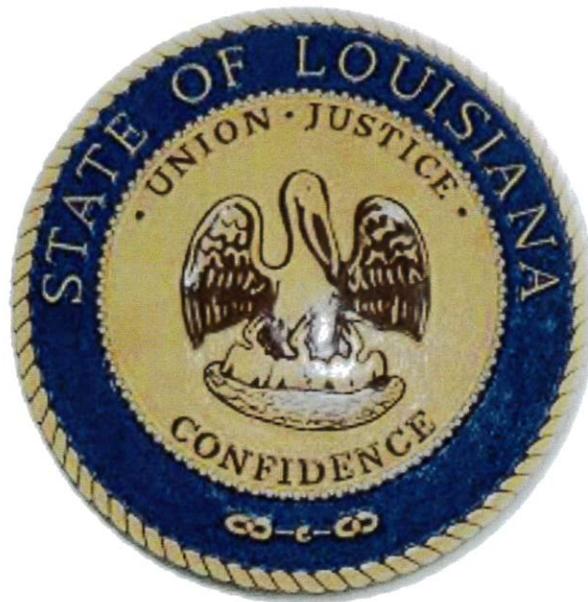


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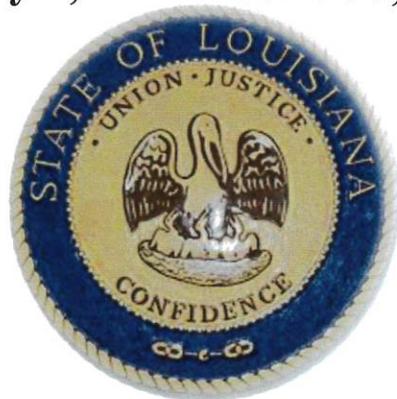
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4-Year Plan for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027

Area Plan Update for July 1, 20__ – June 30, 20__

Area Plan Amendment (Date): _____

This Area Plan for programs on aging is hereby submitted for the Morehouse parish planning and service area by the Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc./Area Agency on Aging. The Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc./Area Agency on Aging assumes full responsibility for implementation of this plan in accordance with requirements and regulations of the Older Americans Act (OAA); laws and rules of the State of Louisiana; and policies and procedures of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs.

This plan includes all information, goals, objectives, and assurances required by the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs' Area Plan on Aging format, and it is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct.

Signature:  Date: 1-25-2023
Director, Area Agency on Aging

The Advisory Council of Morehouse Area Agency on Aging has participated in the development and final review of this Area Plan.

Signature:  Date: 1-25-2023
Chairperson, Advisory Council, Area Agency on Aging

The Board of Directors of the Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc./Area Agency on Aging has reviewed this plan and Submittal Page. It is understood that approval covers all sections of this Plan and indicates satisfaction of the full board that the plan is complete, correct, and appropriately developed for the planning and service area.

Signature:  Date: 01/25/2023
Chairperson, Board of Directors

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Secretary, Board of Directors

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Section 1: Mission Statement

The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs' mission statement:

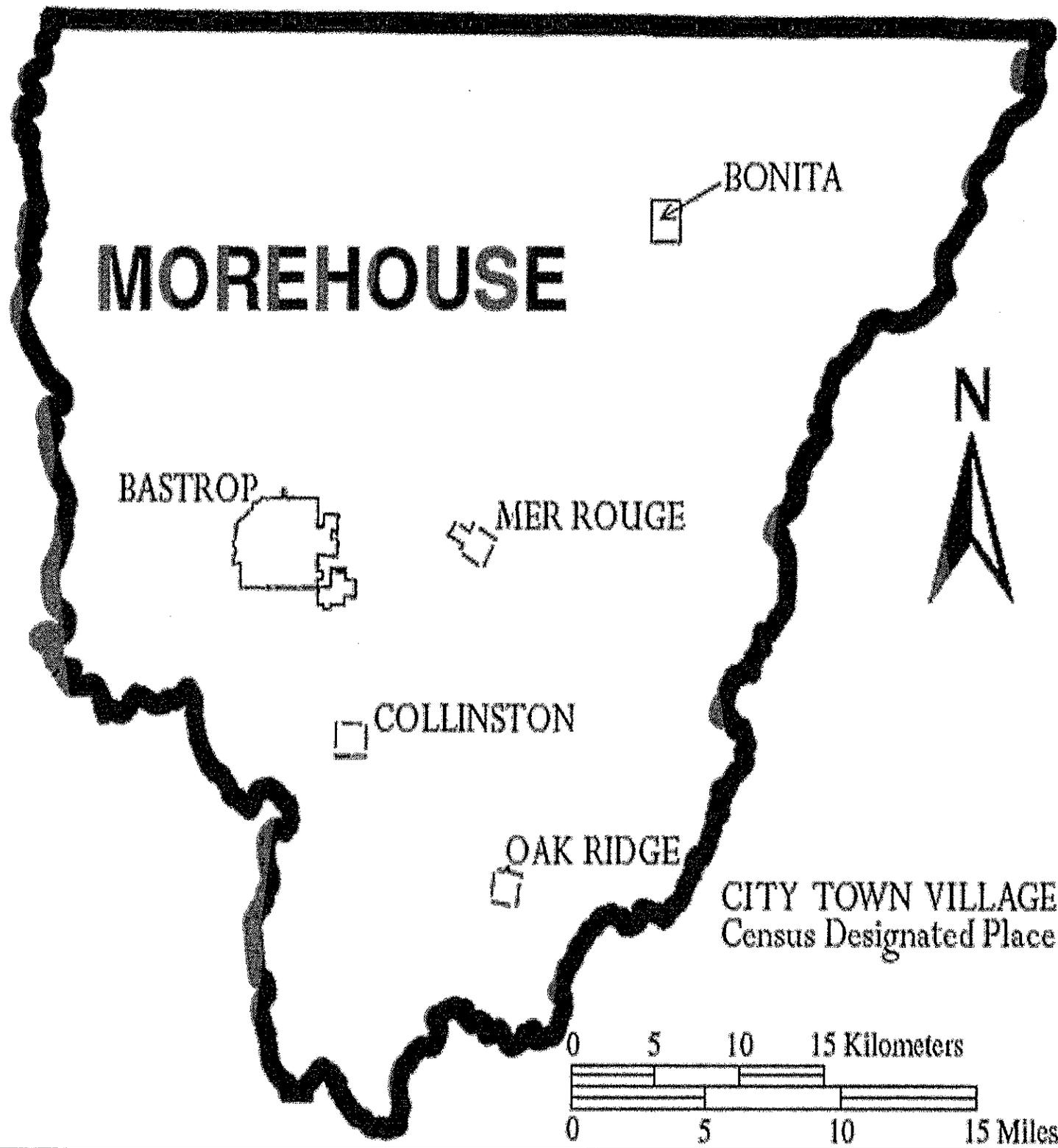
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Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc./Area Agency on Aging’s mission statement:

MISSION STATEMENT

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Section 2: Description of the Planning and Service Area (PSA)



Section 2: Description of the PSA

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I: PSA Overview

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2.II: Area Plan Profile

Community Involvement Activities

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Section 3: Focal Points

In cooperation with agencies, organizations, and individuals participating in activities under this plan, the Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc/Area Agency on Aging will serve as the advocate and focal point for older individuals within the community by monitoring, evaluating, and commenting upon all policies, programs, hearings, levies, and community actions which will affect older individuals.

For purposes of assuring access to information and services, the area agency shall work with community agencies and officials in the PSA to ensure that focal points are available in each community within the PSA.

The Morehouse Council on Aging has designated several places within the PSA as Community Focal Points. These include Senior Centers, Nutrition Centers, and the main offices of the agency. These are all located in the most populated areas of the PSA in the center of Bastrop. This Focal point is a place where seniors can come to visit with one another, learn from certified instructors, have speakers on a variety of topics and issues, opportunities for group programs, and activities, taxes prepared, information on other community activities, and programs, and voice their opinions about various issues of concern. The agency's main office utilizes a toll free number for those who live in different area codes the opportunity to call in for services without charges to their phones.

