



MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
**Department on Aging**

## **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021**

### **Members Present**

Commissioner Janice Wilberg, *Chair*  
Milwaukee County Supervisor Jason Haas  
Commissioner John Griffith  
Barbara Bechtel  
Patricia Dunn  
Gene Guszowski  
Debra Jupka  
James Kimble  
Cherie Swenson  
Barbara Wyatt Sibley

### **Members Excused**

Ruth Bevenue  
Sally Lindner  
Nia Norris

Patti Pagel  
Commissioner Shirley Sharp  
Amanda Weiler

### **Milwaukee County Staff Present**

Alena DeGrado, *DHHS*  
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS*  
John Janowski, *DHHS*  
Jill Knight, *DHHS*  
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*  
Bekki Schmidt, *DHHS*  
Carrie Vallejo, *DHHS*

### **Attendees**

Lenor Rosas  
Cathy Wood

### **Members Excused**

#### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call (19 participants)**

The Advisory Council members convened virtually on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Chair Wilberg welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Daniel Idzikowski, Program and Policy Coordinator for DHHS Division on Aging, called the roll. A quorum was present.

#### **II. Review and approve the Advisory Council meeting minutes from the August 11, 2021, meeting.**

**Motion:** To accept the August 11, 2021, Advisory Council meeting minutes.

**Action:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Griffith moved, Kimble second).

#### **III. 2022-2024 Area Aging Plan Goals**

Idzikowski informed the Advisory Council that all the Commission's committees and councils had reviewed and submitted their goals for the draft of the 2022-2024 Area Plan. A few changes were made to the placement of area goals within

the document to align all Title III and local goals with the overall themes of health equity, communication and collaboration, and wellness. The Advisory Council will review these goals today. Chair Wilberg informed the Advisory Council that the full Commission on Aging approved the Aging Network Vision Statement and the Network goals at the Commission's August 2021 meeting.

Idzikowski notified the Advisory Council that the Division created a shorter version of the proposed 2022-2024 Area Aging Plan goals for public distribution.

The Advisory Council reviewed the changes to the 2022-2024 Area Aging goals and made additional changes. Additional suggestions included spelling out abbreviations before using them in the document.

Guszkowski suggested adding a goal to the Senior Center section regarding partnership and the creation of new senior centers. A group discussion followed.

### **Senior Center's Goals**

**Goal:** To explore the feasibility of public-private sector partnerships to create new senior centers combined with other uses such as housing...."

**Measure:** Approach at least three private entities to partner in the creation of innovative new centers that will: enhance the ability to increase access for all underserved seniors Diversity programming appeals to older adults' generations and achieves gains in racial equity in Milwaukee County.

**Motion:** To approve the above goal and measure and add it to the 2022-2024 Area Plan goals.

**Action:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Jupka moved, Griffith second)

### **Nutrition Goals**

No changes.

### **Wellness Goals**

No changes.

A question arose on the intergenerational piece in this plan, and what section is it supposed to be listed? A staff person will get in contact with them to give them the answer to this question. (Social or Senior Centers, possibly).

### **Transportation Goals**

Addition to the Goals: Under "Collaboration and Communication," Add: Mindful of the older adult population without access to a vehicle. Increase education and communication regarding available transportation options for older adults in Milwaukee County."

The Chair asked for a motion to approve adding the goals discussed above to the 2022-2024 Area Plan.

**Motion:** To approve adding the above goal into the 2022-2024 Area Plan goals under Collaboration and Communication.

**Action:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Griffith moved, Dunn second).

#### **Local Goals**

No changes

The Chair asked the Advisory Council for a motion to approve the entire 2022-2024 Area Plan Goals.

**Motion:** To approve the 2022-2024 Area Plan Goals as proposed.

**Action:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Griffith moved, Dunn Second).

#### **IV. Public Outreach on Draft Plan**

The Advisory Council must develop a public outreach plan to receive public input on the final 2022-2024 Area Plan. Idzikowski informed the Advisory Council that the Division on Aging will request feedback online using the Division on Aging's webpage, Facebook page, and contracted vendors and partner organizations' social media. The goals summary will be made available in English, Hmong, Spanish, and American Sign language. Print versions will be distributed at outreach events, meal sites, and all the County-owned Senior Centers, with postcards for the public to send their feedback. In addition, MCDA has scheduled two virtual public hearings and two in-person public hearings at Milwaukee County Senior Centers.

Idzikowski provided a schedule for the above-mentioned events to the Advisory Council. A Council member asked if there would be interpreters available at the hearings for those who don't speak English to provide feedback. He informed the Advisory Council of the resources they have for interpretation services. Also discussed was the attendance at the Division on Aging's public functions. There had been a low turnout. How is the Division on Aging planning on having better turnouts at the public hearings?

Mr. Idzikowski asked for Council members to host the in-person and virtual listening sessions and public hearings. The schedule and people that volunteered are listed below:

- John Griffith – Clinton Rose SC: Tuesday, September 21, 2021
- Jan Wilberg – Wilson Park SC: Thursday, September 23, 2021
- Gene Guszowski - Zoom Meeting, Wednesday, October 6, 2021
- Barbara Wyatt Sibley - Zoom Meeting, Saturday, October 2, 2021

**V. Announcements**

**Falls Prevention Week**

- Tuesday, September 21, 2021, Hart Park Senior Center
- Thursday, September 23, 2021, Clinton Rose Senior Center

**VI. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

The next Advisory Council meeting is at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2021 as a virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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