

Commission on Aging Public Policy Committee

July 11, 2024

9:30 – 11:00 Zoom Minutes

Attendees:

Commissioners: Kate Stein (PPC co-chair) David Engel (CoA chair), Linda Bergofsky, Janice Zalen, Barbara Selter, Betsy Carrier, Wayne Berman Staff: Pazit Aviv,

The Minutes for the June 13, 2024, meeting was approved unanimously.

Committee discussed nursing home inspections letters and the impact of Dr. Nay resigning. The Committee discussed the need to get an update on the working group with Dr. K. and what legislation might be helpful in the next GA session. An FY 26 Budget priority of the CoA should be to advocate for funding of surveyors once the MOU is restored. It was suggested to survey nursing home residents.

The Committee agreed to support Wise Cities and write a letter (submitted on 7-22-24) of testimony to provide funding from the National Institute on Aging a2 Pilot Award.

The Committee confirmed that written testimony (6-20-24) for County Bill 6-24 creating a new property tax credit to severely disabled, honorably discharged Veterans whose federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$100,000 was sent to the County Council.

The Committee had a robust discussion of CoA policy priorities (budget and advocacy) proposed by CoA committees.