

2024 Senior Advisory Council Goals

1. Education and Outreach to Older Adults and their Advocates

Area of Emphasis in 2024: Health Care, Prevention of Financial Exploitation, increased technology use, ADA compliance, new and emerging Older Adult issues.

Strategies to achieve the goal: Presentations to SAC membership; Senior Center visits; work with the Chief of Older Adult Services; relevant material distribution and assist in identifying obstacles for increased technology use.

Steps for Consideration: Presentations regarding Oakland County Transportation plans inclusive of Awareness of ADA regulations, Proposed Plans for ARPA Funds to modify Older Adults Homes, Oakland County Older Adult Health Programs, Parks & Recreation opportunities for Older Adults, Financial Security and Scams, and other opportunities as appropriate. Material distribution through SAC membership to Senior Centers, and publications on Oakland County website and media channels via Council and staff.

2. Educate Seniors by Providing Training/Meetings with Partner Organizations, Community Groups and Institutions

Areas of Emphasis in 2024: Districts' Senior Centers. programs, and educational institutions, and continued participation with AgeWays to assist in identifying and planning Older Adult listening sessions, instruction, and training opportunities.

Strategies to achieve goal: District-by-District meetings/listening sessions with SAC member and District Commissioners; SAC members attend AgeWays events and Continue NACo material distribution of Health, Dental and Rx plans.

Steps for consideration: Develop recommended operating guidelines supporting local senior groups, Senior Centers, and Oakland County Commissioners. Assist in creating/adopting by-laws for senior centers and potential local senior advisory councils. Provide community awareness and share insights and information regarding Older Adult topics at Senior Centers, Community Centers, and places of worship within Council Member Districts.

3. Improve Public Awareness of the Senior Advisory Council

Area of Emphasis in 2024: Develop teams to address information gaps in Senior Centers throughout Oakland County.

Strategies to achieve goal: Coordinate Senior Center visits by SAC members and District Commissioners for listening sessions to communicate and receive information within their Districts. Council members to regularly update their respective Commissioners. Invite Commissioners, District members, and Senior Center Directors to an Annual Breakfast to be scheduled when appropriate. Consider offsite meetings for Council visibility. Invite Oakland County Senior Center Directors to attend SAC meetings when appropriate.

Steps for consideration: Meetings at Senior Centers. District SAC member meetings with their commissioners. Identification of offsite locations for monthly meetings. Continued development and improvement of the County Senior website.