



**MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CENTERS  
Planning Meeting**

**Thursday, June 25, 2020 | 2:00 – 3:00 P.M**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Call to order by Interim Select Committee on Senior Centers chair Sharon Abston-Coleman at 2:01 p.m. and roll call:

Sharon Abston-Coleman, PhD, Interim Committee Chair  
Richmond Izard, Chair, Commission on Aging  
George Pumphrey, PhD, Commissioner  
Amber Miller, Commissioner (excused)  
Bettie Rodgers, JD, Commissioner and Chair, Aging  
Advisory Council

Pat Dunn, Aging Advisory Council  
Gene Guskowski, Aging Advisory Council  
John Griffith, Commissioner  
Dan Idzikowski, MCDA staff

**II. Review Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Minutes of the Select Committee on senior centers Planning Meeting**

Abston-Coleman referred members to the draft minutes of the June 11, 2020 Select Committee on Senior Centers Planning Group meeting for reading and consideration.

MOTION: Approve Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Select Committee on Senior Centers Planning Group meeting.

ACTION: Unanimous (Pumphrey, Izard).

**III. Review draft solicitation for public members and senior center representatives for the Select Committee on Senior Centers.**

Abston-Coleman referred members to the draft solicitation letter.

Idzikowski suggests eliminating word "infrastructure". Debate follows. Include words "programming and" instead.

Abston-Coleman suggests: "Ascertain what resources will be necessary to carry out the plan."

Add a # 6: "Select Committee will report its findings and recommendations back to the Advisory Council."

Guskowski: Clarify what to call the Committee. Idzikowski states it is a Select Committee. Izard states we don't need type of committee in the name. Rodgers: Call it the Senior Center Committee. All agreed.

Abston-Coleman turns to expectations. Guskowski notes that last meeting the group clarified we are seeking non-staff members, not professional staff. Suggests: "Seeking non-staff volunteers like you to serve on a newly created..." or "The committee is now seeking non-staff senior center participants like you... This Senior Center Committee will be responsible for monitoring overseeing and ..."

Izard notes that term of service should be through September. Could be any length. Rodgers state that participants will want some limit. Agree upon: "Serve "at least" one year."

Abston-Coleman: Eliminate sentence on envisioning session participation – unnecessary.

Griffith: Active participation in senior programming rather than senior center participation. Not all of these places or programs are separate senior centers.

Add mail return option.

**MOTION:** Accept changes to the draft letter as amended.

**ACTION:** unanimously approved (Pumphrey, Rodgers)

#### **IV. Next steps and Meeting**

June 30<sup>th</sup> as target date to send out. Produce simple form that lists contact information and brief question as to interest.

Next meeting for wrap-up: **Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm – 2:00pm.**

#### **V. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Adjourn.

**ACTION:** Approved unanimously at 4:20 p.m. (Izard, Pumphrey).

Respectfully submitted by:

Daniel Idzikowski  
Program and Policy Coordinator