

## History of the North Oakland Advisory Council

The North Oakland Advisory Council is an Ad Hoc committee of OLHSA's Board of Directors. Advisory Councils are maintained to provide consumers of services an opportunity to make recommendations to the OLHSA Board of Directors and aid in the mobilization of resources where advisory members have influence. Membership is comprised of persons living or working in Northern Oakland County.

This council started in September of 2012. The purpose of the North Oakland Advisory Council is to:

- A. Receive information about services, policies and problems which affect low income, persons with disabilities and elderly residents of northern Oakland County.
- B. Serve as an advocate on behalf of low income, persons with disabilities and elderly persons in regard to services, policies, and problems on a local, state and federal level.
- C. Make recommendations and reports to OLHSA Board of Directors on related issues and concerns.

The council meetings feature quarterly presentations on a variety of topics. Prior presentations have included: Freedom Road Transportation, SMART transportation programs, Medicare low income subsidizes, Pontiac Time Bank and how to start your own time bank, history of Presbyterian Village, general safety by Village of Holly Police Chief, Mike Story, fire safety by Fire Chief, Steve McGee, preventing elder and vulnerable adult abuse, exploitation and neglect, OLHSA's food programs, and Oakland County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs.

Every two years, advisory council members nominate up to two members to run as candidates for OLHSA's Board of Directors. They also nominate two members to participate in the election as delegates to vote on new members of the Board of Directors.

Meetings take place the third Thursday of the month in January, April, July, and October from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Holly Woodlands at 3325 Grange Hall Road.

If you would like to get involved with the North Oakland Advisory Council, please email Marie Verheyen, staff liaison at [MarieV@olhsa.org](mailto:MarieV@olhsa.org).