



Milwaukee County Department on Aging Commission on Aging November 9, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair, Fred Kneuppel, welcomed the Commissioners and meeting attendees. The meeting was called to order at 8:54 am at the Marcia Coggs Human Services Center, 1220 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee WI 53205.

Commissioners Present

Fred Kneuppel, Vice Chair
Ronald Byington
Patsy J. Delgado
Debra Jupka
Jordan Luhr
Elizabeth Meyer-Arnold, R.N., M.S.
Bettie A. Rodgers, J.D.
Charles Vang
Pastor Johnny C. White, Jr.

Commissioners Excused

Barbara Wyatt Sibley, *Chair*
Cesar Pabón
Maria Castrejon-Pérez

Commissioners Not Present

Gladys M. Carroll-Weathersby

Milwaukee County Staff Present

Jon Janowski
Andy Bethke
Jill Klecha

Continued.....Milwaukee County Staff Present

Ayame Metzger
Beth Monrial Zatarski
Lorie O'Connor
Bekki Schmitt
Vonda Nyang

Guests Present

Virginia Zerpa, Alzheimer's Association
Evans Gant, *County Executive's Office*
John K. Griffith
Tom Gossett
James Kimble, *Advisory Council*
Mary Till, *Life Navigators*
David Hoffman, *Wellness Committee*
Bob Trotter
Cathy Young, *Unison*
Sandy Smith Dill, *Unison*
Karina Moran, UCC
Song Xinog-Buck, Milwaukee Christian Center
Alyson O'Leary, Life Navigators
Arvilla Rank

II. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2018, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the October 26, 2018, COA meeting minutes

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

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Presentation: Alzheimer's Association, "Community Services", Virginia Zerpa, Community Outreach Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association for Southeastern Wisconsin: Ms. Zerpa provided information on the Alzheimer's Association's mission and vision, and statistics on Alzheimer's and dementia, as well as the programs and services they offer both to the community and to professionals.

Today, there are 5.7 million people affected by Alzheimer's, and 200,000 out of the 5.7 million people have early onset of the disease. One out of ten people who are 65 years and older will live with Alzheimer's. Every 66 seconds someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. If a cure is not found, by

2050 there will be 60 million people who will have Alzheimer's Disease. Alzheimer's disease is devastating socially, physically, and financially. The Alzheimer's Association's goal is to reach all families that are impacted by Alzheimer's disease.

The Alzheimer's Association's mission and vision is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and to provide advanced care and support for all who are affected by the disease and to reduce the risk of dementia through brain health. AA provides education classes which are free to the community, including 70 support groups throughout 11 Counties with AA services throughout Milwaukee County. If you would like more information, please contact Virginia Zerpa at (414) 479-8800 or email at www.alz.org/sewi

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (October 1, 2018, and November 5, 2018) See Advocacy Committee meeting minutes for October 1, 2018, (mailed and distributed) for a comprehensive explanation of topic/issue discussions. At the Advocacy Committee meeting held on September 10, 2018 there was a motion to send a letter to State legislators advocating for the reinstatement of the deputy registrar program in Milwaukee County and throughout the state. Also, at their October 1, 2018, meeting there were two motions made. The first motion was to write a letter in support of Assembly Bill 631 and Senate Bill 528 to all state representatives within Milwaukee County. The second motion was to send a letter to the Milwaukee County Executive and Chair of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors requesting to have the Advocacy Committee be a part of the new "Fair Share" coalition. The Advocacy Committee would like a motion from the Commission to approve sending all three letters.

MOTION: To approve the three letters, noted above, discussed at the September 10, 2018, and October 1, 2018, Advocacy Committee meetings.

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

B. ADVISORY COUNCIL (November 7, 2018) See Advisory Council meeting minutes for November 7, 2018, (mailed and distributed) for a comprehensive explanation of topic/issue discussions. Commissioner and Chair of the Advisory Council Bettie Rodgers, and MCDA Director of Administration, Jon Janowski, both provided some brief reports on the processes and procedures MCDA and the Advisory Council had followed to create the 2019-2021 Area Plan. Feedback from the public, community partners, and staff were obtained through holding public hearings, listening circles, and surveys. There were eight areas of a focus utilized in creating the area goals; they were: advocacy related activities, nutrition programs, services and support of caregivers, services for people with dementia, Healthy Aging, Elder Justice, Local priorities, and special projects.

MOTION: To approve the 2019-2021 Advisory Council meeting minutes for November 7, 2018.

