

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

February 3rd, 2022 | 8:30 – 10:30am | Remote Via Zoom

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- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing In of Commissioners
- IV. Introductions
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 - B. County Fund Mapping update
- X. Report from the Chair
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 - B. County-wide Master Plan for Aging
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- XIII. Adjournment

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December 2nd, 2022 | 8:30 – 10:30am | Remote Via Zoom

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I. Call to Order

Called by Chair Larson at 8:31

II. Roll Call

Present: Marta Larson, Marie Gress, Elizabeth Thompson, Ellen Offen, Margaret Reynolds, Jason Maciejewski, Steven Stein

Absent (excused): Bennett Stark

Absent (unexcused): DeLois Wilson

Number of Community Attendees: 6

III. Public Participation - NONE

IV. Commission Response to Public Participation - NONE

V. Report from the Board of Commissioners

[NOTE] December 7th is the final meeting of the year and appointees will be voted on and approved at that meeting. A list of appointments should be posted today for the new COA.

There will also be communication from the county by Wednesday of next week at the latest.

[NOTE] The BOC set the budget at the last meeting and there is only one more meeting for the rest of the year.

[NOTE] At the meeting in January, it will be decided which commissioner is assigned to the COA. Maciejewski said he has discussed potential bylaw edits in a previous meeting and will share those at the start of the year with the new COA. A document will come in January with proposed bylaw edits.

[NOTE] Stein asks if there has been any movement on the potential millage. Maciejewski states there has been no discussion by the BOC since asking county administration for a plan to potentially spend millage dollars. He believes the report from administration will be submitted in the second quarter. He doesn't expect much to happen until that report is submitted.

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[NOTE] Stein asks for any information on increased funding for Area Agencies on Aging.

[NOTE] Maciejewski states that Older Americans Act funding, which largely supports AAAs, has remained stagnant. He also states there has been ARPA funding awarded to each AAA to spend over the next 22 months. He also recommends subscribing to AAA 1-B's newsletter - the Advocate - and participating in the Advisory Council. MSAC (the Michigan Senior Advocates Council) which is a group of older adults appointed by AAAs, which advises AAAs on state issues and talks to legislators on those issues.

- The Advocate sign up - <http://eepurl.com/hGiQmT>
- Area Agency on Aging 1-B Advisory Council - <https://aaa1b.org/about-us/board-and-advisory-council/>
- MSAC - <https://4ami.org/uploads/files/article/msac-one-pager.pdf>

[NOTE] Thompson states that the state's Commission on Services to the Aging advisory board is looking at ways to keep best practices developed during Covid they are also working to improve training opportunities for direct care workers.

[NOTE] Maciejewski also suggests subscribing to the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan for advocacy updates.

A. ARPA Funds Implementation

[NOTE] Thompson requests an update on awarding these funds.

[NOTE] Maciejewski states that there have been discussions on who will be appointed to evaluate the RFPs but is not aware of any decisions.

[NOTE] Lindeman states that he is working on developing the content of the RFP and it will be released at the start of 2023. The evaluation of the proposals would happen in early 2023.

[NOTE] Maciejewski states there shouldn't be any concern over the length of the RFP development as this process takes longer than expected.

B. County Fund Mapping update

There was no update on county administration's progress in mapping funds allocated to services for older adults.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved Offen, seconded Reynolds that the minutes of the 11.4 meeting be approved.

Unanimous Roll Call Vote in the Affirmative.

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Minutes Approved.

VII. Subcommittee Updates

A. Communications

[NOTE] 2022 Annual Report will be discussed later in the agenda.

B. Needs Assessment - NONE

C. ARPA - NONE

D. Potential Millage - NONE

IX. Discussion Items

A. Letter to County Commissioners Regarding Lindeman

[NOTE] The letter expressing appreciation for Lindeman's work was read to the COA and sent to Peter Lindeman who will share it with the BOC.

[NOTE] Maciejewski states his support for Lindeman.

B. Review and Finalize Annual Report

[NOTE] Annual Report was reviewed.

Moved Offen, seconded Reynolds that the 2022 Annual Report be submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

[NOTE] Reynolds states that she would like to review this further and is asking if it must be approved today.

[NOTE] Larson states that it doesn't have to be approved today but it is the final meeting, so if it isn't approved, it would be passed to the next COA for approval.

[NOTE] Thompson states that ~~her~~ she, Gress, and Larson wrote it carefully as to not bind the next COA to specific things but to give them a sense of what was covered in 2022.

[NOTE] Offen states that the report is written well and condensed. Larson states that she believes the chair of this board in the next year should take this report and present to the BOC.

[NOTE] Thompson states that a third of the commissioners will be new so this information will be a good training opportunity for the new commissioners on the previous year's presentations and partners in the community.

[NOTE] Stein asks if there is information in the annual report on the COA's desire to include more underrepresented populations. Larson states it is not in the report but is included in the discussion of the bylaws.

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[NOTE] Stein asks if it is worth highlighting that the COA would like the BOC to consider underrepresented populations in their work with older adults.

[NOTE] Thompson agrees there could be a statement in the report on this.

[NOTE] Larson suggests including “Exploring ways in which the diversity of the county can be more completely reflected in public programs serving Older Adults.”

[NOTE] Stein requests information about the millage to be included in the report.

[NOTE] Thompson states the including the desire to pursue the AARP livable communities’ program in the future would improve diversity and representation. She believes this program would work well with the community foundations desire to develop a county wide master plan and coordination between services.

[NOTE] Thompson states that with the BOC, there is currently not support for a senior millage. The decision has been to develop a county administration plan on how to use potential millage funds. She believes stating support or ~~not~~ non-support for the millage at this moment would not be helpful.

[NOTE] Thompson encourages those who work with Say Yes! To Seniors to have discussions with county commissioners early about the importance of a senior millage.

[NOTE] Stein supports Thompson’s statements on age friendly communities and the senior millage.

[NOTE] Periods were added to the annual report where they were missing.

[NOTE] A sentence was added in senior housing.

[NOTE] The report will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners and sent to the COA.

Unanimous Roll Call Vote in the Affirmative.

Motion Approved.

C. Bylaws Recommendation

[NOTE] Maciejewski will provide a recommendation in 2023 to amended bylaws. This may include staggering terms and/or adding more member at large seats.

D. New COA Member Orientation Process

[NOTE] Thompson states that the officers want to hold a new member orientation in January to walk new members through what has happened in the last 2 years of the COA.

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[NOTE] Thompson has volunteered to go through each recording and identify where there is a presentation. These timestamps will be provided to new COA members to view for orientation.

X. Report from the Chair - NONE

XI. New Business - NONE

XII. Setting Next Meeting

A. Proposed Change in Date - February 3rd, 2022 @ 8:30am

[NOTE] Offen shows her support to the COA and states that she did not reapply to the commission.

[NOTE] Stein states that he did not reapply to the COA and hopes that the COA will have greater diversity in the future and is looking forward to seeing where the group goes.

[NOTE] Thompson shows her support to Offen and Stein and thanks Larson for her guidance.

[NOTE] Larson would like to add instruction for the next COA member to contact their previous appointee.

[NOTE] Reynolds shows her support for Offen and Stein.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn. Move Reynolds, seconded Thompson. Meeting Adjourned at 9:47am

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