Section 3: Focal Points

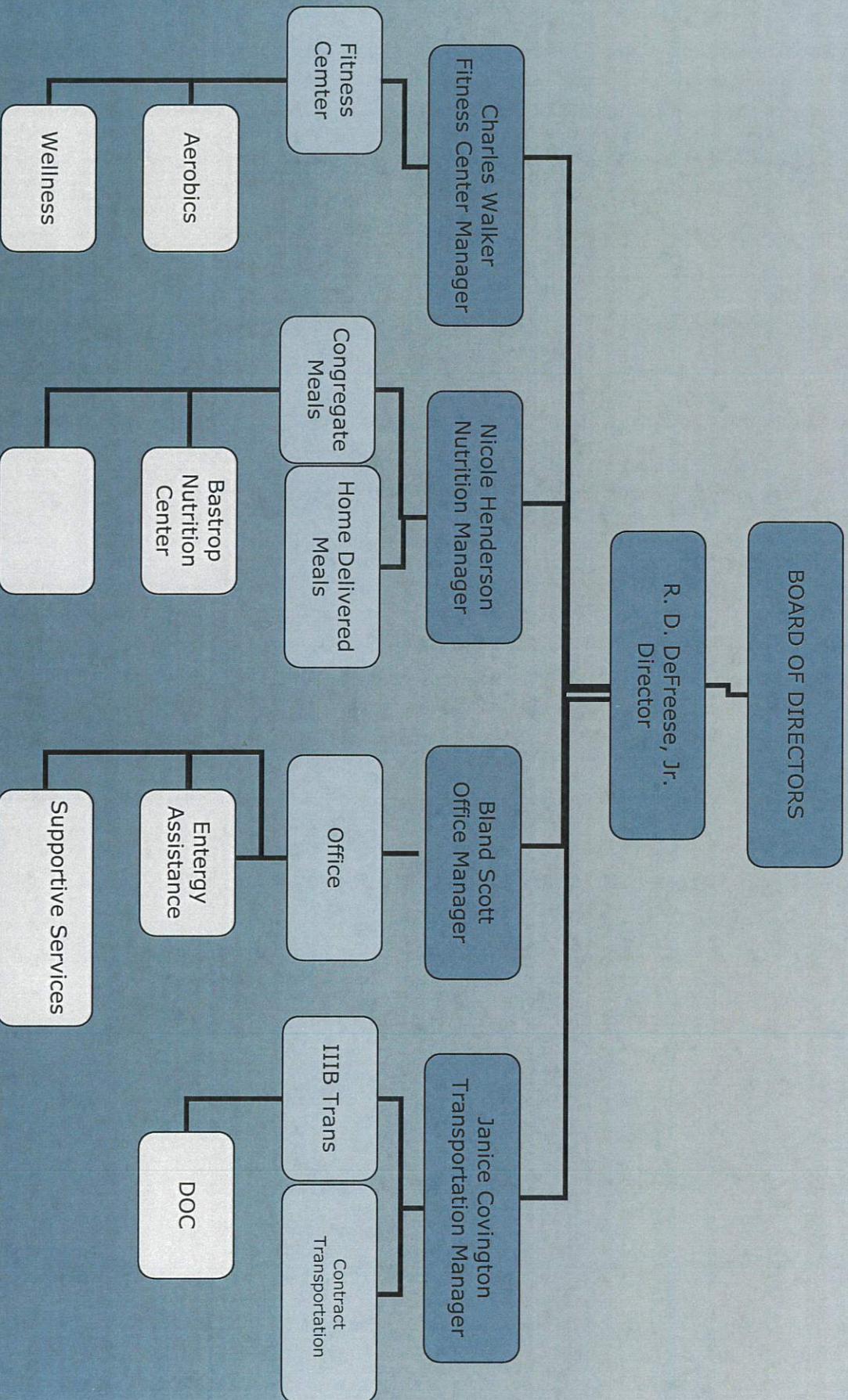
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List all community focal points within the PSA utilized or owned by the AAA.				
	Designated Community Focal Point	Physical Address of Focal Point (i.e. 123 Main St. City, State, Zip)	Services Provided	Services Coordinated w/ other Agencies?
1.	Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc.	200 Elm Street, Bastrop, LA 71220	Core OAA services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Section 4: Description of the Area Agency on Aging

I. AAA Organizational Chart

MOREHOUSE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.



II. AAA Structure

Organizational Structure of the MOREHOUSE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC./AAA

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Attached is an organization chart showing the direct, and advisory lines of authority for the agency.

III. AAA Operational Plan

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Section 6: Needs Assessment

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A Look at Morehouse Parish

Needs Assessment Information

The Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc./AAA has performed a variety of activities to provide a “look at the community of Morehouse Parish”. It has obtained, and analyzed the most recent census data for Morehouse parish to determine if there have been shifts in the population of seniors, and/or if there are any new groups within the PSA which may require planned services. The agency has tried to identify the number of low-income minority older individuals, and older individuals residing in rural areas of the PSA.

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This information is included in Appendix 1 of the Plan the results of the needs assessments for senior needs and services.

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Needs Assessment Information Cont'd

The individual needs assessment was distributed through the sites, email, local churches, shopping centers, and through direct mail. Of the 300 individual needs assessments distributed 37% were received. The agency plans to continue to distribute assessments each year.

The percentage information is attached at the end of the plan with the respondents.

Those responding to the assessment tools identified knowledge of services available to them, personal care, health screening, transportation for medical appointments and shopping, rental assistance, assistance with completing insurance and medicare forms, exercise, fall prevention, crime issues, and support groups as their number 1 ranking. The plan addresses several of these areas which include health screening, rental assistance, assistance with completing insurance forms, and support groups, but acknowledges the lack of funding to accomplish some of the needs such as crime issues, and personal care. The agency will not at this time try to pass a local millage due to the areas largest employer closed its plant, and is tearing down the facility, and several of the local governments are cutting back all aspects of services, and are in need of all resources. The assessment tool did not identify any special needs of older low-income minorities living in the PSA other than those identified in the plan. A number of those responding to the assessment tool lived alone, and their needs were counted in the overall numbers of those responding.

The professional community presented information on what they perceived the needs to be for seniors in the community. Those responding listed funding for services, identity theft, meal programs, transportation, information, help with medications, linking insurance applications, and linkages to other services.

Section 7: Targeting

I. Targeting Priorities

The [Older Americans Act](#) authorizes a wide array of community based social service programs and objectives designed and developed to address unmet needs of identified target groups of older individuals deemed to be in ‘greatest need’ of support to perform normal daily activities or live independently. “Greatest need” includes both “[greatest social need](#)” and “[greatest economic need](#)”. Various reauthorizations (updates) of the OAA have each further expanded and clarified target population specifications and requirements.

To start, the OAA required that earmarked funding be targeted to populations in “[greatest social need](#)”, an objective designed to combat **social isolation** caused by such factors as communication barriers, race and/or ethnic status as well as **cultural and/or geographic isolation** caused by other factors such as minority religious affiliation, sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Achieving this objective requires ensuring equitable service delivery to all persons age 60 + through community needs assessment and formulation of a comprehensive service plan.

Reauthorizations of the OAA addressed growing population needs by expanding targeting requirements to also include populations in “[greatest economic need](#)” per identification of specific contributing factors. Expansion of the targeting objective is designed to combat **economic isolation** caused by economic factors such as income, education, employment, community safety and social supports (i.e. institutionalized persons or individuals at risk for institutionalization).

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The 2020 OAA reauthorization¹ identifies specific populations and population *subgroups* which the AAA must include in its targeting efforts. To date, OAA required target populations/ subgroups in “greatest need” include:

- Black
- Latino
- Indigenous/Native American
- Asian Americans
- Pacific Islanders
- Other persons of color
- Members of religious minorities
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons who live in rural areas
- Persons of the LGBTQ+community¹
- Persons with limited English proficiency
- Persons caring for another person
- Institutionalized persons
- Persons at risk for institutionalization
- Persons living with HIV/AIDS¹
- Individuals with income at/below the poverty line

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II. Description of Priority Groups

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III. Area Plan: Then and Now

The Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc./AAA, has identified a variety of needs of the senior population through a variety of needs assessments with seniors, and with community agencies in the community of Morehouse. These needs are sectioned into several major areas with a synopsis listed below.

The PSA of Morehouse is a large area with over 812 square miles. But the population is concentrated in the lower southwestern section of the Parish. Most of the population is within a five mile radius of the largest city of Bastrop. The agency has determined through the years of operations routes, service locations, and partnerships with different agencies to get the services to the most people. It has worked with the administration of the city of Bastrop (it is our landlord), the Morehouse Parish Police Jury, Morehouse General Hospital, and all major home health agencies. Referrals for services come from all sectors of the community. We are the contract Housing Authority for the Morehouse Parish Police Jury, and the City of Bastrop. We work with developers to build additional housing for all age groups in the PSA as the nonprofit sponsor.

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The agency through its Board of Directors, Advisory Council, Staff members, and contractors see that through its oversight that the goals of the agency are carried out under the approved plan, This entails service meetings, flow reports, communications, and site visits on an ongoing basis whether that is monthly, quarterly, or yearly. The agency utilizes monthly service reports charts to summarize the delivery of services within the PSA, and how those summaries are keeping up with projections. Those services and programs are charted at the beginning of the fiscal year to monitor, and evaluate on a regular basis.

The Service Manager tracks all services through the agency on the computerized tracking system, and notifies the other managers where there are gaps, and what needs to be addressed. Those are identified at monthly meetings, and targets are established to address low outputs, and the causes. These are then reported to the Board, and Advisory Council and what is being done to correct deficiencies. The Compliance Manager is checking behind at various times during the year to see that these are being done.

As the year progresses, the contractors, and service personnel are kept abreast of service projections and where the agency is within those projections. It is a team effort to correct any problems unless unforeseen. In the case of emergencies there are agency plans to meet emergencies, but all cannot be planned for. Every effort is made to monitor, and track all programs, initiatives, and special projects for their effectiveness, acceptability by seniors, and the community. As this plan progresses there will be adjustments to services, objectives, and other areas to improve upon the delivery to seniors, family members, and the community as a whole.

The agency will be continuing to improve its own internal functions as it relates to goal and objective development and achievement. It is instituting a review process with external help to objectively look at its management, and administrative functions.

It is a community goal of all to invigorate a community zeal among the population of Morehouse, and address those nagging concerns which are lowering expectations of the economic, and socially needy in our community. Pursue funding for improvements to the physical plant, and grounds of the agency through initiatives with the City of Bastrop, Morehouse Economic Development, and other groups to provide walking paths, exercise areas outside, and community areas for different age groups to intermingle.

