer-Arnold compared her thoughts of what was never seen before unusual, beautiful clouds patterns in Wisconsin which were drastically changing as well as herself. Humans are like the clouds, changing, unfinished, and a work in progress. Waiting through change is a real exercise in faith. MCDA is waiting for change and will be stronger as the department moves through change. Commissioner Meyer-Arnold ended her reflection by thanking MCDA staff and Commissioners for their hard work, and she also praised the dedicated advocates and public.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Milwaukee Public Schools – Senior Recreation Programs - Annie McGinnity Kubes, Recreation Coordinator, City Wide Programs and Willie Mitchell, Supervisor for Older Adult Programs gave a PowerPoint presentation. MPS' Senior Recreation Program serves two senior populations: one which is 80 years and older, and the other being 50 years and older. Activities are offered at MPS' social centers (field houses) and senior housing facilities located in the south and central areas in Milwaukee neighborhoods. A one-year membership fee for their Senior Center is \$15. The 50 years and older adults prefer the traditional community classes/programs offered in the evenings and weekends There are about 10,000 seniors that prefer to be a part of the adult classes and programs.

MPS Senior programming has experienced challenges with transportation for seniors. The Adult Enrichment programs offers fitness, classes, sports leagues, travel clubs, a senior center, community centers, and SeniorFest. A flyer on SeniorFest and 2018 MPS Summer Recreation Guide was given out. For more information, please contact MPS Recreation at (414) 475-8811.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Social Security Administration Office – Social Security Issues and Resources – Elena Gonzales-Walker, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration, and Maria Ramirez, District Manager for Greenfield Office of Social Security Administration Office: The Social Security Administration Office now has online Social Security services you can access instead of making a trip to the Administration Office. A few of the online services available are: Changing your home address, requesting to be direct deposited of your benefits, printing your yearly statements, and requesting a Social Security replacement card (Only if you possess a valid driver's license). Replacement cards take 7-10 business days to process and mailout. It is strongly recommended for ages 18 years and older to visit the Social Security website to check on your account and report suspicious activity to protect your Social Security number and benefits.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Milwaukee County Department on Aging – MCDA's Area Plan Update and Next Steps, Carmen Pangilinan, Program & Policy Coordinator: Carmen Pangilinan has been working on gathering input from the public, caregivers, partners, Milwaukee County Department on Aging's Councils and Committees, and staff by conducting listening sessions, having online and paper surveys, and most recently public hearings. Goals were created from the themes collected from the public input sessions for specific areas MCDA needs to target for their Area Plan: Elder justice, services and supportive for caregivers, dementia, healthy aging advocacy and nutrition. MCDA will create local priority goals from what seniors want in the community.

Ms. Pangilinan discovered transportation and senior centers were the two primary local priority goals. Also, staff created draft goals and presented them at the April 30th hearing. They included more about technology (smartphones, computers, etc.) and information on prevention programs: brain health, partnerships and collaborations. Ms. Pangilinan stated the Area Plan updates will be shared with the Commission and will be available soon on the MCDA website. Ms. Pangilinan would like everyone to provide her with their feedback via email or phone as she is open to speaking with

anyone who may have questions about MCDA's Area Plan goals. The new Area Plan will be submitted at the end of this year.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: MCDA's Website – Rebecca Schmitt, Information & Outreach Coordinator:

Milwaukee County is implementing website redesigns with all departments to create websites that will be very user-friendly and easy to access. Ms. Schmitt displayed a mock-up of the new County website design main webpages as well as MCDA's main webpage, and she discussed the functionalities of the new website. The new website will be automatically responsive to the device you are using to access the County's site. Currently, no launch date has been determined; however, Ms. Schmitt will keep the Commission informed as of the launch date. Chat functionality will not be available at the time of the launch, but it is something that was discussed and will be available possibly in the future.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

A. WELLNESS COMMITTEE (April 19, 2018) *See Wellness Committee meeting minutes for April 19, 2018 (mailed and distributed) for a comprehensive explanation of topic/issue discussions.*

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (May 7, 2018) *See Executive Committee meeting minutes for May 7, 2018 (mailed and distributed) for a comprehensive explanation of topic/issue discussions.*

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (Luhr **Moved**, Meyer-Arnold **Second**).

X. ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (May 7, 2018) *See Advocacy Committee meeting minutes for May 7, 2018, (mailed and distributed) for a comprehensive explanation of topic/issue discussions.* The Advocacy Committee has a few action items that need to be discussed and voted on for approval. **Action Item:**

MOTION: Send a letter of support for the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services request for a 10-year extension of the Senior Care Wavier.

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (Knueppel **Moved**, Castrejon Perez **Second**).

MOTION: To approve the May 7, 2018, Advocacy Committee meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (Delgado **Moved**, Luhr **Second**).

