



City of Rochester Hills
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Micheline Sommers COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
DATE October 20, 2013 ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 25 YEARS
OCCUPATION Director Older Adult Specialty Services for Oakland Family Services

INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS

I have worked in the field of aging for over 25 years, working in non-profit to meet the needs of older adults. I have been responsible for multi-million dollar funding opportunities from the federal and local level; responsible for the design, development, implementation and sustainability of these programs. I am a member of the OPC and vested in it's continued successful operations.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED (LIST MUNICIPALITIES AND DATES)

I have served one three-year term on the OPC Advisory Board. I have served as Vice President of the Oakland County Citizens Alliance for the Probate Court and Circuit Court Family Division representing the needs of Oakland County seniors for over ten years.

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD

On a national level, I serve on the American Society on Aging's Mental Health and Aging Leadership Council and past secretary for the National Council on Aging's Health Promotion Institute. On a state level, I am Chair of Geriatric Social Workers of Southeast Michigan, and past Co-Chair of Leadership Greater Rochester's Alumni Group.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

I am a founding member of Oakland County's S.A.V.E. (Serving Adults who are Vulnerable and Elderly) Elder Abuse Task Force, Southeast Michigan Senior Regional Collaborative, Coordinated Community Response Coalition for Elder Abuse (Oakland and Wayne Counties), Waterford Aging Network and a member of the St. Irenaeus Parish Health Ministry and OPC's Signature Event Committee.

PERTINENT EDUCATION

I received my Bachelor of Science degree from Oakland University in Human Resource Development. I have a Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan majoring in Community Organization. I have a Specialist in Aging from the University of Michigan's Institute of Gerontology.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

I like to volunteer at the OPC any chance I get including the Senior Olympics, Spotlight Market Apple Pie Sale, and anything that supports the Meals-on-Wheels Program. I love to participate with my grandchildren and started them at any early age learning the importance of giving back to their community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I received the 2013 Courage to Lead Award from Oakland County's S.A.V.E. Elder Abuse Task Force and am a previous recipient of the Sunrise Pinnacle Award and the Alliance for Children and Families' New Age of Aging Showcase Award for Mentoring. I have worked my entire career in the non-profit arena and am familiar with federal and state funding streams and reporting compliance.