

Monday, March 11, 2019

We are writing to you with an update regarding services for older adults in Milwaukee County through the former Interfaith Older Adult's Neighborhood Outreach Program. The Neighborhood Outreach Program (NOP) provides services to older adults in Milwaukee County with the same design that we utilize in Waukesha County. In fact, our agency's Faith in Action program, first known as Interfaith Caregiving Network, was modeled after the NOP in Milwaukee County. NOP was part of Interfaith Older Adult Programs until the agency's merger with another agency in 2018. The merged organization was named Unison.

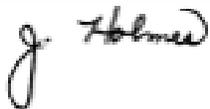
In 2018, Unison was impacted by several issues, resulting in the agency's recent announcement that they will be dissolved by March 15, 2019. The NOP employees are no longer employed, and approximately 5,000 seniors are at risk of having no connection to the community. Several individuals from Milwaukee County reached out to our organization to consider overseeing the Neighborhood Outreach Program to ensure that seniors would continue to have services.

The Board of Directors of Eras Senior Network has committed to coordinating the NOP through June 30, 2019 to ensure that all clients of this important program will continue to receive help. Eras will employ the NOP staff, and provide support including securing liability insurance, sufficient telephone services, computers for staff, and other basic expenses to run the program.

During these four months, the Eras Board and staff will work with the NOP team and Milwaukee County Department on Aging to understand the status of the program and determine if Eras is the best organization to provide a permanent home for NOP. We ask for your support and patience during this time, as we work to understand how all the changes of the last 18 months have impacted the program.

During this time, all financial and in-kind support intended for Eras Senior Network will be used to support Waukesha County services. Our organization will ensure that any and all Milwaukee County-focused support will be utilized to support for Milwaukee County seniors.

Our Faith in Action staff will continue to coordinate services for Waukesha County seniors and adults with disabilities, and we need you to continue as a volunteer, donor, and community partner! Thank you for the support that you provide to our mission.



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