Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Ohio Advisory Council for Aging

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

Pursuant to ORC 173.03, the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging provides guidance to the director of the Department of Aging on matters impacting older adults. Members gather information and ideas from their communities and share those interests with the director and the department. They also provide input and advise on department programs and objectives such as agency plans, pending state and federal legislation, and budgets.

The diversity of the advisory council helps to ensure the needs of older adults are met. At least half of the members must be at least 50 years of age. It is also required that no more than seven members can be from the same political party. At minimum, Governor-appointed members are required to be representatives from the following fields: business, labor, health, law, and human services.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The department coordinates and performs the administrative functions of the advisory council. Department staff provide updates on projects and important topics before the advisory council and participate in meetings. Historically, the director of Department of Aging and her staff dedicate a total of 195 hours per year to support the advisory council and attend meetings and committees.

Agency’s past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

Nominal funding is required to support the advisory council. The department may provide mileage reimbursement for members upon request, pursuant to ORC 173.03 (E). During SFY 2024, the department paid out mileage reimbursement requests totaling $606.60.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The Advisory Council for Aging consists of 21 total members: 12 are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; the Medicaid director and the directors (or their designees) of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Developmental Disabilities, Health, and Job and Family Services each serve in an ex-officio capacity; and, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House each appoint two members, one from each party, to also service in an ex-officio capacity. Members are not compensated but are eligible for mileage reimbursement.

Additional notes

The Department of Aging respectfully requests the committee's favorable support to sustain the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging.