



## Macomb County Board of Commissioners OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### 2025 Second Quarter Report

#### Meetings

- 3 meetings total – April, May, June
  - Returned meetings to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) Boardroom
    - Allows additional space to accommodate the increase in membership
    - Provides additional seating for public participation
    - Utilizes the BOC's Agenda and Meeting Management Software
- Revised the 2025 meeting schedule to adjust offsite meeting months and locations of senior centers within Macomb County
  - August 26, 2025 to be held at the Fraser Activity Center
  - November 25, 2025 to be held at the Chesterfield Community Center

#### Highlights

- Through lengthy discussion and exchange of ideas at five meetings, recommended that the Board of Commissioners conduct a survey of older adults (60+) in Macomb County to collect data pertaining to the use of senior services in order to gain a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges affecting older adults in the County
- Offered ideas to be included as the Senior Spotlight section of the bimonthly BOC Newsletter

#### Committee Function

- Relative to its function, as stated in Resolution 17-500, 3.A.1, to review and be aware of local agencies, their programs, and impact on older adults, the OAAC:
  - Gained knowledge of the Martha T. Berry (MTB) Medical Care Facility including preparation steps for placement into the facility
- In addition, as stated in Resolution 17-500, 3.A.3, to maintain a knowledge of pending and recently enacted state and federal legislation affecting older adults and the ways that legislation will or may affect older adults, County agencies and County budgeting:
  - Received information from the Director of Admissions/Community Liaison with MTB regarding proposed Medicaid policy changes
    - Medicaid expansion federal match rate
    - Affordable Care Act (ACA)
    - Enhanced tax credits

**Commissioner Barbara Zinner - Older Adult Advisory Committee Chair**  
**Commissioner James M. Perna – Older Adult Advisory Committee Vice Chair**

District 1 – Tom Matthews  
District 2 – Vacant  
District 3 – Vacant  
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 – Walter J. Martin  
At-Large – Rochelle Fuqua  
At-Large – Meghan Mott  
At-Large – Kathleen Rubino  
At-Large – Carol Thompson

- Relative to its function, as stated in Resolution 17-500, 3.A.2, the OAAC learned about challenges, trends, concerns and opportunities affecting older adults in the County including:
  - Received information on older adult programs from the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension of Macomb County
    - Gardening assistance
    - Master Gardener Volunteer
    - Summer Discovery Cruises
    - Conservation Stewards Program
    - Health and nutrition education
    - 4-H Volunteer
    - Homeownership and financial education