Section 8: Community Meetings

Morehouse Area Agency on Aging

Needs Assessment Community Meeting Record
Area Plan Cycle 2024 – 2027

Date of Meeting 12/7/2022

Location of Meeting MCoA

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3. Indicate revisions made due to comments, if applicable.

There were no revisions made to the documents.

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- rural elderly person;
- caregiver;
- Grandparent raising grandchild

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Section 9: PUBLIC HEARING

RESULTS OF PUBLIC HEARING

Morehouse AREA AGENCY ON AGING

1. Complete the following record for all Public Hearings conducted.

LOCATION	DATE	# 60 +	# SERVICE PROVIDER	# ELECTED OFFICIAL	# PUBLIC OFFICIAL	# OTHERS	TOTAL # ATTEND
Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc.	12/29/22	5	1	1	3	5	11

2. Briefly summarize comments of those in attendance.

Everyone attending made comments about the need for services in Morehouse Parish for seniors, and what could be done on other things that were needed by the seniors of Morehouse Parish.

3. Indicate needs identified through public hearings from the following:

Elected Officials:

Public Officials:

Comments ere made concerning more Public housing for older people and younger people as well.

Section 9: Public Hearing
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Service providers:

Need for more Transportation services to other areas of Northeast Louisiana

Service Recipients:

Older individuals:

Others(i.e. caretakers):

4. Summarize comments and indicate revisions made due to comments, if applicable.

There not revisions made to the plan

5. Specify methods and dates used in publicizing hearings.

The methods for publicizing the hearing was posting on our website, and social media of the meetings, where they were, what would be discussed, and where material could be obtained well in advance of the meetings.

Section 9: Public Hearing

Cont'd

6. Indicate the views of service recipients regarding general policy in the development and administration of the area plan.

All seemed to be pleased with the way the development and administration of the plan has been handled. There was dissatisfaction noted at the meeting

Section 10: Identification of Priorities

Morehouse Area Plan Priorities for the PSA of Morehouse

The Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc./AAA, has identified a variety of needs of the senior population through a variety of needs assessments with seniors, and with community agencies in the community of Morehouse. The senior population of Morehouse has changed in that the number of seniors now is larger than those attending school. These needs are sectioned into several major areas with a synopsis listed below.

The PSA of Morehouse is a large area with over 812 square miles. But the population is concentrated in the lower southwestern section of the Parish. Most of the population is within a five mile radius of the largest city of Bastrop. The agency has determined through the years of operations routes, service locations, and partnerships with different agencies to get the services to the most people. It has worked with the administration of the City of Bastrop (it is our landlord), the Morehouse Parish Police Jury, Morehouse General Hospital, and all major home health agencies. Referrals for services come from all sectors of the community. We are the contract Housing Authority for the Morehouse Parish Police Jury, and the City of Bastrop. We work with developers to build additional housing for all age groups in the PSA as the nonprofit sponsor.

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There has been an interest in other Wellness programs that would include a pool which is not something we can do at this time.

There have been other groups doing a number of help services for seniors in the PSA. We are working to include them in our planning, and partnerships.

Section 11: Area Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal # 1: The Agency will employ various methods to distribute information and education regarding supportive services in all Title III core programs available for older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers			
Rationale: Information on how to access services, promoting independence, encouraging wellness and a self-supporting lifestyle, while maintaining safety, is vital for older adults who desire to age in place. In an effort to reach those who would benefit from the services the Agency provides, we continue to be actively engaged in raising awareness and promoting the programs and services available to older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers.			
		Projected Start & End Dates	Update Status
Objective #1 :	Agency staff will work with hospitals, clinics, discharge planners, home-health agencies, doctor's offices, and other organizations in the PSA to improve awareness of senior programs, available services, and caregiver resources.	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
Outcome:	Community organizations will receive current information and be better informed of available services, making the information more readily available, accessible and accurate for target population.		
Measurement:	Number of community organizations receiving information that is accurate and ready to share to those of the target population in most need of the information and related services		
Projections			
FY 24:	6 organizations		
FY 25:	2 organizations		
FY 26:	2 organizations		
FY 27:	8 organizations		
Objective # 2:	AAA will seek media contacts regarding AAA's mission, programs and services it provides as well as creating opportunities for Agency staff to present information.	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
Outcome:	The public will receive current information and be better informed of available services and programs.		
Measurement:	Number of Public Information activities completed and the number of people in the target population reached.		

Projections FY 24: 1 Twitter collaboration shared by news media FY 25: 1 YouTube broadcast – reaching entire PSA viewing area FY 26: 1 news/1radio/1 YouTube broadcast–reaching entire PSAva FY 27: 1 news/1radio broadcast reaching entire PSA va			
Objective #3 : Outcome: Measurement: Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:	Advertise regularly in newspapers, publications, websites or Facebook The public will be informed concerning olde adult issues and services and programs available Number of Advertisements 1 article published 2 articles published 3 articles published 4 articles published	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
Objective # : Outcome: Measurement: Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:		7-1-XX – 6-30-XX	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year

Goal #2: The Agency will strengthen existing partnerships with community groups and seek to establish partnerships with compatible community organization to continue to provide community based services.			
Rationale: The age 60+ population in our PSA is continuing to increase. It is imperative to partner with compatible organizations to develop a coordinated, integrated system of care to provide essential services for older adults and adults with disabilities and caregivers.			
		Projected Start & End Dates	Update Status
Objective # 1 :	Agency staff will work with hospitals, clinics, discharge planners, home-health agencies, doctor's offices, and other organizations in the PSA to connect with leaders at partner organizations to promote engagement to continue community bases services.	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
Outcome:	Agency staff will provide the leaders of the Community organizations with definitive goals which are clearing defined so everyone is on the same page regarding community based services and avoid duplication,		
Measurement:	Number of leaders contacted with outlines of services and use of both qualitative and quantitative current data.		
Projections			
FY 24:	Establish bi yearly meetings with current leaders of community partners		
FY 25:	Find those partners not included in 1st year for inclusion		
FY 26:	Work on building new partner relations and strengthen long standing ones.		
FY 27:	Agency staff encourage the partners to publish a community based services commonality through their websites		
Objective # 2 :	Agency staff will work with hospitals, clinics, discharge planners, home-health agencies, doctor's offices, and other organizations in the PSA to connect with leaders at partner organizations to common screening and referral protocols for the seniors in the community based services.	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
Outcome:	Community organizations will receive current information concerning screening and referral protocols of the different organizations what limitations are faced in		

<p>Measurement:</p> <p>Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:</p>	<p>so doing for target population.</p> <p>Number of protocols identified and qualified for each partner and how they can be commonly done for those seniors in community based services.</p> <p>Gather screening and referral protocols of all partners</p> <p>Identify the limitations that exist in the protocols</p> <p>Designate those from each organization to take ownership</p> <p>Publish a document of protocols which could be used by all</p>		
<p>Objective # 3 :</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>Measurement:</p> <p>Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:</p>	<p>Agency staff work for complete online materials for smartphones and computers</p> <p>To be able to communicate online service applications with follow-up by staff</p> <p>Completed applications and materials uploaded and working to the website and social media</p> <p>Service applications for congregate meals completed</p> <p>Service applications for HDM meals completed</p> <p>Service applications for Homemaker completed</p> <p>Service applications for Caregiver completed</p>	<p>7-1-23 – 6-30-27</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year</p>
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Goal #3: To improve the agency transportation program so that it supports those seniors in need of transportation to local facilities, services, and information allowing better aging in place for the future.

Rationale: To assess agency's transportation protocols, safety, and needs of the senior population which includes well, and fragile seniors in the PSA.

		Projected Start & End Dates	Update Status
<p>Objective # 1 : Access various transportation programs for seniors and apply for such programs through the normal channels to ensure program availability in PSA</p> <p>Outcome: Agency completes applications and begins service for eligible seniors</p> <p>Measurement: Completed applications with proper approval and certifications for such programs through DOTD, and DHH</p> <p>Projections FY 24: 1 application completed and approved from DOTD FY 25: 1 application completed and approved from DHH FY 26: Renewal of completed application from DOTD FY 27: Renewal of completed application from DHH</p>		7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
<p>Objective # 2 : Establish contacts with local doctor's offices, health unit, clinics, and other health organizations about transportation of seniors to their facilities when needed</p> <p>Outcome: Contacts established at the offices for our transportation manager to work with in coordinating transportation to such facilities</p> <p>Measurement: Listing of the contacts for such offices in an software program that can be updated, and corrected as time goes by</p>		7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year

Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:	Bi yearly letters establishing initial offices for inclusions in listings Development of Excell worksheets for each office responding Bi yearly letters to respondents on referrals and utilization Updating information on various offices		
Objective # 3 : Outcome: Measurement: Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:	Safety concerns addressed for each vehicle in agency fleet Assurance of safety, visibility, and transparency in providing transportation services to seniors Review of work accomplished by Board addressing each issue Assessment of fleet safety in relation to onboard visibility Exploration of various on board camera systems w/list Purchase and installation of system chosen in fleet Evaluation of safety of seniors in transportation system	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
Objective # : Outcome: Measurement: Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:		7-1-XX – 6-30-X	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year

Goal #5 : The agency will transform its digital footprint through integration without interruption of the available resources, and partners to integrate voice, messaging, and video.

