

# COMMISSION ON AGING

## 2018 in Review

The Commission on Aging is a 16 member advisory and planning body. Its members are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors. The Commission is responsible for overseeing a coordinated human service system of community-based services for Milwaukee County residents aged 60 and over.

### Key Accomplishments



**Reviewed existing bylaws and set in motion a process to review and update those bylaws in 2019. This had not been done since 1988.**



**Completed one-pagers for each Committee/Council to define their duties, responsibilities, authority, and members.**



**Approved a new three-year Area Plan for the Department on Aging.**

### Other 2018 Accomplishments

- Approved annual public policy priorities document.
- Received a Roberts Rules of Order and parliamentary procedure training by former Milwaukee County Clerk Joe Czarnecki.
- Created a formal schedule of reflections and presentations for meetings.
- Coordinated field trips to senior centers and nutrition sites to help Commissioners experience some of the services provided through MCDA.

## Commission on Aging

**Barbara Wyatt Sibley**

Chair

**Fred Kneuppel**

Vice Chair

Chair, Advocacy Committee

**Jordan Luhr**

Chair, Service Delivery

**Beth Meyer-Arnold**

Chair, Wellness Committee

**Bettie Rodgers**

Chair, Advisory Council

Ronald Byington

Gladys Carroll-Weathersby

Maria Castrejon-Pérez

Patsy Delgado

Debra Jupka

César Pabón

Charles Vang

Pastor Johnny White

Gwen T. Jackson

*Commissioner Emeritus*

### New Commissioners in 2019

Sharon Abston-Coleman

John Griffith

County Supervisor Jason Haas

**The mission of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging is to affirm the dignity and value of the older adults of Milwaukee County by supporting their choices for living in, and giving to, our community.**

## Strengthened Contracting Process

The Commission on Aging (COA) approved procedural changes to improve MCDA's contracting process including:

- Collaborating with the County's Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to advertise RFP's more broadly and increase competition.
- Streamlining the RFP documents together with DAS to make the application process easier.

The COA's Service Delivery Committee was instrumental in the oversight of MCDA's service contracts through its program assessments and during the 2019 RFP process in which new vendors were ultimately approved by the COA and County Board of Supervisors to manage senior center programming, senior center nutrition sites, and transportation services.

## Looking to the Future

The Commission on Aging began a process to recruit potential Commissioners as part of a broader succession planning effort. They also began a formal onboarding process for new Commissioners which includes a formal binder of educational and resource materials as well as formal meetings with existing Commissioners and MCDA staff. This enhanced onboarding will better prepare new members for Commission and Committee work and is critical as 1/3 of the members will rotate off the COA by the end of January 2020.

## Committees

- Executive Committee
- Advocacy Committee
- Service Delivery Committee
- Wellness Committee
- Advisory Council
- Nutrition Council
- Communications & Awareness Workgroup

If you are interested in serving on a committee or the Commission you may contact Holly Davis or Jon Janowski at (414) 289-6010 or [areaagency@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:areaagency@milwaukeecountywi.gov).



*Commissioners actively participated in the Area Plan process from gathering of public input to final approval of the Area Plan.*



*Commissioners participated in the Senior Statesman program to learn more about their government and becoming an effective advocate.*



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**Committed to the Independence and Dignity of Older Adults Through Advocacy, Leadership and Service.**