



# Milwaukee County Department on Aging Advisory Council November 7, 2018

The Milwaukee County Commission on Aging Advisory Council held its quarterly meeting on November 7, 2018 at Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet St., Room 2, Milwaukee, WI 53208.

## Commissioners Present

Bettie Rodgers - Chair

## Council Members Present

Barbara Bechtel

Karen Jackson

James Kimble

George Liberatore

Judith Troestler

Ruth Bevenue

Virginia Zerpa

Krystina Kohler

Sally Lindner

## Council Members Not Present

David Hoffman

Antonio Jones

## Milwaukee County Staff Present

Jill Klecha

Beth Monrial Zatarski

Jon Janowski

## Council Members Excused

None

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bettie Rodgers called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

### II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM August 9, 2018

**MOTION: Approve the minutes from August 9, 2018**

**ACTION: Motion carried unanimously (Bechtel moved, Troestler seconded)**

### III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM: Review, Discussion, and Approval of MCDA 2019-2021 Area Plan

Ms. Rodgers provided a summary of the importance of the Area Plan and the steps that were taken to get the plan in front of the Advisory Council.

Mr. Janowski summarized the steps taken that led to the final Area Plan being reviewed by the Advisory Council. He thanked the staff and Advisory Council for all of the work they had put

into developing and reviewing the plan. He noted that he had sent the draft Area Plan to the Department of Health Services staff and had received some feedback and questions.

Mr. Janowski touched on each section of the Area Plan up to the Plan Goals section on page 30. He noted the large amount of community input and feedback that had gone into putting the Plan draft together and that the Advisory Council had discussed several goal changes at their August meeting.

Mr. Janowski then walked the group through each goal section and summarized the feedback that the state DHS staff had provided in each section, and how that feedback had led to changes within the goal statements.

Under the Advocacy Related Activities section, language was added to Goals 2 and 3 that would measure the outcome of information sessions and the public official's reception.

Under the Nutrition Program section, Goal 2 was modified to include language on how recommendations made by the Commission on Aging and Nutrition Council would be acted on. Within Goal 3, language was added to add a pre-and-post test to assess the impact of educational efforts.

Under the Services in Support of Caregivers section, Goal 3 was changed to include language on caregiving presentations that will have to be completed by December 2021. Language was also added regarding a pre-and-post test that would be conducted before and after each presentation.

Under the Services to People With Dementia section, Goal 2 was rewritten to include language on mini-cog assessments that will have to be completed by 2020. Discussion ensued about how the mini-cog assessments would be carried out in the libraries, and to what extent these assessments are already being done in public spaces. Ms. Jackson asked how many mini-cog assessments were currently being conducted by the Department, and Mr. Janowski said he would get that information to her.

Under the Healthy Aging section there were no goal changes, and Mr. Janowski noted that the state DHS was complimentary about the goals that were written. Mr. Janowski encouraged members to help the Department recruit facilitators for the EBPP classes as it is an ongoing challenge to find facilitators.

The state had no changes to the Department's goals under the Elder Justice section. Under the Local Priorities section, feedback from the community led to two goal areas: transportation and senior centers. Mr. Janowski noted that the state liked the Department's transportation goals and had no feedback on the senior center goal narrative. Mr. Janowski noted that the Department is currently working with the Wisconsin Policy Forum on a short-

term research project that will result in a final report being made by WPF to the Commission on Aging next spring.

Mr. Janowski then covered each of the Special Projects. He noted that the Better Aging Expo might have to be postponed due to the upcoming dementia summit and other big projects. Discussion ensued about the Senior Statesman program and how it should be expanded because of its importance.

Discussion also ensued about the Department's Connecting Our Generations project and how there was interest in expanding the project to more senior centers. Mr. Janowski and Ms. Bechtel thanked Mr. Liberatore for his leadership in getting the project off the ground. Ms. Jackson questioned some of the narrative within this section. Discussion ensued, and all members eventually felt comfortable with the existing narrative.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Advisory Council Members**

No members had any announcements.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – MCDA Staff**

No staff had any announcements.

**VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM. **The next quarterly Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2018, at 1:30 PM. The location of the meeting has yet to be determined.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



Jon Janowski  
Director of Administration