Rationale: To take advantage of resources for the betterment of information products for the senior population in the PSA

		Projected Start & End Dates	Update Status
Objective # 1 : Outcome: Measurement: Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:	Development of senior newsletter that would be available through a variety of digital avenues Information that is up to date about programs, activities, and services Working newsletter for the seniors of PSA Gathering contributing sponsors for the newsletter Establishment of the newsletter with small footprint Enlarge footprint of the newsletter with added features Evaluate effectiveness of newsletter among consumers	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
Objective # 2 : Outcome: Measurement: Projections FY 24: FY 25: FY 26: FY 27:	Integrate the agency website, newsletter, and social media sites to bring materials to seniors in the PSA Coordinated and integrated information of concern for those 60 and over in the PSA Bi-monthly audits of information presented through all sources Development of the various sites that will be used Professional providers training of workers Surveys to constituents about integration Adjustment of messages to the service population	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year
Objective # 3:	Develop social media agency sites for use in furthering digital footprint in PSA	7-1-23 – 6-30-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continued from Previous Year

<p>Outcome:</p> <p>Measurement:</p> <p>Projections</p> <p>FY 24:</p> <p>FY 25:</p> <p>FY 26:</p> <p>FY 27:</p>	<p>Information being provided on outlets not currently being used by the agency</p> <p>Sites developed over the plan period for use by the agency</p> <p>Develop a Twitter account for the agency</p> <p>Refine the active Facebook account of the agency</p> <p>Investigate any new platforms for use by the agency</p> <p>Advertise the accounts being used by the agency</p>		<p>Year</p>
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Section 12: SUMMARY OF SERVICES UNDER THE AREA PLAN

MOREHOUSE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Mark all services to be administered under the Area Plan by funding source

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED	III B	III C	III D	III E	SENIOR CENTER	LOCAL FUNDS	IN KIND	OTHER FUNDS
Adult Day Care/Health	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assisted Transport(A)	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Case Management(A)	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chore (IH)	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Congregate Meals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Delivered Meals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homemaker(IH)	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information & Assistance(A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Assistance(L)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nutrition Counseling		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nutrition Education		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outreach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Care(IH)	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation(A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Prevention Services	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Repair/Modification(IH)	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Material Aid	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical Alert	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Education	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Companion Services(IH) (formerly Sitter Service)	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephoning(IH)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Utility Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visiting(IH)	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wellness IIIB	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respite(R)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Promotion & Disease Prevention (HPDP)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support Groups				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 13: Disaster Preparedness

I. Disaster Plan

Inert/Attach Disaster Plan in format specified/approved by GOEA's Compliance & Planning Unit

**MOREHOUSE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN 2023

**THIS DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:
R.D. DEFRESE, JR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MCOA, INC.
January 11, 2023**

As the Area Agency on Aging for the PSA of Morehouse Parish, State of Louisiana, the Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc., has the responsibility and authority to make plans, and develop actions to provide actions related to Older People. Under P.L. 109-365, Older Americans Act amendments of 2006, amends Title III, Section 306, Area Plans, (18), of the Older Americans Act of 1965. The amendment requires area plans to “include information detailing how the Area Agency on Aging and Disability will coordinate activities, and develop long-range emergency preparedness plans, with local and state emergency agencies, relief organizations, local and state governments, and any other institutions that have responsibility for disaster relief service delivery. The AAA in cooperation with government officials, state agencies, tribal organizations, and local entities, may make recommendations to government officials in the PSA and the State, to build the capacity in the PSA to meet the needs of older individuals for emergency preparedness.

The Agency currently works with the Homeland Security officer with the Morehouse Parish Sheriffs office on the part of the Parish Emergency Preparedness Plan for the elderly not residing in institutional care settings. Part of this plan has identified those homebound physically by physical locations, and directions to check on them in time of emergency of any type. The Agency is participating in a group that has been investigating address satellite location of occupied properties, and number of individuals in those properties using an independent computer with its own power capabilities. As we have new people in the category of frail they become listed in the database. The database is updated each year.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Dial 9-1-1 in and Emergency

James Mardis, Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office
Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Manager

Police: 318-281-1322; Fire: 318-283-3393
Non-Emergency Police/Fire

Thomas & Farr Insurance/Hanover Insurance Company
Insurance Provider

Shirley Merrick, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc.
Nutrition Contractor/Vendor

Morehouse General Hospital - 318-283-3600
Emergency Medical

James Mardis - Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office
Emergency Preparedness Director/Homeland Security Director

Caroll Babb Northeast Chapter Red Cross 318-323-5141 Disaster Team
Red Cross Representative

Ethel Robinson
Board Chairman

PLAN TO STAY OPERATING

MOREHOUSE COUNCIL ON AGING, INC./AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Area Agency on Aging/Council on Aging Name

200 Elm Street, East Madison Park
Physical Address

Bastrop, Louisiana 71220
City, State, Zip

318-283-0845
Telephone Number

morehousecoa.org reggiedir@bellsouth.net
Website and/or Email Address

If this location is NOT accessible we will operate from location below:

Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office
Business Name

351 South Franklin Street
Physical Address

Bastrop, Louisiana 71220
City, State, Zip

318-281-4141
Telephone Number

The following person is our primary contact person and will serve as the AAA/CoA spokesperson in an emergency.

R. D. DeFreese, Jr.
Primary Emergency Contact

318-283-0845
Telephone Number

381-669-6530
Alternate Number

reggiedir@bellsouth.net
E-mail

If the person is unable to manage the crisis, the person below will succeed in management:

Nichole Henderson
Secondary Emergency Contact

318-283-6741
Telephone Number

318-789-5989
Alternate Number

EMPLOYEE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The following is a list of our co-workers and their individual emergency contact information:

NAME	PHONE	ALTERNATE PHONE/CONTACT #
R. D. DeFreese, Jr.	318-283-0845	318-669-6530
Janice Covington	318-244-7691	318-537-4559
Nicole Henderson	318-283-6741	318-789-5989
Ethel Robinson	318-372-7082	318-239-3803
Bland Scott	318-281-8757	318-680-5838
Charles Walker	318-805-7207	318-281-4389
Darry Green	318-789-1694	

WE CARE FOR OUR CLIENTS

1. **Planning for an emergency** - Before an emergency or disaster strikes, we will help our clients prepare by doing the following:

The agency will have distributed to our clients listings detailing who would be in charge of the agency and notifying them of actions being taken, with the appropriate contact numbers; notified local emergency personnel of locations of frail elderly; have delivered (2) shelf stable meals to the homebound clients; held staff meetings for response by staff others to client, and older persons needs. All plans shall be reviewed by key personnel to insure that staff roles and responsibilities are understood.

2. **Responding to an emergency**

Once we know our organization will continue to function, we will do our best to make sure our clients receive the help they need.

a. If clients must evacuate their homes, we will work with following first responders to make sure all our clients are safely evacuated:

The Director(or subordinate) shall notify the local Emergency Preparedness Manager of the need of frail clients to be evacuated. This list of the names of the individuals shall be released to the officers in charge, and a representative shall be identified to work with staff on the clients. The registry will be checked by the Emergency Control manager to ensure that no one has been left off of the list, and that they have been safely evacuated.

b. If our clients must shelter in place(at facility), we will work with the following first responders to make sure all of our staff and clients are knowledgeable of procedures:

The agency will contact our first responders in relation to the emergency who are:

Major James Mardis: Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office;

R. D. DeFreese, Jr. Morehouse Council on Aging;

Bland Scott, Morehouse Council on Aging;

Ethel Robinson, Morehouse Council on Aging;

Katie Parnell, Morehouse Community Medical Center;

Nicole Henderson, Morehouse Council on Aging;

Marybeth Gambill: Morehouse General Hospital Urgent Care;

c. If we need to feed at-risk elderly pre/post and emergency or event, we will do the following:

The agency will assess the amount of foodstuffs on hand, and that can be gotten quickly;

Will convene a meeting with responders, and pertinent food service staff concerning the number of the at risk pre/post emergency or event to determine:

A. Who will receive the food; B. What they will receive; C. When they will receive the foodstuffs;

D. Where the food will be delivered to, or set up for delivery; and E. How they will be delivered to the at risk group.

BE INFORMED

The following disasters could impact our organization.

Natural Disasters(hurricane, blizzard, earthquake, flood)

Human Made threats(bomb threat, terrorist attack, industrial accident)

Public Health:(chemical spill, explosions)

State and/or National Pandemics (dealing with viruses, influenza, bacterial)

EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM

The following people will participate in emergency planning and crisis management.

Major James Mardis, Morehouse Sheriff's Office

Mr. Ivory Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Board of Directors, MCoA, Inc.

Ms. Ethel Robinson, President Board of Directors, MCoA, Inc.

Mr. R. D. DeFreese, Jr., Director, MCoA, Inc.

Mrs. Nicole Henderson, Food Service Manager, MCoA, Inc.

Mrs. Diane DeFreese, Service Manager, MCoA, Inc.

Mr. John Lewis, Morehouse Sheriff's Office, MCoA Advisory Council

WE PLAN TO COORDINATE WITH OTHERS

The following people from neighboring businesses, our building management, and community emergency preparedness organizations will participate on our emergency planning team.

