

## GUIDE TO SUPPORT FOR OUR AGING COMMUNITY: A10AA, AAC, AND COA \*

<b>Organizational Characteristics and History</b>	<b>A10AA</b>	<b>AAC</b>	<b>COA</b>
Part of a network of federal-, state- and local-level units created by the Older Americans Act of 1965, through which funding for a variety of services to support seniors is channeled	X		
A private, nonprofit organization serving Monroe and Owen counties; one of sixteen Agencies on Aging in the state of Indiana	X		
Overseen by a twelve-member Board of Directors	X		
A local grassroots coalition formed in 2006 by several individuals interested in developing Bloomington’s capacity to support its seniors; membership open to anyone interested in the concerns of seniors		X	
Coalition members recognized the need for a senior-oriented presence within the City of Bloomington government, and successfully lobbied the City to create the Commission on Aging		X	
Overseen by a seven-member Steering Committee of volunteers		X	
Established in 2009; a nine-member commission that is part of City government; five members are appointed by the Mayor, four members are appointed by City Council; all appointments are for two-year terms			X
Meetings are announced on the City’s website, and all are open to the public			X
Overseen by the City’s Community and Family Resources Department; the Department is represented <i>ex officio</i> at Commission meetings by its staff liaison			X
<b>Areas of Interest</b>	<b>A10AA</b>	<b>AAC</b>	<b>COA</b>
Health and wellness	X	X	X
Housing	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	X
Employment	X	X	X
Social services	X	X	X
Recreation	X	X	X
Creative aging	X	X	X

<b>Services and/or Recent Activities</b>	<b>A10AA</b>	<b>AAC</b>	<b>COA</b>
Information and Referral Services: Aging and Disability Resource Center, Senior Medicare Patrol, State Health Insurance Assistance Program, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Adult Guardianship Program	X		
In-Home Services: Case Management, Caring Companions, More than a Meal, Repairs Team	X		
Health and Wellness Services: Endwright Center, RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program, Nutrition Services, Chronic Disease Self-Management Program	X		
Other Services: Rural Transit, Housing, Mobility Assistance Devices, Patriot Pals	X		
Provides advocacy with state legislators on issues related to aging and disability	X		
Monthly meetings featuring a guest speaker on a topic of interest to seniors, with a lunch buffet provided by Meadowood; free and open to the public		X	
Acts as advisory council to Area 10 Agency on Aging		X	
Creative Aging Initiative: Originally a festival held each May in recognition of Older Americans Month; now a year-round promotion of selected creative aging events offered by various organizations across both town and campus; most events are free or low-cost			X
Best Cities for Successful Aging Project: Using similar college towns in the Midwest for comparison, a Commission task force assessed how Bloomington stacks up in terms of community support for its senior population			X
White House Conference on Aging Policy Brief Project: Commissioner teams reported on official White House briefs summarizing the four key policy areas related to aging in the USA—Retirement Security, Long-Term Services and Support, Elder Justice, Healthy Aging			X
Provides comments on city-wide or county-wide policy positions, such as updates to the Growth Policies Plan			X

\*Area 10 Agency on Aging (**A10AA**); Active Aging Coalition (**AAC**); and the City of Bloomington Commission on Aging (**COA**)