



Macomb County Board of Commissioners

OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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2024-2025 Term Review

19 Total Meetings

- 9 meetings in 2024
 - All meetings held in the Macomb County Administration Building
- 10 meetings in 2025
 - 7 meetings held in the Macomb County Administration Building
 - Resumed offsite locations for 3 meetings
 - Clinton Township Senior Adult Life Center (March)
 - Fraser Senior Activity Center (August)
 - Chesterfield Community Center (November)

Highlights

- Created and adopted OAAC Mission Statement
- Received monthly updates from the Board of Commissioners, per Resolution 17-500, 3.D
- Appointed the 2024-2025 Social Isolation Study Subcommittee for the purposes of researching and implementing a survey on the topic of Social Isolation
 - Through these efforts, the Committee 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 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
- Successfully transitioned to using the Board's Agenda and Meeting Management Solution (AMMS) for requesting to speak and viewing agendas during meetings
- Transitioned between meetings in the Board of Commissioners Boardroom and offsite meetings held at local senior centers throughout Macomb County
 - Increased public participation at offsite meetings
 - Gained awareness of services offered and challenges faced by the municipalities visited

Member Attended Events

- Older Michiganian's Day (OMD) livestream event (2024 and 2025)
- Annual Senior Fun Festival at the Lorenzo Cultural Center at Macomb Community College
- Yoga at the Hill

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At-Large – Rochelle Fuqua
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19 Total Presentations

- 6 presentations in 2024
- 13 presentations in 2025

General Presentations/Discussions

- Macomb Organization for Retiree Enrichment (MORE) (2024)
 - Outlook for 2024
 - Spring/Summer/Fall Offerings
 - Long-term Strategy Development
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
 - Macomb County Senior Demographics
- AgeWays
 - Agency Updates
 - State and Federal Funding
- Oakland County - Oakland Together Lifeline Pilot Program
- Wayne State University - Institute of Gerontology
 - Addressing Isolation and Loneliness in Macomb County's Aging Population
- Forgotten Harvest
 - Overview
 - Food Insecurity
 - Warehouse
 - Mobile Pantry
- US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
 - Financial Fraud
- PACE of Southeast Michigan
 - CARE Model
 - Eligibility
 - Services and Benefits

County Office/Departments Presentations

- Macomb County Office of Senior Services (2024 and 2025)
 - Updates
 - Elder Justice Alliance
 - Results of Surveys on Abuse in Later Life
- Martha T. Berry (MTB) Medical Care Facility
 - Proposed Medicaid Changes
 - MTB Placement Preparation
- Michigan State University (MSU) Extension - Macomb County
 - Older Adult Programs

County-Related Presentations/Discussions

- Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) Update
 - Benefits for Tri-County Residents
 - Community Partnership Programs

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- Senior Program
- Detroit Zoo
 - Strategic Plan
 - Senior Programming
 - Accessibility

BOC Specific Presentations/Discussions

- District 2 Update
- District 7 Update
- District 8 Update

Senior Center Services Presentations

- Clinton Township
- Chesterfield Township

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