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Multi-Sector Plan for Aging (MPA) Community Advisory Committee & Inter-Agency Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2025

2:00pm - 4:00pm Central Time

555 W. Monroe Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, IL & WebEx

MPA Inter-Agency Task Force Members:

Name	Agency	Present at Meeting?
Mary Killough	Illinois Department on Aging	Yes
Sophia Manuel	Illinois Department of Corrections	Yes
Dan McManus	Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Yes
Sarah Myerscough-Mueller	Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services	No
Jim Bennett	Illinois Department of Human Rights	No
Christine Hammond	Illinois Department of Human Services	Yes
Adam Flores	Illinois Department of Insurance	Yes
Lydia Colunga-Merchant	Illinois Department of Labor	Yes
Janice Phillips	Illinois Department of Public Health	Yes
John Donovan	Illinois Department of Transportation	No
Angie Simmons	Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs	Yes
Alan Quick	Illinois Housing Development Authority	Yes
Mary Milano	Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission	Yes
Christine Haley	Illinois Office to Prevent & End Homelessness	Yes
Kelly Richards	Illinois State Ombudsman	No

MPA Community Advisory Council Members:

Name	Organization	Present at Meeting?
Brenda Battle	University of Chicago Medicine	Yes
Megann Bell	CCDC Property Management & Real Estate	Yes
Amy Brennan	IL Caregiver Coalition	Yes
Mattie Bryant	Chinese American Service League	Yes
Theresa Collins	Senior Services Plus/Illinois Association of Community Care Program Homecare Providers	Yes
Sharon Dornberg-Lee	CJE Senior Life	Yes
Kim Edwards	LifeSpan Center at Coles County Council on Aging	Yes
Greg Grzeskiewicz	Attorney General's Office	Yes
Wilhelmina Gunther	Illinois Assistive Technology Program	Yes

Ed Heflin	Western Illinois University	No
Megan Huisingh-Scheetz	University of Chicago	Yes
Hannah Jackson Alphas	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Yes
Neil James	Metropolitan Mayors Caucus	Yes
Phillipe Largent	AARP	Yes
Geraldine Luna	City of Chicago	Yes
Tony Martinez	Oak Park-River Forest Foundation	No
Felix Matlock	Mercy Housing	Yes
Alizandra Medina	Health & Medicine Policy Research Group	Yes
Patricia Merryweather-Arges	Project Patient Care	Yes
Mary O'Donnell	RRF Foundation for Aging	Yes
Eukesh Ranjit	Memorial Health	Yes
Raj Shah	Illinois Cognitive Resources Network	Yes
Mary Kay Sheehan	Lightways	Yes
Diane Slezak	AgeOptions/I4A	Yes
Michael Stone	Center for Disability & Elder Law	Yes

Other Participants:

Name	Organization	Present at Meeting?
Ryan Croke	Governor's Office	Yes
Liz Vogt	Illinois Department on Aging	Yes
Becky Dragoo	Illinois Department on Aging	Yes
Iris Huber	Illinois Department on Aging	Yes
Jennifer Hebel	Illinois Department on Aging	Yes
Benny Davies	Illinois Department on Aging	Yes
Joslyn Washington	Illinois Department on Aging	Yes
Serena Worthington	RRF Foundation for Aging	Yes
Amanda Lewis	UIC IRRPP	Yes
Iván Arenas	UIC IRRPP	Yes
Matthew Rodriguez	UIC IRRPP	Yes
Camryn Woodworth	UIC IRRPP	Yes
Deana Lewis	UIC IRRPP	Yes
Adriann A	UIC IRRPP	Yes
Justin Bologna	UIC IRRPP	Yes
Uchechi Mitchell	UIC SPH	Yes
Ben Shaw	UIC SPH	Yes
Wesley Epplin	HMPRG	Yes
Adela Carlin	Illinois Partners for Human Services	Yes

AGENDA:

Welcome & Context Stetting

Mary Killough welcomed members of the Inter-Agency Task Force and the Community Advisory Council. All Task Force and Advisory Council members introduced themselves. Mary O'Donnell was announced as co-chair of the Community Advisory Council.

Public Comments

None.

Reframing Aging

Adela Carlin presented the Reframing Aging principles to the group including ways to reshape the narrative about aging and well-being through the MPA.

Research-Based Focus Areas

Uchechi Mitchell presented data on the current landscape for aging in Illinois and proposed the following focus areas for the MPA:

1. Ensuring Health for all Ages
2. Creating Livable and Connected Communities
3. Investing in Caregivers
4. Affording Aging
5. Advancing Equity and Inclusion

Small Group Work

The UIC team led the group in small group discussions centered on the five focus areas. Each group discussed assets, challenges and solutions, and state agencies central to the goal area.

Next Steps & Follow-Up

IDoA will follow up to share slides from the Reframing Aging presentation and the UIC presentation and will share a date for the next meeting. The UIC team will follow up with Advisory Council members interested in having deeper conversations about any of the proposed goal areas.