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July 1, 2020

Dear resident,

The Milwaukee County Commission on Aging is exploring innovative ways to improve our five county-owned senior centers and programming to reach seniors across the County. In January, the Commission issued a report: *"Envisioning the Future, Milwaukee County Senior Centers 2020,"* that describes initial research, findings, and recommendations based upon feedback from an online survey and a series of community conversations held in 2019.\*

Having adopted the recommendations contained in this report, the Commission on Aging is now seeking non-staff volunteers like you to serve on a newly created Senior Center Committee of the Commission on Aging. This Senior Center Committee will be responsible for prioritizing and refining the ideas for improvement set forth in the report, as well as exploring viable solutions and monitoring their implementation. Specifically, the committee will:

1. Evaluate suggestions presented in the Report;
2. Categorize suggestions as long or short term;
3. Review and prioritize the programming and infrastructure needs at each Milwaukee County Senior Center;
4. Develop and monitor short and long-term plans for the centers and programming;
5. Ascertain what resources will be necessary to carry out these plans;
6. Report findings and recommendations back to the Advisory Council.

As interim chair of the planning group charged with organizing the Senior Center Committee, I am excited to help recruit members who are willing to share their ideas and expertise. Whereas the success of the committee depends on the full commitment of every member, please review the following responsibilities and expectations before expressing an interest:

- Participation in regularly scheduled Committee meetings (currently being held virtually).
- Commitment to serve at least one year (October 2020 through September 2021).
- Active participation in any senior programming located in Milwaukee County.
- A passion for the health and welfare of all elders in Milwaukee County.



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Senior Center Committee Invitation Letter  
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If you are interested and can make the commitment, please complete the attached application form online\*, email it to [daniel.idzikowski@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:daniel.idzikowski@milwaukeecountywi.gov), or mail it to:

Milwaukee County Department on Aging  
ATTN: Senior Center Committee  
1220 W. Vliet Street, Ste. 302  
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no later than August 15th. We look forward to working with you to make this year the best yet!

Respectfully,



Sharon Abston-Coleman, Ph.D.  
Vice Chair  
Milwaukee County Commission on Aging

\*The full report, supporting documentation, and application is available on the Department on Aging website: <https://county.milwaukee.gov/Aging/Envision>.