- ◆ Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler, President, Morehouse Community Coalition
- ◆ Mr. Richard Doaty, Public Works Director, City of Bastrop
- ◆ Ms. Dorothy Ford, Director, Bastrop-Morehouse Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Mrs. Kay King, Vice- President, Morehouse Community Coalition
- ◆ Mrs. Katie Parnell, Director , Morehouse Community Medical Center

OUR CRITICAL OPERATIONS

The following is a prioritized list of our critical operations, staff and procedures we need to recover from an emergency or disaster.

OPERATION	STAFF IN CHARGE	ACTION PLAN
Food Service	Nicole Henderson	Coordination of Sites, routes for Congregate & Home Delivered Meals, Food Stuffs
Transportation	Janice Covington	Coordination of vehicles, drivers, clients
Central Office	Bland Scott	Coordination of Records, clerks, computers
Maintenance	Steve Woods	Coordination of equipment, power, building integrity

COMMUNICATIONS

We will communicate our emergency plans with employees, volunteers, board chair and GOEA in the following way:

A copy of the emergency plans shall be distributed to our employees, volunteers, the President of the Board of Directors, and the emergency preparedness coordinator for the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs with instructions for the location of all materials needed in case of an emergency. This shall be done through written communication, staff meetings, volunteer meetings, board meetings, and notification to GOEA through the United States Mail. There shall be indestructible copies available to all parties, and written copies with a copy posted at the web site of the agency.

We will communicate our emergency plans with our community in the following way:

There shall be written communication with clients and participants through handouts at the sites, and in

the homes of the clients receiving services. There shall be a notification to identified resource people of

the availability of the plans at our offices for review, and additions through the legal journal of the agency

In the event of a disaster, or prior to an event we will communicate with GOEA in the following way:

The Director shall inform the Coordinator of Emergencies, the Deputy Director, and Field Representative

by phone, and in writing of the disaster/impending disaster after confirming that the event actually included the agency, and facilities utilized by the agency.

EVACUATION PLAN FOR Bastrop Senior Center LOCATION

We have developed these plans in collaboration with neighboring businesses and building owners to avoid confusion or gridlock.

We have located, copied, and posted building and site maps.

Exits are clearly marked.

We will practice evacuation procedures Twice(2) yearly.

If we must leave the workplace quickly:

All occupants shall be asked to leave quickly, and orderly, and a check will be made to see that no one has been left behind.

1. Warning System:

An alarm from the automatic alarm system will activate
We will test the warning system and record the results 2 times a year.

2. Assembly site:

Parking area next to Elm Street

3. Assembly Site Manager &

Alternate: Darry Green

a. Responsibilities include: Notify people to leave the building quickly, and orderly; check bathrooms to see that no one is left behind, exit the building with the other persons.

4. Shut Down Manager &

Alternate: Diane DeFreese

a. Responsibilities include: Check to see that building is clear of staff, clients, and any other related people, exits are free of any person, count of people that have exited the building, and look for any thing out of the ordinary about the building.

5. Steve Woods is responsible for issuing all clear.

EVACUATION PLAN FOR Bastrop Nutrition Center LOCATION

We have developed these plans in collaboration with neighboring businesses and building owners to avoid confusion or gridlock.

We have located, copied, and posted building and site maps.

Exits are clearly marked.

We will practice evacuation procedures Twice(2) yearly.

If we must leave the workplace quickly:

All occupants shall be asked to leave quickly, and orderly, and a check will be made to see that no one has been left behind.

1. Warning System:

An alarm from the automatic alarm system will activate
We will test the warning system and record the results 2 times a year.

2. Assembly site:

Parking area next to Nutrition Center on Washburn Street

3. Assembly Site Manager &

Alternate: Bland Scott

a. Responsibilities include: Notify people to leave the building quickly, and orderly; check bathrooms to see that no one is left behind, exit the building with the other persons.

4. Shut Down Manager &

Alternate: Diane DeFreese

a. Responsibilities include: Check to see that building is clear of staff, clients, and any other related people, exits are free of any person, count of people that have exited the building, and look for any thing out of the ordinary about the building.

5. Nichole Henderson is responsible for issuing all clear.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE PLAN FOR Morehouse Council on Aging Central Office LOCATION

We have talked to co-workers about which emergency supplies, if any, the company will provide in the shelter location and which supplies individuals might consider keeping in a portable kit personalized for individual needs.

We will practice shelter procedures Twice yearly.

If we must leave the workplace quickly:

All occupants shall be asked to leave quickly, and orderly, and a check will be made to see that no one has been left behind.

1. Warning System:

An alarm from the automatic alarm system will activate.

We will test the warning system and record the results 2 times a year.

2. Storm Shelter location:

The Director's office within the Central Office off of the central hallway.

3. "Seal the Room" Shelter Location: Food Storage area Central Kitchen, Bastrop Nutrition Center

4. Shelter Manager & Alternate: Nichole Henderson and Jenice Wilson

a. Responsibilities include: Check to see that everyone is accounted for by taking a roll count, checking on supplies to see that everything is in order, having everyone as comfortable as possible, going through the list of activities for in shelter.

5. Shut Down Manager &

Alternate: Diane DeFreese

a. Responsibilities include: Check to see that building is clear of staff, clients, and any other related people, exits are free of any person, count of people that have exited the building, and look for anything out of the ordinary about the building.

6. Steve Woods is responsible for issuing all clear.

INSURANCE AND EMERGENCY FUNDS

If the Morehouse Council on Aging experiences a disaster, we initiate recovery operations with funds obtained from the following:

Insurance Provider: Thomas & Farr

Street Address: 2200 Tower Drive(P O Box 2110)

City: Monroe State: Louisiana Zip Code: 71207-2110

Phone: 318-388-1472 Fax: 318-388-1290 E-Mail: ReeM@tfins.com

Contact Name: Ree McCain Policy Number: ZZ0560189100

Coverage Provided: Property, General Liabillity, Crime, Auto,

Financial Institution: Capital One Bank

Street Address: 101 South Franklin Street

City: Bastrop State: Louisiana Zip Code: 71220

Phone: 318-329-2090 Fax: 318-329-2791 E-Mail: vickie.yates@capitalone.com

Contact Name: Vickie Yates Account Number: 550-15-1440-7

Coverage Provided:

Company Name:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code:

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail:

Contact Name: _____ Account Number:

Coverage Provided:

Company Name:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code:

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail:

Contact Name: _____ Account Number:

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Coverage Provided:

Company Name:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code:

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail:

Contact Name: _____ Account Number:

Coverage Provided:

SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS

Company Name: Ben E Keith

Street Address: P O Box 637

City: N. Little Rock State: Arkansas Zip Code: 72115

Phone: 318-229-7126 Fax: 18002642535pager E-Mail: jdcaraway@benekeith.com

Contact Name: John Caraway Account Number: 065559

Materials/Services Provided: Raw Food Supplies

Company Name: Sysco Food Service

Street Address: P O Box 2900

City: Jackson State: Mississippi Zip Code: 39207-2900

Phone: 318-381-2319 Fax: 318-361-9019 E-Mail: adamscurt@jackson.sysco.com

Contact Name: Curt Adams Account Number: 337584

Materials/Services Provided: Raw Food Supplies

Company Name: Parker Wholesale Paper & Supplies

Street Address: 9060 Industrial Drive, Bastrop, LA 71220

City: Bastrop State: Louisiana Zip Code: 71220

Phone: 318-381-1783 Fax: 318-281-4301 E-Mail: britt@bayou.com

Contact Name: John Hearly Account Number: 2378

Materials/Services Provided: Non-Edible Supplies

Company Name: Oak Farms Dairy Dallas

Street Address: P O Box 200300

City: Dallas State: Texas Zip Code: 75320-0300

Phone: 318-237-2569 Fax: 316-635-4311 E-Mail:

Contact Name: O C Account Number: 1004238

Materials/Services Provided: Milk and Milk Products

Company Name:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code:

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail:

Contact Name: _____ Account Number:

Materials/Services Provided:

Company Name:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code:

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail:

Contact Name: _____ Account Number:

Materials/Services Provided:

COMPUTER SECURITY

To protect our computer hardware, we will:

Ensure that all emergency precautions are taken in that the emergency alarms, fire alarms, and other are working properly, ensure that the units are in dry safe places in case of major natural disaster, remove the units to other buildings to safeguard them, and to have one computer offsite which has the major programs on it.

To protect our computer software, we will:

Secure the program software at a safe location with identification folders for each major program, make backups that are at the central office, and at our Accounting Consultants office, and copied to portable hard drives which are taken to a safe location on a rotating basis.

If our computers are destroyed, we will use back-up computers at the following locations:

City of Bastrop, 200 South Franklin Street, Bastrop, LA 71220;

Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office, 351 South Franklin Street, Bastrop, LA 71220

Morehouse Parish Police Jury Anex, 125 East Madison, Bastrop, LA 71220

RECORDS BACK-UP

R. D. DeFreese, Jr. is responsible for backing up our critical records including SAMS, payroll and accounting systems. Back-up records including a copy of this plan, site maps, insurance policies, bank account records, and computer backups are stored onsite

In a fire secure file cabinet .

Another set of back-up records is stored at the following off-site location:

Accounting Consultants office (Karen Hollis, CPA)

If our SAMS, accounting and payroll records are destroyed, we will provide for continuity in the following ways: Utilizing the backup computer, and records restore the current backup records to those records stored offsite. We are working on internet storage of information, and having some placed at our website.

