



# OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

CITY OF NOVI

Mayor's Conference Room | Novi Civic Center

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – 6 P.M.

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**1. Welcome – Introductions:**

Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Janet Censoni, Cecilia Gallagher, Salene Riggins (PRCS Commissioner), and Matt Lazell  
Sandy Fisher, OAS Social Services Coordinator  
Madison Lachance, OAS Recreation Supervisor (ab-ex)  
Kit Kieser, OAS Manager

**2. Advisory Board membership changes (Kieser)**

Manager Kieser gave the group an update regarding Neha Kiru rolling off the advisory board. Kieser introduced Matt Lazell, who joined the advisory board and attended for the first time at this meeting. Everyone briefly introduced themselves to Matt.

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

Kieser provided updates to the group regarding Older Adult Needs Committee's presentation to City Council on October 9. Kieser presented information about the OAN's recommendation regarding transportation, staffing, and communication enhancements that could be made to better reach older adults in the community.

**4. OAS Staffing Update (Kieser)**

Kieser gave an update on recent staffing changes within the Division—recommended by the OAN committee and presented to council. While the department has been reduced by one part-time programming position, there has been a full-time Manager and a full-time Recreation Supervisor added over the course of 2023. This is a headcount increase of .5 to the Division's staffing overall.

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

Kieser provided a short update on upcoming events that could use some support from the group. The annual Veterans Day Celebration is set for November 9 and the team is steeped in planning for the event. The Thanksgiving (11/16) and Holiday Luncheons (12/7) are gearing up. OAS will also be presenting three programs for the 12 Days of Lakeshore Lodge: a wreath-making workshop, a Novi Holiday History talk, and a Seinfeld-themed holiday party called A Festivus for the Rest of Us.

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

Coordinator Fisher provided an update regarding some social services programs currently taking place: A Matter of Balance, the AARP Smart Driver Program,

Cutting the Cord, and one-on-one counseling for Medicare Part D open enrollment.

**7. Discussion**

Kieser presented the group with a copy of the original establishing resolution for the advisory board and discussed the direction of the group. She would like to focus on three main areas with which the group is charged:

- I. Support the Older Adult Services Division secure sponsorship leads for programs and special events
- II. Become champions for older adults in the community and develop connections that will maximize the efficacy of OAS
- III. Promote community involvement in programs and services offered by OAS

**8. Roundtable discussion**

Kieser answered questions from the group about the staffing and operational structure of the Older Adult Services Division and the scope of the Older Adult Services Advisory Board. The group asked how members of the Advisory Board can have their voices heard by elected and appointed officials on the Older Adult Needs Committee and City Council. Kieser encouraged City Council and OAN Committee attendance and comment or writing letters to local officials.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**2023 Meeting Dates:**

December 19