

AgeOptions Board of Directors and Advisory Council

People of all ages who want to contribute to the quality of life in their own communities and across the region are sought to serve as volunteers on the AgeOptions Board of Directors and Advisory Council. All Board and Council members during their three-year terms are involved in the oversight of services planned and funded by AgeOptions.

The **Board of Directors** is the governing body of AgeOptions.

- It sets policy, provides strategic direction, oversees the business of the agency, contributes and secures resources for the successful operation of the agency and represents AgeOptions to a wide number of publics.
- Individuals with specialized knowledge, skills and experience are especially needed. Examples include: corporate representation, business, finance, accounting, law, public relations and marketing, resource development and board and organizational development.

The **Advisory Council** represents and links AgeOptions to suburban Cook County communities.

- It focuses on programmatic issues and recommends action to the Board of Directors. Council committees are often issue oriented and focus on legislation and public information.
- As required by the Older Americans Act, 50 percent of members must be over the age of 60 and include minorities, low-income individuals and those who receive services funded by AgeOptions.
- Members must also include elected officials and representatives of community-based organizations offering services to older adults. All areas of suburban Cook County must be represented.

For information on the application process for the Board of Directors or Advisory Council, please contact Karen Abee at (708)383-0258 or karen.abee@ageoptions.org