

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

May 2, 2025 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

Join by Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 851 7295 2645 Passcode: 219086 Phone: 1-312-626-6799

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Participation
- IV. Commission Response to Public Participation
 - a. No comment
- V. Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2025
 - a. Motion by Herzig, second by Litten
- VI. Discussion Items
 - a. Older Persons Millage, Policies and Priorities
 - i. Deana, HAC recommendation
 - 1. Document provided that was produced by the Washtenaw Health Initiative, Healthy Aging Collaborative recommendations.
 - 2. Thompson asks for the document to be shared. Smith will share.
 - 3. Larson asks for clarification on which transit centers – AAATA, WAVE, and Peoples Express.
 - 4. Herzig suggests community education be provided through the resource hub to help the public learn about available resources.
 - 5. Foreman suggests adding Senior Workforce Development and supporting the Foster Grandparents Program.
 - 6. Reynolds shares concern over the number of suggestions but states that we need to be able to show success and share that with the public.
 - 7. Herzig suggests building in an evaluation or public report on the progress of the millage. Gress confirms an annual report and needs assessment are included in the millage language.
 - 8. Smith confirms the document has been shared with County Commissioners.
 - ii. Millage workgroup share-out
 - 1. Developed and shared millage recommendations with County Commissioners.

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- iii. Marie's update talking with Annie and Jason
 - 1. The Senior Millage workgroup document was shared with Annie and Jason.
 - 2. Discussed Senior Centers and what constitutes a senior center. There wasn't a consensus on how many were in the county. It is likely that the verified list of senior centers will be included in the final document.
 - 3. The proposal will likely weigh the opportunity index into the amount of support centers receive and how centers are funded currently.
 - 4. Larson requests the final list of Senior Centers.
 - 5. Larson is concerned about addressing the Senior Center deserts and supporting areas without a Senior Center.
 - 6. Somerville said there will be an oversight body for the distribution of the millage. The individuals who sit on this committee won't have a conflict of interest.
 - 7. Somerville mentions she is looking to find a way for millage dollars to be used by individuals and small groups who are doing grassroots work.
 - 8. Thompson clarified that the millage workgroup does not recommend supplanting existing services, but does support funding programs that lose funding from other sources.
- iv. AgeWays update on state/federal funding
 - 1. Federal – at this time, there have not been any funding changes to Older Americans Act programs or Medicaid.
 - a. The Administration for Community Living was eliminated and it is not clear where Older Americans Act programs will land – ACF or CMS.
 - 2. State – the Senate just released their HHS budget yesterday and the House has not released their committee budget yet.
 - a. There have not been any substantial funding changes that would affect Older Michiganians Act or Medicaid at this point.
 - 3. OMD – will be held on May 7th from 9:30am-12:30pm on the Lansing Capitol Lawn.
- b. Subcommittee Discussion
 - i. Communications – Gress, Litten
 - 1. None
 - ii. Future Planning – Herzig, Astrein, Reynolds

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1. None
 - iii. Townhall – McKinney, Litten, Foreman, Astrein
 1. None
 - iv. Millage Workgroup – Larson, Astrien, Green, Foreman, Thompson, Ballard
- VII. Report from the Board of Commissioners ([Upcoming Meetings](#))
 - a. Emergency funding resolution will be on the agenda to replenish SKIP funding and fill in for food pantries.
 - b. Goal to have proposed millage passed by the second meeting in May or the only meeting in June to fill an immediate need.
 - c. Thompson asks for Gress to share information about the resolution when it's released.
- VIII. Report from the Chair
 - a. None
- IX. New Business
- X. Setting Next Meeting – June 6, 2025
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. Motion Thomsson, Somerville support

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