

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

March 3rd, 2022 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Moment of Silence
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Participation
- IV. Commission Response to Public Participation
- V. Approval of Minutes
- IX. Discussion Items
 - A. County-wide Master Plan for Aging
 - B. Future Topics for Discussions/Presentations
 - C. Name and Establish Proposed Subcommittees (Needs & Gaps, Communications, ARPA, Potential Millage, Age-Friendly Communities, others?)
 - D. Proposed Town Hall on Older Adult Safety
 - E. Bylaws Discussion
- VI. Report from the Board of Commissioners
 - A. ARPA Funds Implementation
 - B. County Fund Mapping Update
- X. Report from the Chair
- XI. New Business
- XII. Setting Next Meeting
 - A. April 7, 2023 @ 9am
- XIII. Adjournment

Future Presentations: How to use the Opportunity Index Tool, Safety, Housing, Socialization, Older Adult Data Projections

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February 3rd, 2023 | 8:30 – 10:30am | Remote Via Zoom

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I. Call to Order

Called by Chair Larson at

II. Roll Call

Present: Juliet Ballard, Marta Larson, Marie Gress, Margaret Reynolds, Jennifer Green, Phyllis Herzig, Jennifer Heckendorn, Brenda McKinney, Annie Somerville

Absent (excused): Elizabeth Thompson

Absent (unexcused):

Number of Community Attendees: 1

II. Swearing In of Commissioners

[NOTE] Robert Mulcany swore in all present members

III. Introductions

[NOTE] Members of CoA introduced themselves

- Juliet Ballard- Dexter MI, owns JYB homecare
- Marta Larson- Whitmore late, education consultant
- Marie Gress- Social Work concentration Admin Aging services
- Margaret Reynolds-Retired nurse
- Jennifer Green-Unified HIV health and beyond AA/Ypsi area
- Phyllis Herzig- AA resident- retired geriatric social worker
- Jennifer Heckendorn- AA- geriatric social work- lecturer at u of m
- Brenda McKinney- AA Superior township treasurer
- Commissioner Annie Somerville- Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and works for State Senator Irwin

IV. Public Participation [NONE]

V. Commission Response to Public Participation [NONE]

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved McKinney, seconded Reynolds that the minutes of the 12.2 meeting be approved.

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Unanimous Roll Call Vote in the Affirmative.

Minutes Approved.

IX. Discussion Items

A. Officer Elections

[NOTE] Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary elections.

[NOTE] Larson expressed interest in the Chair nomination.

Moved McKinney, seconded Gress that Larson be nominated as Chair.

Unanimous Roll Call Vote in the Affirmative.

Motion Approved.

[NOTE] The term lengths are 1 year as an officer and 2 years on the commission.

[NOTE] Gress expressed interest in the Vice Chair nomination. McKinney is also interested.

Moved McKinney, seconded Somerville that Larson be nominated as Chair.

[NOTE] Gress withdraws her nomination.

[NOTE] McKinney withdraws her nomination.

[NOTE] Gress nominates McKinney as Vice Chair for a one-year term.

[NOTE] Commissioner Somerville requests to be called Annie.

Unanimous Roll Call Vote in the Affirmative.

Motion Approved.

[NOTE] Thompson is willing to serve as Secretary.

Moved Larson, seconded Reynolds that Thompson be nominated as Secretary.

Unanimous Roll Call Vote in the Affirmative.

Motion Approved.

B. Meeting Calendar (dates and time)

[NOTE] Current schedule is 8:30am one time per month by zoom on Fridays.

[NOTE] Gress requests the meeting time be moved back to 9am.

[NOTE] McKinney states that 9am is okay and requests consideration of in-person meetings as weather and virus permits. Ballard agrees with moving to 9am.

[NOTE] Larson asks if anyone disagrees with moving the meetings to 9am. There is no disagreement.

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Moved Herzig, seconded Ballard that meetings be moved to 9am.

