



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMITTEE ON AGING

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Wednesday, August 24, 2016

1:30 PM

Madison Senior Center  
330 W. Mifflin St.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Guests:** Tom Benish, Rick Pole, Marcia Hendrickson, Margie Zutter, Sonya Lindquist

**Present:** 12 - Michael E. Verveer; Rebecca Kemble; Edna Canfield; Kathleen A. Poi; Donna C. Bryant; Daryl K. Sherman; Felicitus Ferington; Faisal A. Kaud; Kathleen Whitt; Mary Jo A. Rimkus; Paul H. Kusuda and Alnisa T. Allgood

**Absent:** 1 - Blinda H. Beason

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval on the motion of Rimkus and Poi.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Margie Zutter informed the committee of her concern about the loss of Foster Grandparents Program, due to an administrative rule regarding sub-contracting. This will impact 325 low-income older adult volunteers in the State of WI; most of whom depend upon a small stipend to extend their meager incomes.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Kusuda with Dane County AAA, Poi with Westside Senior Coalition.

### REPORTS

1. [43424](#) Madison Senior Coalitions

**Sonya Lindquist, East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Elderly**

Remarks on the Collaborative Initiative noted that several focus groups and interviews with Directors were organized in August, including an invitation for CoA members to participate. Lindquist shared the EM/MC Board concerns regarding City of Madison expectations and some assumptions made by the consultants. Consultant/facilitators "pushed" the idea of merger; but EM/MC Board expressed the desire to focus on other levels of collaboration. EM/MC Board members are worried that some suggestions do not provide for best practices and/or excellence in the delivery of senior services. CoA member questions and responses suggested that a more suitable forum for these concerns is with the principles of the Initiative. Expectations by the City are

specified in the contract for service and could be clarified with the lead for the contract and/or with the contract manager.

2. [31594](#)

Community Services Committee, Fay Ferington

Committee members reviewed the budget process and dates. Focus Interruption Coalition presented their concerns regarding community violence and concerns about youth development. A 15 point plan was discussed and ultimately presented to the Mayor with hopes that some elements could be considered in 2017 and 2018 budget. The Committee is calling for presentations on group initiatives (not programs), for example, in October they will hear a report on Latino issues. Ferington suggests this might be an opportunity for CoA to present on issues of senior adults and aging. Ferington remarked on the involvement of LGBT Senior Alliance at the PRIDE PARADE and noted the new signs and banner for the group. 2016 marks the 15TH year of collaboration between OutReach and the Madison Senior Center which will be celebrated on September 29TH at an event at the Senior Center.

3. [41829](#)

Madison Senior Center Foundation, Edna Canfield

**No meeting; no report**

4. [44145](#)

Staff Report, Christine Beatty  
-Discuss Available Reports  
-Program Updates

**Attachments:** [Programs Information.pdf](#)  
[Reports.pdf](#)

**Available reports:** Beatty presented income and diversity charts for Senior Center participants and the July 2016 monthly report. **Program Updates:** Aging Mastery Program is being considered for WI urban areas. This evidence-informed program was made available by NCOA for rural areas (under 50,000 population) last year. Beatty distributed the core curriculum for the program. Also, she distributed a handout on a “wonder drug, exercise.”

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. [44146](#)

Update on 2017 City of Madison Budget

**Alder Rebecca Kemble indicated that all divisions (except Police) submitted 2.5% reduction scenarios. The Mayor’s Executive budget is expected on October 1ST. At last year’s budget planning meetings with residents, she found community support for senior services.**

6. [44147](#)

Planning for National Accreditation. (Five years up to November 2016!)

**Members discussed the National Senior Center Accreditation process; many had experiences to share. Volunteers interested in serving included Kaud, Poi, Canfield, Allgood, Sherman and Bryant.**

## ACTION ITEMS

7. [44148](#)

Consider Representation on Community Services Committee

Ferington has served for five years. With the changes in the CDD funding process, the time commitment is much less, and she enjoys it as a learning process about the City of Madison and the needs in the community. Kemble reviews website to discover that CoA may have an alternative member on the CSC and Kusuda suggest two members. Sherman and Kusuda move that Ferington to continue her service; approved unanimously. Kemble and Ferington nominate Donna Bryant as the alternate member from CoA on the CSC; approved unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Verveer and Allgood adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.