ANNUAL REVIEW

We will review and update the Area Agency on Aging/Council on Aging Emergency Operations Plan on

June 30th of each year.

PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN

I. PURPOSE

A. The purpose of this Reponse Plan is to coordinate the response of the Morehouse Council Aging, Inc., personnel and clients in the event of a threat, or actual emergency due to any pandemic event that would hinder service delivery.

B. This plan includes all resources fo the Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc.

II. NOTIFICATIONS

A. The Morehouse Parish of Emergency Preparedness (EOC) will provide notification to the Morehouse Council on Aging Executive Director in the event of an emergency.

B. The Executive Director will monitor updates from the Louisiana Department of Helath, the Centers for Disease Contraol and Prevention(CDC), and the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs.

C. All additional notifications to the clients and agency shall be made by the Morehouse Council on Aging, Inc.(MCOA)

III. PANDEMIC CLASSIFICATION LEVEL

a. Phase 1: A virus in animals has caused no known infections in humans.

B. Phase 2: An animal flu virus has caused infection in humans.

C. Phase 3: Sporadic cases or small clusters of disease occur in humans. Human-to-human transmission, if any, is insufficient to cause community-level outbreaks.

D> Phase 4: The risk fo ra pandemic is greatly increased but not certain.

E. Phase 5: Spread of disease between humans is occurring in more than one country of one World Health Organization (WHO) regions.

F. Phase 6: Community -level outbreaks are in at least one additional country in a different WHO region from Phase 5. A global pandemic is under way.

G. Post-Peak Period: Levels of pandemic influenza in most countries with adequate surveillane have dropped below peak levels.

H. Possible New wave: Level of pandemic influenza activity in most countries with adequatw surveillance rising again.

I. Post-Pandemic Period: Levels of influenza activity have returned to the levels seen for seasonal influenza in most countries with adequate surveillance.

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IV. ACTION PLAN

A. Emphasize respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene by both staff, volunteers, and clients

1. Post posters that encourage staying home when sick, cough and sneeze etiquette, and hand hygiene at the entrance to centers/office and in other areas where they are likely to be seen.
2. Provide tissues and no-touch disposal receptacles.
3. According to the CDC, everyone is to use soap and water for at least 20 seconds to wash their hands. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol if soap and water is not available.
4. Aid individuals who may have difficulty washing hands or using a hand rub.
5. Advise everyone to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
6. Provide soap and water and alcohol-based hand rubs in center/office. Ensure adequate supplies.

B. Perform routine environmental cleaning

1. Routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces in center/office/vans such as countertops, tables, chairs, doorknobs, and restrooms. Use cleaning agent provided by Administration Office and follow directions on the label.
2. Use disposable wipes and gloves to wipe down commonly used surfaces after each use.

C. Meals

1. In the event of an outbreak in the area the Morehouse Council on Aging Food Service will prepare a two week supply of meals for all congregate and home delivered meal clients above the commonly heal amount for meal delivery
2. In the event that services must be suspended the stoppiled meals will be distributed to the clients who receive congregate and home delivered meals.

D The Morehouse Council on Aging will close for the duration of the event if authorities advise a shelter in place order in Morehouse Parish and remain closed until authorities lift shelter in place order. The exception would be the essential service part of the agency that would continue to operate with the shelter in place order.

V. RECOVERY AND REENTRY

- A. The Executive Director will maintain contact with EOC and broadcast agency's intentions to reopen. The Board of Directors shall be kept informed on all activities and efforts of the agency during the pandemic, and will be notified in all cases of need.
- B. The agency returns to normal business.

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Section 13: Disaster Preparedness

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II. Public Health Emergency Operational Plan

Insert/ Attach Re-Opening Plan developed in response to COVID-19

**IN CONSIDERATION FOR RESUMING IN-PERSON SERVICES FOR
SENIOR CENTER CONGREGATE NUTRITION SERVICES**

The following recommendations are based on available COVID-19 information as of May 30, 2021. Public health guidance related to COVID-19 is constantly evolving as more becomes known through research and everyday experience. Nutrition directors should stay up-to-date on CDC and Wisconsin DHS guidelines and how they relate to ENP services and settings.

MCoA will need address specific opportunities and challenges related to population served, physical space, staffing, availability of volunteers, etc. and will tailor these recommendations accordingly. All planning related to resuming in-person nutrition services should be done in consultation with local public health departments and the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, local senior center and nutrition center staff to ensure that all parties are able to provide input in the planning process and are knowledgeable of processes in place to assure safety of staff, volunteers, and participants.

Things will look and feel different. Evaluations will be made as things progress about the way services are provided and continue to offer a variety of options, such as combinations of virtual and in-person services, and/or carryout meals in addition to congregate meals, etc.

Services may need to cease if cases increase or there is an outbreak associated with the dining center. If this happens the agency will pivot quickly to carryout or home-delivered meals if closure is necessary.

Contents:

1. COVID-19 Transmission
2. Health and Hygiene Considerations
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7. Food and Beverage Handling and Preparation 8. Cleaning and Disinfecting 9. Additional Considerations for Carryout Meals and Delivery
10. Additional Considerations for In-Home Assessments
11. Additional Considerations for In-Person Activities

In the beginning starting July 8, 2021 the center will only be open to seniors beginning at 10:30 and closing at 12:00. Activities will be restricted socialization. Later other things will be offered.

COVID-19 Transmission

COVID-19 is primarily spread to people who are in close contact (within about six feet) with an infected person. The virus is in droplets that are sprayed when a person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Infected persons may spread the virus, even if they do not have symptoms. Staying six feet away helps protect people from transmission. COVID-19 may also be spread if a person touches a surface or object with the virus on it and then touches their mouth, nose, or eyes. This is not the primary way the virus spreads, but precautions such as regular handwashing, cleaning and sanitizing should still be taken to reduce transmission risk.

Risk of infection depends on exposure. People are at increased risk if they:

- o Have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19. Household contact in particular increases the risk of transmission.

- o Live or spend time in a congregate setting where COVID-19 could spread rapidly.

Reinfection rates are rare but people 65 and older are at greater risk.

Per the [CDC guidance updated on March 8, 2021](#), "risk of [COVID,,19] infection during public social activities such as dining indoors at a restaurant or going to the gym is lower for fully vaccinated people. However, precautions should still be taken as transmission risk in these settings is higher and likely increases with the number of unvaccinated people present. Thus, fully vaccinated people engaging in social activities in public settings should continue to follow all [guidance for these settings](#) including wearing a well-fitted mask, maintaining physical distance (at least 6 feet), avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands frequently."

MCOA, Inc., Nutrition program will plan on the likelihood that vaccination rates of staff, volunteers, and participants will never be 100%, and therefore transmission will be a risk and precautions will be taken.

Health and Hygiene Considerations

MCoA, Inc. will have policies in place to address staff, volunteers, and participants who arrive at the facility with COVID-19 or COVID-like symptoms.

All entrants into the facility (staff, volunteers, and participants) will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and risk factors for infection (e.g. recent travel, exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual,

- MCOA, Inc. may consider providing staff and volunteers with a checklist to complete prior to their shift to assess their current health and symptoms that might pose a risk to older adults. ● Health screening questions will be asked by/of staff/volunteers, and considerations will be given as to whether individuals will be provided a list of questions to review, etc.

Consideration will be given to situations where symptoms might be indicative of another chronic condition (e.g. COPD) and how this will be determined and/or handled to avoid exclusion but also ensure safety of staff, volunteers, and participants. MCoA reserves the right to contact or verify with healthcare providers during program or service registration.

- temperature checks will be required of staff, volunteers, and/or participants as they enter the facility buildings utilizing the body scans provided..
- If an individual temperature is warranted the person will be conducted to a private location for personal screening by staff to ensure social distancing and confidentiality.
- Staff and volunteers who have symptoms of COVID,,19
- Staff and volunteers with fever or COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and consult their healthcare provider or local public health's recommendations on when to safely return to work.
- MCOA will review sick leave policies for staff and whether there is a need for revisions and/or increased flexibility.
- MCoA has sufficient substitute and back-up staff and volunteers to fill in.

Participants who have symptoms of COVID-19

- Signage will be posted on the front door letting participants know about changes to policies and instructing them to stay home if they are experiencing COVID-fike symptoms.
- Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms should return home and consult their healthcare provider or local public health's recommendations on when to return.
- Staff and volunteers will handle participants who arrive with COVID-like symptoms according to our pandemic plan, and will determine how to arrange for a person who discloses they have COVID-19 and may not want to return home.

- Staff will Ensure that safe transportation options are available if a participant should have to return home unexpectedly.
- Participants with COVID-like symptoms can be provided with a carryout meal.

Supplies on hand at dining centers, meal preparation, and/or meal service areas:

- Agency facilities will have an adequate supply of paper goods, soap and hand sanitizer to allow proper hand hygiene among staff, volunteers, and participants.
- Agency will Provide tissues for proper cough/sneeze etiquette.
- Agency has no-touch disposal receptacles.
- Agency provides face coverings and disposable gloves for staff and volunteers.

Communication to staff, volunteers, and participants:

- The Agency emphasizes how effective that hand hygiene, including washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before preparing or eating food; after using the bathroom; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Agency staff, volunteers, and participants will be trained to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19 and other diseases.

Belongings

Agency staff and Volunteers will minimize what belongings they bring into the facility.