Unanimous Roll Call Vote in the Affirmative.

Motion Approved.

C. New Member Orientation

[NOTE] Marta requests that the PowerPoint presentation be sent to everyone.

[NOTE] CoA members ask where do members report their absence? Absences can be reported to Taylor Clark – tclark@aaa1b.org

[NOTE] Commissioners reviewed previous commission members, commission member expectations, key accomplishments of past commission, and key elements of the aging needs summary report from the powerpoint.

[NOTE] McKinney asks if there is a resource booklet for services in Washtenaw. Gress states that [Catholic Social Services](#) has resources (paper and online), and AAA 1-B has the [connect guide](#).

[NOTE] Consider setting up a resource page for members where info can be linked.

D. Bylaws Discussion

[NOTE] At the end of 2021 there was interest in amending the bylaws and adding 2 additional members. There was also interest in staggering the terms

[NOTE] The topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.

[NOTE] Somerville suggests adding additional seats in key districts like 5&6.

[NOTE] Ballard requests more information about article 3 on how the BOC's appoint members from their district.

[NOTE] Yousef Rabhi's district is vacant, and Somerville will ask Rabhi about appointing someone.

[NOTE] If members know of anyone who lives in district 8, provide those recommendations to Commissioner Rabhi.

[NOTE] Once bylaw changes are decided on, the Commission would recommend the proposed changes to the bylaws and it would then need to be adopted by the BOC.

[NOTE] Officers will develop proposed bylaws changes to present at the next meeting.

[NOTE] Somerville discussed the use of the Opportunity Index as a guide for identifying key areas of the county for targeted representation.

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[NOTE] Possible changes would be adding additional at large seats in targeted districts and adding more representation from specific geographic areas such as Ypsi Township, Ypsi, and Superior Township.

[NOTE] Larson is interested in overlaying senior services on the opportunity index map.

[NOTE] Ballard requested the definition of very low, low in the Opportunity Index Guide to understand how much help is needed to justify the additional need.

[NOTE] Somerville will check to see if there are resources or a presentation that could be given to members regarding the tool.

X. Report from the Board of Commissioners

[NOTE] Commission on reparations has been formed - led by racial equity office and led by Commissioners Jefferson and Hodge.

A. ARPA Funds Implementation

[NOTE] There is no update. Somerville will continue to update the CoA with new information. There is concern that there will not be enough time to spend the funds before the deadline.

B. County Fund Mapping update [NONE]

XI. Report from the Chair

[NOTE] MDHHS is developing a state plan on aging and is holding community conversations where they are asking for community input.

[NOTE] HAC Transportation summit was sent to all Commission members – March 16th.

XI. New Business

A. County Fund Mapping

[NOTE] The Commission asked the county to look at how funds are being expended with a focus on impact on the aging population in the county and look at the spending for every department.

[NOTE] Valuable information that is difficult to obtain. The information will be helpful as the commission determines priorities, including strategic plan and millage discussions

A. County-wide Master Plan for Aging

[NOTE] In process. The CoA requests a report on their progress. Chris Lemon from the Ann Arbor Community Foundation is working on RFP and will update the CoA at the next meeting.

B. AARP Age Friendly County Certification

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[NOTE] The commission is considering taking up this year. It will be discussed further at a future meeting.

C. Suggestions on Future Presentations

[NOTE] Housing and Socialization are being considered as future topics for the HAC. Housing may be in alignment with BOC priorities.

[NOTE] The formation of subcommittees will be discussed at a future meeting.

[NOTE] Please do not share Commissioners' email addresses and phone numbers with the public. If you wish to share your email address and phone number with other commissioners, please contact the Chair, Marta Larson.

[NOTE] McKinney commended previous commission on their work and accomplishments.

XII. Setting Next Meeting

A. March 3, 2023 @ 9am

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn. Move Reynolds, seconded McKinney. Meeting Adjourned at

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