Josh Berg – Term ends 10/1/2022

Josh Berg supports the independence of individuals with permanent physical disabilities and brain injuries, seniors and or veterans through his work with assisted living communities, community residential settings and individuals living in their own homes. Berg has an in-depth knowledge of the system serves our most vulnerable neighbors and the challenges and barriers these individual face because of this system. He is a member of the Elko New Market City Council. He takes pride in their work to bring equity and equality to all citizens, regardless of their race, gender, ability, income level, spoken language, etc.

NancyLee Dahlin – Term ends 10/1/2023

NancyLee Dahlin started her work in the aging field 30 years ago, writing a grant for a new program called "adult day services." Since then, she has developed, designed, and implemented extensive programing for adult day services. She was the primary caregiver for her mother for 15 years. According to Dahlin, "The road I traveled brought me to my destination. It is my turn; I am ready to roar!"

Pat Fitzgibbon - Term ends 2/1/2023

Pat Fitzgibbon has a B.A. in Nursing and an M.A. in Health and Human Services. She was a staff nurse on an adolescent mental health unit and has extensive experience in long term care and assisted living facilities. She spent 27 years working at the Minnesota Department of Health as a nurse surveyor and supervisor in the Licensed and Certification Section and as a nurse investigator in the Office of Health Facility Complaints. Fitzgibbon also has experience as a caregiver and an interest in improving aging for all individuals across the metro. Fitzgibbons notes that her family includes African American, Latino, Asian and Native individuals and some family members for whom English is not their first language. She has a high level of awareness of different cultural practices, especially related to health care and home services.

Barbara Greene - Term ends 2/1/2023

Barbara Greene has experience as an advocate and educator in developing infrastructure and new pathways for community inclusion. She worked as Director of Community engagement for the statewide Honoring Choices Minnesota initiative. With the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Greene brought forward diverse perspectives on end-of-life care. In recent work with Minnesota’s Stairstep Foundation, she worked with African American thought leaders on reducing individuals and collective trauma to create healing and greater well-being across Pan-African American populations. Greene has been an executive board member for Giving Voice Initiative for persons living with dementia.
**Diane Grooms - Term ends 10/1/2022**

Diane Grooms is an Elder Support Services/Housing Specialist for American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC). She recruited and assisted elders in qualifying elder housing in 2012 for the Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi project and worked with the elders ever since. Diane is an enrolled member in the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. She has been a member of a number the committees in the Native American community such as MAIC Elders Picnic, Urban Elder, Elder Abuse Conference, Native American Advisory and the Shared Power Advisory. Diane obtained her Bachelor of Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. Before working for AICDC, Diane spent 24 years in the airline industry working for Northwest/Delta Airlines in accounting as an analyst and in customer service. Diane is also a co-founder and an avid member of the Native Elder Games and has participated in the Senior Games since 2018 and qualified for and participated in the 2019 Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Diane hopes to compete in the 2021 National Senior Games next November.

**B. Jan McCulloch, Ph.D. – Term ends 8/1/2022**

Jan McCulloch spent her professional life as an educator, social science researcher and academic administrator. She was recruited to the University of Minnesota to serve as Department Head and Professor in Family Social Science, College of Education and Human Development. Her academic specialties include social science research and methods, family gerontology, and family relationships. Before her tenure at the University of Minnesota, McCulloch held a joint appointment in the Department of Family Relations and the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky. She also has served on several professional boards and served for 10 years on the Metropolitan Area of Agency Board of Directors with roles including Secretary and President.

**Michelle Nordwall – Term ends 1/1/2023**

Michelle is a Senior Research Analyst at Stratis Health. She is also a caregiver for her Dad, who has Alzheimer's Disease and has dealt with various negative effects of social isolation. Michelle has worked on many projects related to healthcare and aging, including work on reducing healthcare-acquired conditions in nursing homes, medication safety and adverse drug event prevention, and surveys on patient safety culture. She has also worked on projects that involve cultural competency, implicit bias, rural health, health disparities, and American Indian/Alaska Native healthcare quality initiatives.
Beverly Propes – Term ends 10/1/2022

Beverly Propes is a semi-retired health consultant, licensed public health nurse and registered nurse in Minnesota. She was a school nurse in Minneapolis for thirteen years. She has been a health ministry/wellness educator for community churches and the northside community for over twenty-five years. Propes has completed health facilitation/wellness trainings for Arthritis, Alzheimer’s/Dementia, American Heart Association, Diabetes Association, American Cancer Survivor and Living a Healthy Life. She has served as an advisor and committee member for countless health initiatives including North Point Health and Wellness, Act on Alzheimer’s West African ACT and Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller ACT, Way to Grow, Northside Residents Redevelopment Council, Infant Mortality Among African Americans Project: Community Voices and Solutions (CVAS), and The Anika Foundation.

Yoonju Park – Term ends 10/1/2022

Yoonju Park is a licensed, independent social worker. She worked as a social worker for 12 years at Catholic Charities before working for the Korean Service Center (KSC). She was hired as the executive director of KSC in 1995 and retired in Dec. 2019. Park has extensive working experience with staff members at MAAA through KSC’s Special Access and Caregiver programs. Working for older adults is her passion. She seeks a better world for those experiencing disparities and inequity in this society, and she uses her experiences and knowledge for the purpose. Park immigrated to this country in 1975 and obtained a Master of Education from the University of Minnesota 1981.

Bob Roepke (Chair) – Term ends 8/1/2022

Bob Roepke retired in 2002 from 3M after 35 years providing leadership in human resources and organizational development. Since his retirement, he has increased community engagement among older adults and supports cities in preparing for the growing aging population. He is a partner in the Community Asset Development Group that, in partnership with the Community Asset Foundation and the Good Samaritan Society, are building assisted living facilities in small towns across Minnesota. Roepke has served as mayor of Chaska and as a Chaska City Council Member. He has chaired the Community Foundation for Carver County. Roepke has served as a board member for many organizations, including Carver County Health Partnership, Carver Scott Education Coop Foundation, Ridgeview Medical Center Foundation and Moravian Care. He is a past board member and chair of the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging.

Dawn Selle - Term ends 10/1/2022

As the Director of External Affairs and Development at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Dawn Selle brings extensive experience working with a range of senior clients and partners such as AARP and Wilder Foundation. She recognizes the distinct needs of those in the Summit-University neighborhood. She often serves as a liaison between the senior social groups at HQB (The Golden Agers and the Retired Men’s Club) and the community. Founded in 1929, Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc. is an African American, nonprofit social service agency open to all, primarily serving the Summit-University area of Saint Paul. Selle is deeply invested in resource enrichment for working-class and immigrant populations.
Patty Thorsen - Term ends 8/1/2022

Patty brings her education and experience in Library and Information Science to seek new ideas and solutions for caregivers and people aging with disabilities. As a person who has lived her entire life with various disabilities (cerebral palsy and epilepsy) and has developed other disabilities later in life, she has combated perceptions of diminished mental capacity. As a caregiver for her parents and as a person aging solo, Patty brings unique perspectives to older adults' needs. Patty has served on the Citizens League committee to study "senior solos" and their Transit Study Committee. She also served on the Snelling-Midway Redevelopment Community Advisory Council, which examined the proposed Minnesota United soccer stadium and the surrounding area. She serves on the Metropolitan Councils' Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee and is an AARP volunteer.