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Milwaukee County Department on Aging Staffing:** MCDA's Access Unit is fully staffed with the exception of an Access Supervisor position. There are two Call Center vacancies and one Human Social Worker vacancy in the Elder Abuse Unit.
- **MCDA 2019 Budget Update:** MCDA's Assistant Fiscal Director is working with staff to develop the Area Agency and Resource Center 2019 budgets. On July 14, 2018, all County budgets are due. Milwaukee County's Departments have not yet received their tax levy targets. Currently, the Commission does not have a new County Supervisor identified for the Commission. The County Executive's Office is working with MCDA to identify a new supervisor. MCDA has started a new intergenerational pilot project with MPS and Brown Street Academy. MCDA is working with older adults from Clinton Rose Senior Center to assist students in the classroom. The seniors and students love this pilot project; the plan is to start it back up in September 2018. Chairperson Sibley said it was a good program to expand to all senior centers.
- **Volunteer Recognition Event:** The volunteer recognition event was held last night at Davian's Event hall in Menominee Falls. There were about 200 volunteers in attendance. The event was very well-received. Ms. Davis thanked all her staff that was involved.

- XII. COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** TBA – The County Executive has not appointed a County Supervisor to serve on the Commission on Aging, so at this time there is no Supervisor's Report.
- XIII. STATE UPDATES:** Neil Minogue, Older American's Act Program Supervisor for State Office on Aging:
- **State Aging Advisory Council:** Currently the State Aging Advisory Council has nine members and is in the process of looking for more members from the northern part of the state. Mr. Minogue thanked Holly Davis for attending and for introducing herself and the Department on Aging to the Council.
 - **MCDA's Area Plan:** Mr. Minogue has briefly reviewed MCDA's Area Plan goals; so far, they look good and are measurable.
 - **Adult Protective Services (APS):** The Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources applied for a grant to enhance Adult Protective Services' ability to document APS case and client information reporting systems. Also, Adult Protective Services is working on the supportive decision-making form related to Chapter 52. Chapter 52 allows individuals who are intellectually and/or physically disabled to understand their choices and decisions (a supportive decision maker).
- XIV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Barbara Wyatt Sibley, Chair
- **County Legislative Information Center, CLIC:** As of June 2018, Committee and Council members will have to access meeting materials via Milwaukee County's Legislative Information Center (CLIC) found at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/>
 - **Elimination of the Intergenerational Council and Resource Center Oversight Committee:** The Executive Committee recommended that the Commission eliminate the Resource Center Oversight Committee and the Intergenerational Council because they have not been functioning for quite some time and the Executive Committee has a hard time finding leadership for these groups. MCDA will continue to have Intergenerational projects. Each Committee and Council should incorporate a diversity goal. The RCOC would be replaced with a representative from Milwaukee County at the state level, and the Commission will support MCDA's intergenerational initiatives with expanding intergenerational relationships within MPS and beyond.
MOTION: To eliminate the Intergenerational Council and the Resource Center Oversight Committee.
ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (Luhr **Moved**, Meyer-Arnold **Second**).
 - **Announcements of Committees/Councils Chairs and Vice Chairs:** Chair Wyatt Sibley announced the following Commissioners have agreed to serve on the following Committees/Councils: Jordan Luhr is the Chair of Service Delivery; Commissioner Bettie Rodgers Chair of Advisory Council (the Advisory Council has elected Judith Troestler as their Vice Chair). Also, Commissioner Knueppel is Chair of Advocacy Committee (Bob Haase is Vice Chair of Advocacy Committee). Commissioner Charles Vang has agreed to serve on the Service Delivery Committee.
- XV. COUNTY EXECUTIVE UPDATE:** Evans Gant, Director of Community Relations.
- The County's Executive Office is working on the next round of Commissioner candidates. Currently there are three people who are being considered. The County Executive and Holly Davis are working to get a County Supervisor appointed to the Commission.

XVI. COMMISSION ON AGING ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS:

Public comment regarding upcoming events, activities, and opportunities for older adults:

- No Comments.

XVII. Department on Aging announcements regarding upcoming events, activities, and opportunities for seniors:

- **SeniorFest 2018:** SeniorFest is scheduled on June 13, 2018, at the Italian Community Center from 9:00am – 1:00pm. There will be dancing, workshops, classes, and Bingo.
- **National Senior Health & Fitness Day:** Next Wednesday is National Senior Health and Fitness Day. MCDA will have staff at all the County Senior Centers. There will be fitness activities, and a proclamation will be presented thanking staff and volunteers. Each site has a different start time so if you are interested in attending, please contact the site.
- **Clinton Rose Senior Center Rummage Sale:** Clinton Rose Senior Center is having a rummage sale on June 9, 2018 from 8:00 am. – 1:00 pm. Over a dozen vendors will be there. Everyone is welcome to attend (flyers were handed out to attendees).
- **Dine at 5:** Anyone 60 years and older can attend the “Dine at Five” program at the Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Good hope Road. See flyer for more information (flyers were handed out to attendees).

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 11:01am.

The next Commission on Aging meeting will take place on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 9:00 am at the Marcia Coggins Human Services Building, Conference Room 104, 1220 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee, WI 53205.

Respectfully submitted,



Vonda Nyang
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