- Agency staff will bring their belongings directly to the place where they will be stored during their shift.
- All staff shall wash their hands immediately after storing their belongings.
- All staff shall sanitize any belongings they keep with them during their shift (e.g., phones) prior to starting their shift.
- Staff shall try to minimize access to their belongings during their shift and to wash their hands any time they do access them.
- Participants
 - Participants will be asked to minimize the number of belongings brought into the dining center kept separate from other participant's belongings
 - If a staff member or volunteer handle participant belongings they shall wash their hands or sanitize their hand immediately after handling.

If a staff person, volunteer, or participant is diagnosed with COVID-19, contact local public health and notify Board and GOEA. Contact tracing may be necessary, so it is important to know who is in the dining center each day and how to reach those individuals (e.g. phone number, email address, etc.).

Masks and Face Coverings

- All questions, expectations, and communications of staff and volunteers will be normal as with other situations that arise on a daily basis.
- Staff and volunteers should wear a mask or cloth face covering when near other staff, volunteers, and participants and in common areas.
- Staff and volunteers shall have training on how to properly put on and remove a face covering or cloth face covering. The CDC illustrates how to properly wear a face covering and have several tutorials for how to make one. Best practice is that the face covering should fit snugly on the sides of the face and consist of at least two layers. Light should not be visible when held up to a light source.
- Face coverings should be worn, except when participants are eating or drinking.

- If participants will not be able to stay six feet away from others, it is recommend that they bring their own mask or covering. Considerations will be made for individuals who are unable or unwilling to wear a mask or cloth face covering.
 - Agency will provide masks for participants to use when not eating or drinking if they did not bring one, and provide adequate trash receptacles for disposing of used masks.
- Agency will provide information to participants on how to properly put on and remove a mask or cloth face covering. The CDC illustrates how to properly wear a face covering and have several tutorials for how to make one. Best practice is that the face covering should fit snugly on the sides of the face and consist of at least two layers. Light should not be visible when held up to a light source.

Physical Distancing

Note: Physical distancing and the layout of the space is one of the most effective methods of preventing spread, as participants will remove face coverings to eat and drink.

We shall maintain physical distancing with a six-foot(or less) distance between individuals whenever possible. The agency will instruct participants to maintain physical distancing as much as possible during their visit.

- The agency will look to see if additional staff and/or volunteers are necessary to reinforce physical distancing.

The buildings capacity will be reduced to ensure adequate physical distancing.

- The agency will work with public health and dining center facility staff to determine the maximum capacity and make sure this is communicated to staff, volunteers, and participants.
- The programs may manage/limit the number of participants at any given time by, but not limited to, the following:
 - Implement advance reservation system to ensure adequate seating, not to exceed capacity.
 - Stagger meal service days to allow multiple groups to dine 1-2 days per week. - Look at opening "pop-up" dining centers in more locations in the community so that fewer participants gather in one location.
- Will consider creating voucher program with food service establishment if needed.

The agency will Explore ways that meals can be served safely while allowing physical distancing:

- Adjusting menu offerings and kitchen workflows to allow staff and volunteers to maintain six feet or less of distance.

Staff and volunteers will plate meals for participants. We will avoid self-service food and drink stations (for example, salad bars and buffets, shared pitchers and coffee urns, etc.).

- Staff/volunteers could serve meals to participants at their table.

- If in the future participants pick up their meal from a counter, staff will clean counter after each customer. Participant should pick up meals from the counter one at a time. Consider adding clear plastic barrier protection with a pass-through opening at the meal service area.

- Participants may be called one at a time or in very small groups while maintaining physical distancing to pick up a meal from a meal service area.

- Only staff or volunteers can refill drinks, and will use a new cup or mug for the refill.

- Only silverware/napkins stored in sealed bags will be used.

- Single-use containers or disposable packets of condiments will be used.

Consider how participants will be seated to promote physical distancing:

- Dining areas shall maintain six feet between tables, and limit seats at tables so that participants from different households could be seated six feet apart.

- When possible, physical barriers made of plastic or similar solid material should separate tables.

- There shall be 5 participants seated at each table to ensure physical distancing. The same rules apply to outdoor areas. Crosstalk across tables will be reviewed. Distancing and use of masks can be a barrier for effective socialization. In some cases, other options, such as virtual congregate dining or simply offering carryout meals could provide socialization in a way that meets individuals needs while physical distancing and use of face coverings remains necessary.

- Tables that are not compliant should be clearly signed and blocked off (i.e., with visible tape) across seats and tables.

Common-use areas will be closed if physical distancing and sanitizing between users cannot be maintained. Inform participants about which areas of the facility they can access.

Install physical barriers such as sneeze guards and partitions in areas where maintaining physical distance of six feet is difficult.

Floor markings or chair placement be used to encourage safe spacing of participants. Use floor markings to encourage one-way traffic flow and physical distancing.

Restrooms will be sanitized frequently, and the establishment shall monitor that participants, staff, and volunteers adhere to physical distancing guidelines regarding restroom use.

Additional Considerations for Participant Protection

Eliminate any unnecessary physical contact between staff and volunteers and participants.

Share the precautions the program is taking publicly with participants.

- Sharing protocols and processes in place will help ease concerns that participants might have about dining in person.

- Consider sharing information via ADRC/Aging websites, by emailing or calling participants, by sharing written information with home-delivered meals or via mail, and/or through local media outlets.

Post signage illustrating protocols in place and expectations for participants, such as signage regarding physical distancing, handwashing, use of face coverings, etc.

Install handwashing or sanitizing stations (with hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol) at the entrance and at key locations throughout the facility. Encourage participants to use them.

Utilize disposable items instead of reusable when possible, and provide adequate, no-touch trash receptacles to accommodate waste.

If possible, remove brochures or other paper information and consider providing storyboards, video screens, or additional audiovisual information. Brochures or other physical materials could be secured behind counters or desks to be provided as needed. Remove other unnecessary touchpoints, especially those that cannot be sanitized between uses, such as pens, benches, drinking fountains, and shared equipment.

Participants should not sign themselves in to avoid many participants having contact with the same paper and pen/pencil. Instead, site managers should document which older adults are in attendance and retain the sign-in sheet away from participant contact.

Provide contribution statements or use other methods of accepting cashless or contact-less contributions rather than accepting cash contributions on site.

Do not allow participants to bring items or food from home into the facility for sharing with others.

Participants will avoid sharing dishes, cups, utensils, napkins, and other objects with others.

Dining Center Environment and Considerations for Staff/Volunteers

Determine whether the program has sufficient staff and volunteers to reopen. Additional staff and volunteers may be necessary, especially if programs are operating congregate, carryout, and home-delivered meal services simultaneously.

Ensure that staff and volunteers are sufficiently trained and receive emotional support they might need as they transition back to in-person services.

- Ongoing training for staff and volunteers is important. It will be necessary to re-orient staff and volunteers that might be returning to work since last year on food safety and other policies and procedures.
- Training on new policies and procedures will also likely be necessary. ServSafe is offering free reopening and de-escalation training videos related to COVID-19, in addition to training on takeout and delivery. Consider requiring staff and/or volunteers to watch these videos and provide additional training as necessary. Some additional topics to focus on include (but are not limited to):
 - o Cleaning — which products to use, when to use them
 - o Face coverings and gloves — what, when, and how to use (putting them on, removal, disposal, etc.)

The agency will consider potential situations between participants that could arise as participants return to in-person dining. It is recognized that staff and volunteers may be put in difficult situations. Communication with staff and volunteers and training will be provided to them on how to handle these situations. Examples include:

- o Participants questioning each other about whether they have been vaccinated or asking for proof of vaccination or other personal health information.
- o Participants treating those who have been vaccinated differently or asking the site manager or other staff to treat them differently. Look at potential bullying or exclusion issues they need to be prepared for.
- Participants will have varying perspectives on the COVID-19 pandemic and the precautions that should or should not be in place. At which point(s) staff will intervene to resolve issues.

Staff and volunteers will also have varying perspectives on the COVID-19 pandemic and the precautions that should or should not be in place. Staff and volunteers will be trained on the expectations regarding communication of personal perspectives with participants.

A staff member will be the designated person, for participants to communicate questions and concerns regarding COVID-19.

Food and Beverage Handling and Preparation

Menu offerings and kitchen workflows will be adjusted to allow staff and volunteers to maintain six feet of distance.

Ensure the program is adhering to the requirements in the Louisiana Food Code and the Manual of Policies and Procedures for Louisiana's Aging Network.

Staff uses gloves to continue to avoid direct bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods or unwrapped single-use items such as straws, stir sticks or toothpicks.

Staff and volunteers have appropriate food safety training (Certified Food Protection Managers or Serving Safe Food certification, along with other necessary refresher training). Refresher training is available for all staff and volunteers returning to previous duties, according to policies and procedures.

Agency normal process is in place to manage deliveries of raw food, prepared meals, and supplies:

- o There is a single point of entry for deliveries (e.g. a loading dock or other less trafficked entrance).
 - o Delivery or sales persons are restricted to certain areas of the facilities as much as possible.
 - o Maintain physical distance between staff/volunteers and delivery persons as much as possible.
- o Hands are washed once deliveries have been stored or put away.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

The agency utilizes the CDC website for information on cleaning and disinfecting community settings.

- o There is a cleaning and sanitizing schedule.
- o There is a cleaning "station" that is fully stocked with all necessary supplies and written policies/procedures are to be followed.

