

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

July 7, 2023 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 838 0770 7055 | **Passcode:** 516529 | **Join by Phone:** 267-831-0333

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order: 9:02
- II. Roll Call

Present: Ballard (10am arrival), Larson, Gress, Reynolds, Green, Herzig, Heckendorn, McKinney, Somerville (quorum obtained)

Excused absence: Thompson

III. Public Participation:

Monica Prince: Thanks COA for the Safety Town Hall. Impressed with content.

- IV. Commission Response to Public Participation
- V. Approval of Minutes

June 2, 2023 moved McKinney, Reynolds supported unanimously approved

VI. Discussion Items

a. Safety Town Hall debriefing:

Subcommittee formed to plan for future town halls. McKinney chair. Heckendorn, Gress volunteered.

McKinney: Thanks committee for efforts. Speakers were excellent: Sharie Smith: Internet and Medicare Scams; Eugene Rush: Washtenaw Sheriff Department; Bank of Ann Arbor: Special program that targets seniors. Thanks to Congresswoman Dingell for attending. Participants mostly from Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. Need to consider a location with greater accessibility for next town hall.

Taylor Clark asked to provide information distributed at town hall on website

Next steps: McKinney: Plan is to have one every year. Wants to hold town hall in western part of county next year. Heckendorn: suggests advanced directives and future planning as topics. Herzig: What do you do at the time of death? As a topic.

b. Presentation

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i. Washtenaw County Senior Health Dashboard. (See 9:28 in recording for presentation)

2 different sources for data for aging adults. Data Dashboard on health department website. Community Dashboards on the website. Diseases, conditions, screenings, cost of cares, rates of admissions and readmissions to hospitals.

Washtenaw opportunity index: more focused on equity throughout the county. On Washtenaw County website. Really detailed user guide. Hall: notes that data is being updated this year.

Health Department Dashboard link: <https://www.healthforallwashtenaw.org/>

Washtenaw County Opportunity Index: <http://www.opportunitywashtenaw.org/opportunity-index1.html>

c. Subcommittee Updates

i. Communications – Thompson, Larson, Heckendorn, Green

ii. ARPA – Reynolds, Thompson, Larson, Heckendorn, Green

1. Deferred to Annie

iii. Potential Millage – Gress, Herzig, McKinney, Ballard

iv. Moving Forward – Gress, Herzig, McKinney, Ballard, Reynolds

1. Gress: waiting for Ann Arbor Community Foundation's next steps.

VII. Report from the Board of Commissioners

a. County Fund Mapping Project

Larson: have requested information from county to account for how they are spending funds for services to seniors. Somerville: county has set aside money to do that, but has not started yet.

b. ARPA RFP

Gress: understood that RFP was published with the extension. Then it was removed, So it's back up now with a meeting on the 27th about it. Confusion over why it was down, then put back up, what changes were made.

Somerville: expand the scope of those eligible. Updated eligibility after the conversation with the agencies that would be working with older adults. Extension to July 31st.

Reynolds: how are they going to be evaluated? Somerville: criteria that is followed by the Board of Commissioners.

Smith: Meeting was not about RFP. Only geared toward agencies who lost money due to COVID.

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Herzig: Felt very frustrated over the meeting. Agencies present expressed range of needs to the aging population, and they are looking for sustainability and funding. Disappointed that response from Commissioner millage was for everyone and not designated to just seniors. Somerville: Potentially will discuss with commissioners and agencies at the meeting revolving around needs and will reach out to the agencies for feedback.

Larson COA is still not taking a stand on the millage.

c. Open Seats on Commission on Aging

i. Link to Apply: <https://www.washtenaw.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2485>

Charged commission with reaching out to contacts to try to fill seats, to not lose the opportunity

VIII. Report from the Chair

AAA Legislative meeting: Herzig – on June 26. Older Michiganian's Day Platform was presented. Included support of families, direct care work force, long-term care ombudsman, increase access to home and community-based services, MI. Others needs discussed: veterans need an advocate; adult foster care in rural areas lack direct care workers because of low work wages; Program for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren should be expanded to Kinship caregivers; Expanding access to multigenerational housing.

Restated chair willing to make presentation to Senior Centers again on the COA and has reached out.

Gress: Healthy Aging Collaborative presentation on report for the Transportation summit. Working on a Press Release to get out as well. Summarizes the work up to summit and the follow up from the summit.

IX. New Business

X. Setting Next Meeting

a. August 4, 2023 at 9 am

b. 10:38 Chris Lemon at County Commission and give up date

XI. Adjournment

Gress moved: McKinney supported. 10:40

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