



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
Department on Aging

**Milwaukee County Commission on Aging
Nutrition Council
July 28, 2020**

The Milwaukee County Commission on Aging Nutrition Council held its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting, which was hosted on Microsoft Teams by connecting via videoconference or conference call option (computer or telephone). Attendance was taken verbally.

Nutrition Council Representatives:

Sally Lindner – Chair
Barbara Bethel – Vice Chair
Pat Ceccato – Elks Lodge
Dennis Claas – Elks Lodge
Mary Dickens – Indian Council
Willie Newman, Jr. – Greater Life
Julie Rasman – Beulah Brinton

Site Supervisors:

Jeffery Downs -Franklin
Evelyn Fayne – Hart Park
Alice Love – Clinton Rose Park
Frank Schulz – Oasis
Song, Xiong-Buck– MCC

Agency Representatives:

Lavelle Gill – Milwaukee Christian Center

Milwaukee County Staff Present:

Andy Bethke
Debra Horton
Dan Idzikowski
Lorie O'Connor
Gaylyn Reske
Bekki Schmitt

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Barbara Bechtel welcomed the meeting attendees. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28, 2020

MOTION: Approve the January 28, 2020 Nutrition Council minutes as written.

ACTION: Unanimously approved (Fayne Moved, Ceccato Second).

III. MCDA PROGRAM AND POLICY COORDINATOR: DAN IDZIKOWSKI

Mr. Idzikowski gave advocacy updates on Disability Vote Coalition Early Voting and reminder to complete the U.S. Census Form.

- The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition encourages voters to vote early because of concerns about COVID-19. Some voters with disabilities prefer also voting absentee because of difficulty getting transportation to the polls, accessibility concerns, or other reasons.
- The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition is a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the electoral process of voters with disabilities. For more information, visit disabilityvote.org/
- To find out where to vote, polling information or what is on your ballot, visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>
- The U.S. Census is a national survey conducted every ten years by the federal government to determine how many people are living in the United States. It is very important to fill it out. It determines how much federal funding communities will receive for roads, schools, housing and social programs.

IV. MCDA COMMUNITY PROGRAM COORDINATOR: BEKKI SCHMITT

Mrs. Schmitt shared with the group we are still outreaching during COVID-19. We have transformed the nature of our outreach offering outdoor in-person outreach at community sites, virtual webinars, and Facebook live events. For more information, visit county.milwaukee.gov/aging or call Aging Resource Center 414.289-6874.

V. MCDA SENIOR DINING PROGRAM COORDINATOR: GAYLYN RESKE

Mrs. Reske took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Morgan Morgan the Site Manager of Service Older Adults (SOA) who passed away on July 15th. She was a very devoted advocate for the seniors and great person to work with she will truly be missed.

Mrs. Reske gave updates on menu changes, opening of Senior Dining Sites and Safety and Sanitation measure during the COVID-19 health crisis.

a. Menu Discussion

On March 16th we had to close all the congregate dining sites due to the outbreak of COVID 19. We had to transitioned from serving hot lunches to cold bag lunches. We started curbside carryout bag lunches at the meal sites for the seniors who were able to drive and pick up their meal. With the assistance of Able Access transportation who delivered meals to the seniors' homes who were not able to pick up a bag lunch. We will be serving cold lunches through the end of the year.

- Upcoming in September there will be salads added to the menu:
 - Caesar Salad
 - Chef's Salad
 - Taco Salad
 - Tortellini Salad

b. Opening of Senior Dining Sites Discussion

The Senior Dining Sites will remain closed until the end of 2020. We will have to get the approval from the State and Steering Committee for the opening of the senior dining sites.

c. Safety and Sanitation Measures during Meal Preparation and Service and during COVID-19 public health crisis

We are taking precaution with preparation of meals and services. The drivers are required to wear a mask before entering the facility. The caterer employees must fill out a COVID-19 questionnaire and must practice social distancing and handwashing at the dining sites.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS BY THE NUTRITION COUNCIL

No new business from the audience.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS BY THE PUBLIC

No new business from the public.

VIII. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.

ACTION: Unanimous (Love, Downs)

The Nutrition Council meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m. The next Nutrition Council Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. (Virtual and Audio) in Microsoft Teams and via teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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