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

C. SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE (October 9, 23, and 30, 2018) See Service Delivery Committee meeting minutes for October 9, 23, and 30, 2018, (mailed and distributed) for a comprehensive explanation of topic/issue discussions. Commissioner Luhr presented a memo with the Service Delivery recommendations for the 2019 contracts. There is one typo on the memo that needs a correction, Page two, in the column, for Family Caregivers support Alzheimer's Direct Services, the dollar amount should read \$571,058. The Service Delivery Committee asked the Commission to approve the Family Caregivers Support Alzheimer's Direct Services contract extensions, and the contracts that were RFP's, excluding the Transportation Services contract and contract for senior

center programming at the five senior centers. There will be a special Commission on Aging meeting on Friday to discuss the transportation and senior center programming contracts.

MOTION: To approve the Family Caregivers Support Alzheimer's Direct Services contract extensions, and the RFP contracts excluding Transportation Services and programming at the five senior centers

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

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Holly Davis, Executive Director

- The 2019 MCDA Budget is approved.
- **MCDA's 2018 Tax Levy Reduction:** MCDA met their 2019 tax levy reduction of \$184,000 without reducing programming or service levels.
- **Milwaukee County Senior Centers:** There were two capital projects approved by the County Board relating to the senior centers. The first project involves a \$413,000 ventilator and chiller project at Washington Park Senior Center and the second project involves a \$288,000 chiller replacement project at Wilson Park Senior Center.
- **MCDA's Staffing Updates:** The Executive Director announced current vacancies, hiring's, and postings in the Department. Most of the job openings are due to retirements. Currently, there are 7 Human Social Worker positions, 2 Service Support Specialists, one Dementia Care Specialist, and a Program and Policy Coordinator position open. MCDA has recently hired an Access Unit I Supervisor, Bekki Ross, who will start on November 19, 2018. Also, for the information & Assistance Supervisor, there is a staff person who is temporarily assigned. The Department has begun its interviewing processes for most of the open positions, and Ms. Davis will keep the Commission updated on these positions.
- **Dementia Care Specialist Summit:** MCDA is planning a 2019 Dementia Care Specialist Summit, and they are currently looking for a nationally known speaker. The department anticipates the planning for the summit would be completed at the end of January 2019.

VI. STATE UPDATES: NEAL MINOGUE – NO REPORT

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: FRED KNUEPPEL, VICE CHAIR

- **2019 Committees/Councils Member and Chair Appointments:** All Committees/Councils members and Chair appointments are expected to be finalized, and members notified by mail before December 31, 2018.
- **2019 Reflection/Presentation Calendar:** The reflection and presentation schedule is expected to be finalized by the end of December 2018. The Commission Chair has encouraged all Commissioners to sign-up to provide a reflection at a COA meeting.
- **Commission on Aging Officers Elections:** If a Commissioner is interested in serving on the Commission as an officer, please contact the Executive Director, Director of Administration, the Commission Chair, or the Executive Assistant informing them of your interest. Elections will take place at the January 2019 Commission meeting.
- **Bylaws revisions Start January 2019:** At the January Commission meeting Corporation Counsel and the Commission will start to review proposed bylaw changes by section. The expected date to have the new bylaws completed and approved is June 2019.
- **2019 Commission Meetings:** There will be 10 COA meetings from January thru December excluding July and December.

VIII. COUNTY EXECUTIVE UPDATE: Evans Gant, Director of Community Relations.

- **County Supervisor – Commissioner:** The County Executive's Office will have a decision made next week on the County Supervisor who will be serving on the Commission.
- **Potential Commissioners:** Mr. Gant is in the process of scheduling two Commissioner candidates. If they are approved, they will move on to the next process in getting confirmed at the December Health & Human Needs Committee meeting. If Health & Human Needs approves these appointments, they will move to the final stage where they go before the full County Board for final approval.

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

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

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

- **Senior Citizen Hall of Fame:** MCDA is currently taking applications for its Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. MCDA's Senior Citizen Hall of Fame was established in 1997 and honors outstanding older adults in Milwaukee County who have served in the community as a volunteer and or advocate on behalf of older adults. If you know someone you would like to nominate for this award, please fill out the nomination form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jill Knight at 289-6794 or email: Jill.Knight@milwaukeecountywi.gov
- **Dine at Five:** Dine at Five, which is held at the Elks lodge, 5555 W. Good Hope Rd., is having a Holiday Party and gift exchange (bring a gift. get a gift. Limit \$5.00) on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. If you are interested in attending, you must RSVP at (414) 760-3195.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 10:41 am

There will be a special Commission on Aging meeting on Friday, November 16, 2018, location and time will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,



Vonda Nyang
MCDA Executive Assistant