



OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

CITY OF NOVI

Council Conference Room | Novi Civic Center

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0400

1. **Welcome – Introductions:**

Dr. Joslen Letscher (absent-ex), Michael Longo, Neha Kiru (absent-ex), Janet Censoni and Cecilia Gallagher
Salene Riggins (PRCS Commissioner)
Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services Coordinator)
Kit Kieser (OAS Manager)

Each present member took a few moments to share a little bit about themselves and how they came to be on the committee. Manager Kieser introduced herself and shared her professional background with the group.

2. **Highlights and Stats from Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Kieser/Fisher)**

Coordinator Fisher shared numbers of residents served via the durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet, meals served through Meals on Wheels, Focus: HOPE, and TEFAP, and highlights from or volunteer program in 22-23.

Kieser shared the number of contact points and registrations made through OAS social programs, travel, special events, and fitness programs. She also discussed total completed rides by Senior Transportation for 22-23.

3. **Programs and Events Update (Kieser)**

Kieser informed the board of upcoming programs including Learn-to-Play programs for Rummikub and Mahjong, Sip, Sip, Hooray!, Oktoberfest celebration at Lakeshore Park, the Veterans Day Celebration, and the Thanksgiving Luncheon.

4. **Social Services Update (Fisher)**

Fisher shared about upcoming programming to continue to close the digital divide – Cutting the Cord, one-on-one technology assistance, and Smart DriverTeK.

5. **Older Adult Needs Committee Update (Kieser)**

Kieser briefly touched on the focus of discussion for the meetings in June and July—primarily information gathering around the topic of a senior center in Novi. The most recent meeting, on July 24, focused on Transportation. The August 7 meeting is expected to be a continuation of that discussion.

6. **Discussion – History and Future of OAS Advisory Board**

Each present member discussed their history with the board. All expressed concern and focus on wanting to bring a senior center or community center for

seniors to gather in Novi. Time did not allow to establish specific goals for the next year of the committee, but will be addressed at the next meeting. Kieser recommended that interested members attend OAN meetings if they would like to share their perspective regarding a senior center and/or the name of OAS.

7. Roundtable

Continued discussion took place regarding each members' personal experience and hopes for seniors in Novi.

8. ADJOURNMENT

2023 Meeting Dates:

October 17

December 19