



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON AGING

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Wednesday, September 24, 2014

1:30 PM

Madison Senior Center  
330 W. Mifflin St.

Meets the 4th Wednesday of most months.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Guests: Krueger ( North Eastside Senior Coalition), Zutter (RSVP) Staff:  
Crawley (Mayor's Office), Beatty, Guttenberg

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

**Present:** 11 - Michael E. Verveer; Lauren Cnare; James C. Lamal; Edna Canfield;  
Thomas Frazier; Felicitus Ferington; Faisal A. Kaud; Mary Jo A. Rimkus;  
Tamara S. Hagen; Paul H. Kusuda and Rosemary Lee

**Absent:** 2 - Michael R. Jackson and Kathleen Whitt

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 27, 2014 meeting were approved on the motion of  
Faisal Kaud and Edna Canfield.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Paul Kusuda is a member of the Dane County AAA Board.

### REPORTS

1. [35604](#) Madison Senior Coalitions

Attachments: [EMMCA Report.pdf](#)

Jim Krueger has attended United Way Community meetings to encourage their support of older adult programs (case management, home chore) in funding process. Coalitions hope to work with Forward Community Investments to assess collaborative potential between Coalitions in areas like human resources, auditing, search for funding. Invitation to celebrate 20 years of NESC staffer Yolanda Salazar on October 8 here. NESC has started both an Internet Café and a Memory Café. Coalitions will again cosponsor 6TH grade essay contest in May with Jennifer Cheatham as keynote.

2. [31594](#) Community Services Committee, Fay Ferington
- Conference Committee of the Community Services Committee met twice to determine funding decisions for the Emerging Opportunities program. Grants ranged from \$5K to \$29K, and there were requests totaling \$700K with only \$138K available. Council decided to purchase former Grifts Restaurant on McKenna.**
3. [31595](#) Changing Demographics Workgroup, Lauren Cnare
- Committee on hiatus after research and recommendations phase. New members expected to join group.**
4. [35605](#) Madison Senior Center Foundation, Jim Lamal
- No meeting**
5. [34533](#) Dane County AAA Housing Task Force, Mary Jo Rimkus
- Mary Jo attended state-wide input session on housing and remarked upon the range of needs and interests. Too many waiting lists with heavy competition for funding. She will attend next meeting on October 28 with Dane County case managers.**

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. [33492](#) Advocacy Focus for Committee: Affordable Senior Housing/Mental Health Impact on Housing
- Mayor Soglin has announced a "housing first" strategy, that is, don't wait until service issues are resolved, stabilize individuals in housing immediately. Recently, he announced his desire to develop 1,000 units affordable housing in the next five years. Matt Wachter has released first portion of his housing study; the report will be distributed to members.**
7. [35606](#) Generations Article, "Delivering Aging Services: Stability and Change in Policies and Programs"
- Tom Frazier led a discussion on the article from the Summer of 2014 Generations Journal. He noted that it provides a brief review of major senior programs and services, but did not address either Medicare or Social Security. It offers some descriptions of the impact of the Affordable Care Act, including mental health services and preventative services. Committee members were reminded that Forward Community Investments will make recommendations for the 2016 City of Madison funding process. Some services are mandated for others, like the county, state or federal units of government. Paul Kusuda offered his suggestions for a revolving fund for rental security deposits and the need for funding for organizational innovations.**
8. [35607](#) Staff Report, Christine Beatty
- Health and Resource Fair Report
  - Volunteer Coordinator Hire
  - Health and Wellness Speaker, October 1, Monona Terrace
  - Emerging Opportunities Program Applications
  - Board Reappointments in October

Attachments: [June, July, Aug 14.pdf](#)

Pat Guttenberg reported on the Health and Resource Fair with 48 exhibitors, health screenings and housing options for senior adults. The event was very successful and well organized; somewhat lower numbers of participants (from 200 in 2013 to 180 in 2014). Collaboration with Monona Terrace on October 1 brings Dr. Robert McGrath speaking on "Thriving; The Pursuit of Health and Happiness."

Christine announced that John Weichelt has accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator and will begin on Monday, September 29. He holds a BS in Political Science from Marquette University and was previously a volunteer coordinator with Agrace HospiceCare and a director of development at Special Olympics.

Kathy Whitt, Tom Frazier and Rosemary Lee are asking to be reappointed to the committee. Tamara Hagen has decided not to request reappointment. The committee thanked Tammy for her leadership and service.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Lauren Cnare and Tom Frazier moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 PM; passed unanimously.