

Minutes

**Senior Services | Aging in Place Task Force Meeting**  
**Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Leo Mahany / Harold Meininger Senior Community Center**  
**3500 Marais Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48073**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sarah Kindinger at 7:02pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Rebecca Cheezum, Richard Schmitt, Sue Wells, Sharlan Douglas, Jackie Hudson, Paul Webb, Sarah Kindinger  
Absent: None.

Also Present: Erin Koch, Yolanda Botello and Susan Barkman

**3. Introductions of new member, and new Senior Services Coordinator**  
Jacky Hudson, is our newest task force member replacing Sue McKee.  
Yolanda Botello is the new Senior Services Coordinator

**4. Approval of February 7, 2022 Minutes**

Motion: Approve agenda as presented.

Motion by: Richard Schmitt

Second: Sue Wells

Passed unanimously.

**5. Approval of March 7, 2022 Agenda**

Sharlan wants to add to new business discussion of Oakland County Aging Plan.

Motion: Approve agenda as amended.

Motion by: Richard Schmitt

Second: Sharlan Douglas

Passed unanimously.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Updates from working groups**

**a. Updates on each domain**

Health and Community Services/Rebecca- Beaumont guest experts invited to address mental health, and dementia struggles among seniors, why some seniors are readmitted to hospitals frequently, questions about how to get transportation to appointments and returned home. Henry Ford Hospital guest

to soon answer what they can offer since brand new to the downtown area, churches who offer resources to seniors, vision statement completed, still need to do the “We Hear Statement”.

Housing/Ricard- Discussion of goals and revisions, moving towards recommendations, some experts are vocal, others are quiet and need help to volunteer or offer suggestions.

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings/Sue- Group discussed, parking, park seating, planning department, parks and recreation presented, senior center discussed offerings, hard surface trails slated to be completed with grant funds, snow removal is a concern, ROSES workers offered and some challenges, more accessible ADA parking.

Information and Communication/Sharlan- Last meeting has large turnout of communicators, Parks and Recreation, Daily Tribune editor, Senior Center, Police Department, Community Engagement Specialist, Library Director, coming meeting will be SWAT analysis from the experts who presented last meeting, address weakness and build on strengths.

Transportation/Paul- 2 weeks ago had the last meeting and heard from Door 2 You, SMART methodology on the best resources for your transportation needs, electric vehicles for the future, starting to brainstorm goals. Will be working with Rebecca Cheezum for overlapping topics of the two groups, Richard suggested a central location to find a master list of electronic and paper location for how to access the resources discovered and offered in the city, maybe organized at the senior center for low tech citizens.

Community Engagement and Inclusion/Sarah- Too many offerings of things to do for seniors, there is a lot of different activities and ways to be involved. Barriers exist, and the workgroup will dig down into what prevents from seniors joining or being knowledgeable on offerings, predict other cities who run successful programs as guests to learn from “The Best Practices”, reach out to church groups.

Susan Barkman- This is a 3-year implementation process, so think about solutions within that timeframe. As you think about ideas, keep in mind the resources that are needed. Funding maybe challenging so we need to look at maximizing resources and partnerships. It would be good to have a stretch goal but also some achievable goals to improve outcomes.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Additional working group meeting dates**

Susan has put together some additional dates for meetings for each working group. They will keep the same timing as your current meetings.

### **b. Oakland County Aging Friendly Cities**

Oakland County has created their blueprint plan for seniors. This will help ensure services across the county so we may want to look for opportunities to partner here as well. Many challenges globally for seniors, great ideas presented but also huge price

tags for the projects, how can we get ROSES workers paid better wages to enter a ROSES clients home and do the services, community can help with volunteers.

Sarah- how can we improve communication for seniors, make them strategic but problems will still remain, move the needle, the amount of learning can be to create awareness

Active Aging Focus Area Zoom meetings (Erin Koch sits on this this group)- need to utilize more connections with this group, meet once a month

Yolanda- Resource Book created in Lansing, lots of work to keep phone calls going of what is updated and outdated, cost was \$4 only to pay for reprinting,

## **8. Public Comment**

Janice Wagman: Not all seniors want to join on the technology train, land line phones can get “without permission” calls to inform you of emergency information, we as taskforce need to serve all levels of the wealth income, low and high income, fire department went into senior citizens homes to fix.

## **8. Next Meeting: March 7, 2022**

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion: to adjourn.

Motion by: Sue Wells

Second: Paul Webb

Passed unanimously.

Adjourn at 8:03 pm.