



Commission On Aging

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Monroe County Commission on Aging

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2024

Commission on Aging Conference Room

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

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

Members excused: Cynthia McIlvain

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the August 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion by: Wayne Meehean **Supported by:** Mary Ann Wertenberger

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Sandie Pierce, Monroe Senior Center:

Distributed an Every 9th American Committee sheet indicating election results for the August 6, 2024 senior millage with a breakdown of responses by Township/ Municipality.

Special Presentations:

Berlin Senior Center: Michael Bomia, Executive Director and Wanda Bomia

There are approximately 70 seniors in attendance per week, with some coming from out of county. Michael and Wanda Bomia set up and clean up the Center. Lunch is served at noon each day. Out of county member fees pay for the caterer. Member take-out meals can be ordered for home. Euchre games are held on Tuesday each week.

There is a need for under 80 year old volunteers in the kitchen.

The Berlin Center can be rented for funerals for \$100.00

Milan Seniors for Healthy Living: Mary Ann Opal, Executive Director

The 2023 Annual Report and the August 2024 newsletter were distributed. Milan has an 8 person team consisting of 5 full-time and 3 part-time employees. There is also a 10 member Board of Directors. There are approximately 300 members with 100 of those being Lifetime Members.

There were 12,306 meals delivered in 2023. Milan transportation traveled nearly 30,000 miles and provided 3,779 rides. Bingo games and Euchre tournaments are



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also held at the Center. Support services include: transportation, meals, Aging in Action, acupuncture, podiatry service. Memory service and memory testing are available by appointment.

Milan has received a grant from the Glacier Hills Legacy Fund and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation to implement the Aging in Action program. This program supports older adults' efforts to age in place in their homes and communities safely. The program assisted 70 clients in the first six months of operation.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- B. Strategic Planning Committee notes of August 1, 2024.
- C. Finance Reports
- D. Correspondence – None.
- E. Formal Agency Reports – None

Motion to approve by: Wayne Meehan Supported by: Mary Gantz
Motion Carried.

Directors' Report:

Jason Berry reported the following:

➤ **Common Measures Report**

The July 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 and In-Home Services were the most viewed. During July 2024 there were 598 total views.

➤ **Waitlist/Service Not Provided Summary**

Mr. Berry reported that from June 25, 2024, through July 25, 2024, there are 32 reported seniors on the Project Ramp waitlist.

Old Business: None

New Business:



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A. Frenchtown Center for Active Adults:

- a. Darla Myers, Chairman of the Frenchtown Center for Active Adults Board, provided a presentation on the current status of their Adult Day Services program and the board's intent to reapply for funds for the program.
- b. Commission on Aging board members Paul Simonton and Donald Spencer cited a previous request for supporting documentation from Frenchtown Senior Citizens, Inc. Center Operations and Frenchtown Senior Citizens, Inc. Adult Day Service Program for expenditures from calendar years 2018-2024 in the following expense categories funded by the Commission on Aging: Conference/Training and Dues/Fees/License.

Public Comment:

Al Vanwasshenova: The Senior program at Frenchtown is working well in Monroe County.

Commission Members Comments:

Martin Kaufman: more County contacts are needed.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Wayne Meehan

Supported by: Paul Simonton

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting takes place on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Commission on Aging, 965 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161.

Ramona Hall, Recording Secretary