



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON AGING

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Wednesday, May 22, 2013

1:30 PM

Madison Senior Center  
330 W. Mifflin St.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Guests:** Cindy Thomas (West Madison Coalition Board), Earl German (PICADA/ Family Services), Sonya Lindquist (East Madison/ Monona Senior Coalition), Suvechhya Bhandari (Senior Center Intern) **Staff:** Katie Crawley, Christine Beatty

Chairperson Tammy Hagen called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm with a quorum present.

**Present:** 10 -

Michael E. Verveer; Lauren Cnare; James C. Lamal; Michael R. Jackson; Edna Canfield; Thomas Frazier; Felicitus Ferington; Mary Jo A. Rimkus; Tamara S. Hagen and Paul H. Kusuda

**Absent:** 1 -

Kathleen Whitt

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Jackson moved the minutes of the April 24, 2013 meetings be approved with a second by Tom Frazier. Approved unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Sonya Lindquist remarked that the EMMCoA Home Chore Coordinator and the Case Manager were responsible for saving the life of an elder adult by checking on the person when they did not respond to agency contacts.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### PRESENTATIONS

[30279](#)

Earl German, PICADA/Family Services, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Services and Outreach

Earl German, Assistant Coordinator, of PICADA/Family Services effort to serve older adults with alcohol and substance abuse and gambling issues is funded through the Dane County Area Agency on Aging. Most referrals come from agency case managers and focus on alcohol, prescription drug, and marijuana misuse. Older adult is different: may have vision, hearing, transportation, housing problems, and many need support with grief and loss. Many fear the stigma of alcohol misuse and believe that they have suffered a moral lapse or

sin. AA groups for seniors in Middleton, Stoughton, Verona.  
[The Madison Senior Center has a regular, daily AA group.] Program is free and Earl goes to the client. Gambling addiction usually the result of boredom and isolation; folks say they get into a zone while gambling and no longer worry. Concern expressed about the low percentage of diverse clients (17%).

## REPORTS

### 30280

Community Services Committee, Fay Ferington

Community Resources Committee, Fay Ferrington reported that the Committee discussed Operation Freshstart and summer work programs. She also reported that an LGBT needs assessment was held on the topics of health, housing, social events and community building, and Christine Beatty and Jim Krueger (North Eastside Coalition) attended with approximately 15 others.

### 30281

Changing Demographics Workgroup, Lauren Cnare

Changing Demographics Workgroup, Lauren Cnare reported on the Council workgroup meeting (Paul Kusuda attended) which saw Heather Allen's PP slides and reviewed demographic information. She noted the value of an "age friendly community assessment." Next meeting may be at the Senior Center on June 11 with Applied Population Lab staff, and Christine Beatty will appear before the committee soon. Meeting date will get out ASAP, and committee members suggested that other reports may be helpful to the group, like Professor Mike Hunt piece on NORCs (naturally occurring retirement communities) and the Dane County AAA Boomer report.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 30282

Advocacy Focus for Committee

Advocacy Focus for the Committee. Members suggested that the key issues emerging currently seem to be **LOW INCOME HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH AND AODA ISSUES**. An example was Milwaukee's effort to make senior specific housing, despite HUD guidelines which mingle disabled and elderly. Chairperson Tammy Hagen

Paul Kusuda distributed a draft memo to the Mayor, titled "Request for reconsideration of a current budget decision". He asked that the memo which bypasses standard communication routes be placed on the agenda for discussion at the June meeting and action at the July meeting. Since the memo refers to a September 2011 report, copies were requested.

### 30283

Committee on Aging Candidates

Committee on Aging Candidates. Members brainstormed on potential candidates for committee membership. Eight individuals were identified for follow-up and recruitment. [Katie Crawley smiled.]

### 30284

Staff Report, Christine Beatty  
-Foundation Report  
-Program Activities

-Reclassification

Christine Beatty discussed changes in fees by Baird for our Foundation investments and Foundation members are hearing a presentation from Madison Community Foundation in June. Paul Kusuda was awarded a Lifetime Achievement award from the United Way Community Volunteer Awards for which the Senior Center received \$1,000. Programs during the next month were highlighted. Christine announced that the position of Senior Center Director will be reclassified at 2 levels higher; this is anticipated action by the Personnel Board at their next meeting. At the June meeting the committee will determine a representative (s) to participate in the Neighborhood Center and Gardens funding process. There are two proposals (Goodman and Wilmar Centers) which have senior programs, and this will require 2-3 meetings by the appointed member (s). Members reviewed the March report and wondered why the numbers were down; weather was the suspected culprit.

The Manager of the Mobile Outreach to Seniors Team (MOST, from The Journey) will attend our meeting in June. Mike Verveer will be absent at the June meeting, and Lauren Cnare offers to be available for call-in from Eagle River.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Lauren Cnare moved and Mike Verveer seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 3:20 pm. Motion passed. Next meeting is on June 26.

**The next meeting will be on June 26th.**