



Commission On Aging

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Monroe County Commission on Aging

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2024

Commission on Aging Conference Room

Don Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Members present Martin Kaufman, Cynthia McIlvain, Dave Emmerich,
Mary Ann Wertenberger, Wayne Meehean,
Paul Simonton, Mary Gantzoz, Larry Gramlich

Members excused: Don Spencer

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the July 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion by: Mary Ann Wertenberger

Supported by: Wayne Meehean

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Special Presentations: Nancy Clark, Executive Director Dundee Senior Center

Seniors attend the Dundee Center from many cities throughout Monroe County. There are also seniors who attend from Adrian, Toledo and Sylvania. There are two cooks, one janitor and one administrative assistant employed at the Center.

Lunch is served daily at 11:30am. Lunch and Learning opportunities are available Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 11:30 – 12:30pm. Books and puzzles can also be borrowed.

An Open House will be held on August 10, 2024 from 2-5pm and is open to the public through donations. Trips, social activities, exercise and games are also part of the Center. Dues are \$20 per year. Membership can begin at the age of 55. Meals on Wheels travels between 125 and 135 miles daily to deliver meals to homebound clients. The Center provides one vehicle and volunteers use their private vehicles for meal delivery.

Stephanie Kasprzak, Executive Director Monroe County Opportunity Program (MCOP):

The 2023 Annual Report was distributed. The MCOP has been in operation since June 14, 1965 and received Gold Tier Status through the Community Action Partnerships Pathways to Excellence Program. They also received a Special Tribute by the Excellence Commission of the National Community Action Partnership.



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The 2023 Community Needs Assessment reported a reduction of poverty by 2.6% in Monroe County. There will be growth for the program in the upcoming years.

During 2023, MCOP distributed 2.7 million pounds of food across Monroe County. This is achieved through volunteers, community partners and staff.

The MCOP Opportunity Center: 96% of parents reported improved mental health for their child through mentor programs at The Opportunity Center. Monthly special events were planned each month.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- B. Strategic Planning Committee notes of June 6, 2024.
- C. Finance Reports
- D. Correspondence – None.
- E. Formal Agency Reports – None

Motion to approve by: Wayne Meehean Supported by: Cynthia McIlvain
Motion Carried.

Directors' Report:

Jason Berry reported the following:

➤ **Common Measures Report**

The June Common Measures Reports provide the Commission with the provider's Cumulative Units Reported vs. Maximum, Cumulative Unduplicated Clients Served vs. Anticipated, Actual Expenditures vs. Total Budget, Total Budget Cost per Unduplicated Client, and Actual Revenue vs. Budgeted Revenue.

➤ **COA Website Views**

The monthly analytics snapshot shows how many hits the COA website received and the categories most visited. Transportation was the most viewed at 75. During June 2024 there were 388 total views.

➤ **Waitlist/Service Not Provided Summary**

Mr. Berry reported that from May 25, 2024, through June 25, 2024, there are 38 reported seniors on the Project Ramp waitlist.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Motion to approve the Monroe Senior Citizens Center funding request for cooler repair.**



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- a. Supporting documentation for replacement of evaporator in the walk-in cooler in the amount of \$4,980.00

*No Action Taken

B. Motion to Deny the Frenchtown Senior Adult Day Service Appeal to Contract Termination

- a. Appeal Letter
- b. Certified Dementia Practitioner booking
- c. Updated Strategic Plan

Motion to approve by: Paul Simonton

Supported by: Mary Gantz

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Martin Kaufman - Yes

Wayne Meehan - Yes

Mary Ann Wertenberger – Yes

Dave Emmerich – Yes

Mary Gantz - Yes

Dave Emmerich - Yes

Cynthia McIlvain - Yes

Larry Gramlich – Yes

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Sandie Pierce, Director Monroe Senior Center:

Absentee ballots are available for the August 4, 2024 primary election ballot

Commission Members Comments:

Cynthia McIlvain: Cheryl Rivard is in treatment and doing well

Dave Emmerich: Adult Day Care will keep working and he is pleased.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Larry Gramlich

Supported by: Cynthia McIlvain

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting takes place on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Commission on Aging, 965 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161.

Ramona Hall, Recording Secretary