



# Macomb County Board of Commissioners

## OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### 2024 End of Year Report

#### Meetings

- 9 meetings total
- All meetings held at the Macomb County Administration Building

#### Highlights

- Created and adopted a Mission Statement
- Implemented an Action Item Tracker
- Increased social media posts through the Board of Commissioners social media accounts
- Participated virtually in the Area Agencies on Aging Older Michiganian's Day Livestream Event
- Received OAAC brochures for distribution
- Selected the Senior Volunteer of the Year from 13 exceptional nominations
- Participated in the Yoga At the Hill Event

#### Committee Function

- Received information and statistical data from:
  - Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
    - Senior demographics
  - Oakland County
    - Oakland Together Lifeline Pilot Program (2022)
  - Macomb County Office of Senior Services
    - Senior isolation issues and the newly created Macomb County Elder Justice Alliance
- Maintained knowledge of pending and recently enacted state and federal legislation affecting older adults from:
  - AgeWays
    - FY 2024 funding overview for Senior Services (State and Federal)
    - Michigan FY 2025 Budget
    - Older Michiganian's Day Platform for Legislative Action
- Learned about challenges, trends, concerns and opportunities affecting older adults in the County from:
  - Macomb Organization for Retiree Enrichment (MORE)
    - Education and social networking opportunities for seniors

#### Commissioner Barbara Zinner - Older Adult Advisory Committee Chair

District 1 – Tom Matthews  
District 2 – Vacant  
District 3 – Philip Randazzo  
District 4 – Kathy Western  
District 5 – Barbara VanSyckel  
District 6 – Moira Smith

District 7 – Marcia Relyea  
District 8 – Joe Silbernagel  
District 9 – Jennifer Hammel  
District 10 – Carol Weidenbach  
District 11 – Carole Wiseman  
District 12 – Suzanne Ostosh

District 13 – Betty Bishop  
At-Large – Rochelle Fuqua  
At-Large – Vito Pianello  
At-Large – Kathleen Rubino  
At-Large – Carol Thompson

- Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)
    - Senior Programming
- Received monthly updates from the Board of Commissioners concerning any Commission actions that may affect senior adults in the County
- Appointed the 2024-2025 Social Isolation Study Subcommittee for the purposes of researching and implementing a survey on the topic of Social Isolation