The agency works with public health and the dining center facility staff to determine if dining centers have adequate ventilation and airflow. Air scrubbers and air filtration systems, and sanitizers have been installed in all buildings.

The agency has done walk-throughs of facilities that have determined "high touch" areas or areas of the facility that might require more cleaning and sanitizing. Procedures for staff and volunteers follow below.

- o Clean and sanitize high-contact areas (for example, doorknobs, buttons, cooler doors, stair railings, menus if applicable) every two hours, or after each user if feasible. o Sanitize tables and seating after each guest.
- o Restrooms shall be sanitized frequently, and the establishment shall monitor that participants, staff, and volunteers adhere to physical distancing guidelines regarding restroom use.
- o Sanitize food contact surfaces after each use. In food preparation areas, utilizing only appropriate food service chemicals.
- o Wipes are not used to wipe more than one surface; Only one wipe per item or area and are discarded after each use or when visibly soiled.

Items are washed at the warmest possible setting with the usual detergent and then dried completely.

Additional Considerations for Carryout Meals and Delivery

The agency will continue offering delivery and carryout, pick-up, or drive-through meals.

Participants picking up meals will maintain a six-foot distance from others.

Direct hand-off with plastic bag will be done.

Signs will be posted to inform participants of meal pickup protocols.

Physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks, will be done to ensure that participants remain at least six feet apart in line, or to stay in their cars or away from the establishment while waiting to pick up meals.

Designated pickup zones for participants are laid out and communicated to help maintain physical distancing.

The agency practices physical distancing when delivering food. An example is no-touch deliveries (leave delivery at doorstep and move six feet away to verify participant receives the meal) and sending text alerts or calling when deliveries have arrived.

Coolers and transport containers are cleaned and sanitized daily.

Time and temperature controls are maintained through each delivery.

Additional Considerations for In-Home Assessments

Hands will be washed prior to and immediately after home visit (i.e. viral-affecting hand sanitizer or soap and bottle of water).

The worker will avoid touching surfaces and items in the home if possible.

All staff and volunteers shall wear face coverings when in the home and encourage participants to wear a face covering as well.

They shall practice physical distancing during the entirety of the visit.

Additional Considerations for In-Person Activities

Activities at first will be moved outside as much as possible, especially activities with an increased transmission risk, such as physical activity and singing and limited.

Activities would be staggered so that large groups are not comingling in common spaces, such as hallways,

Limit group activities to a small number of participants, ideally fewer than 10 people at a time.

Centers will only be open from 10:00 till 11:30.

Section 14: Title III Request for Waiver of Priority Services (Optional)

Morehouse Area Agency on Aging

Agencies may request a Waiver of Priority Services if it is demonstrated that such service(s) is/are being provided sufficiently to meet the needs in the PSA. Agencies requesting a Waiver must adhere to GOEA Policy §1141.

1. Priority Service(s) for which Waiver is being requested: _____

N/A

2. Detailed rationale for Waiver Request.

3. Public Hearing record regarding Waiver Request. (See format in Section 8)

4. Assurance that supplemental service funds not utilized due to this request are allocated to the remaining priority services categories.

5. Waivers may be granted for a period of time up to/not to exceed 12 month; and must be requested annually.

Section 15: Governing Board

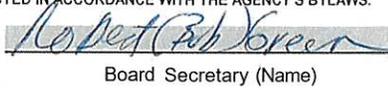
Board of Directors Roster

Agency Name: Morehouse
 Year: 2022-2023 February

DATE REVISED/UPDATED: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING: SPECIAL ELECTION: REGULAR MEETING:
Place an X in the appropriate space above for type of meeting taking place

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS AN OFFICIAL ROSTER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE
 Morehouse (AGENCY) ELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY'S BYLAWS.


 Board Secretary Signature


 Board Secretary (Name)

10/20/2022
 Date

(1) NAME: <u>Gay Gibe</u> ADDRESS: <u>309 Boner Ferry Rd.</u> CITY: <u>Bastrop</u> ZIP CODE: <u>71220</u> DISTRICT: _____ PHONE#: <u>318-281-2493</u> AGE (60+?): <u>No</u> OCCUPATION: <u>DARE Officer Sherrifs Office</u> E-MAIL: <u>morehouseparishdare@yahoo.com</u>	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated Info as applicable) From: _____ To: _____ <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Month Year Original Term Vacated: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: <u>February</u> <u>2022</u> To: <u>February</u> <u>2025</u> Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: _____ TERM OFFICE HELD: _____ From: _____ Month Year Month Year
Notes: Held over for COVID, new member will be elected at next AM.	

NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member: _____	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: _____
Date Member Resigned: _____	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Duerrem End: _____

(2) NAME: <u>Monica Butler</u> ADDRESS: <u>8 Waters Edge Dr.</u> CITY: <u>Monroe</u> ZIP CODE: <u>71203</u> DISTRICT: _____ PHONE#: <u>318-732-2531</u> AGE (60+?): <u>No</u> OCCUPATION: <u>Community Liason</u> E-MAIL: <u>mbutler@sterlingtonrehab.com</u>	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated Info as applicable) From: _____ To: <u>February</u> _____ <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Month Year Original Term Vacated: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: <u>February</u> <u>2017</u> To: <u>February</u> <u>2020</u> Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: <u>February</u> <u>2020</u> To: <u>February</u> <u>2023</u> Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: _____ TERM OFFICE HELD: _____ From: _____ Month Year Month Year
Notes: Voted on for 2nd term at next AM	

NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member: _____	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: _____
Date Member Resigned: _____	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Duerrem End: _____

(3) NAME: <u>Thomas Crowder</u> ADDRESS: <u>516 Fisher Lane</u> CITY: <u>Bastrop</u> ZIP CODE: <u>71220</u> DISTRICT: _____ PHONE#: <u>318-281-1967</u> AGE (60+?): <u>No</u> OCCUPATION: <u>Firefighter</u> E-MAIL: <u>tcrowder@cityofbastrop.com</u>	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated Info as applicable) From: <u>February 1, 2022</u> To: <u>February</u> <u>2022</u> <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Month Year Original Term Vacated: From: <u>February</u> <u>2021</u> To: <u>February</u> <u>2024</u> Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: <u>February</u> <u>2021</u> To: <u>February</u> <u>2024</u> Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: _____ TERM OFFICE HELD: _____ From: _____ Month Year Month Year
Notes: CROWDER termned out in 2021- stayed out 1 full year- no one replaced him, leaving this Member seat (#3) vacant until he returned in 2022. Crowder's term will be 2021-2024	

NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member: <u>Thomas Crowder</u>	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: _____
Date Member Resigned: <u>February 2021</u>	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Duerrem End: _____

May Be Ineligible for 2 FULL 3 YR Terms. Check with HCBS

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(4) NAME: Vanessa Scales ADDRESS: 431 Martin Luther King North CITY: Bastrop ZIP CODE: 71220 DISTRICT: _____ PHONE#: 318-281-4074 AGE (60+?): Yes OCCUPATION: Retired E-MAIL: scatesv@bellsouth.net Notes: _____	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated info as applicable) From: _____ To: February _____ <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member: _____</small> Original Term Vacated: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February 2020 To: February 2023 Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: _____ TERM OFFICE HELD: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year
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NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member: _____	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: _____
Date Member Resigned: _____	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Duerrem End: _____

(5) NAME: Marv Beth Gambill ADDRESS: 2153 Bonner Ferry Rd. CITY: Bastrop ZIP CODE: 71220 DISTRICT: _____ PHONE #: 870-820-2417 AGE (60+?): No OCCUPATION: Nurse E-MAIL: mbgambill@yahoo.com Notes: _____	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated info as applicable) From: _____ To: February _____ <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member: _____</small> Original Term Vacated: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February 2018 To: February 2021 Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: February 2021 To: February 2024 Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: _____ TERM OFFICE HELD: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year
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NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member: _____	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: _____
Date Member Resigned: _____	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Duerrem End: _____

(6) NAME: Pam Walker ADDRESS: _____ CITY: Bastrop ZIP CODE: 71220 DISTRICT: _____ PHONE#: _____ AGE (60+?): _____ OCCUPATION: _____ E-MAIL: _____ Notes: _____	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated info as applicable) From: _____ To: February _____ <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member: _____</small> Original Term Vacated: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February 2021 To: February 2024 Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: _____ Secretaryrrreasurer TERM OFFICE HELD: _____ 2nd Term From: February 2021 To: February 2022 Month Year Month Year
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NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member: _____	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: _____
Date Member Resigned: _____	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Duerrem End: _____

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(7) NAME: Ivory Smith ADDRESS: 206 Sentelle St. CITY: Bastrop ZIP CODE: 71220 DISTRICT: I PHONE#: 318-283-4765 AGE (60+?): Yes OCCUPATION: Retired E-MAIL: 1Smith9@aol.com Notes:	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated Info as applicable) From: _____ To: February _____ <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Month Year Original Term Vacated: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February 2020 To: February 2023 Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: _____ TERM OFFICE HELD: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year
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NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member:	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member:		
Date Member Resigned:	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Due/Term End:		

(8) NAME: Melinda Jones ADDRESS: 611 Elmhurst CITY: Bastrop ZIP CODE: 71220 DISTRICT: I PHONE#: 318-235-3174 AGE (60+?): Yes OCCUPATION: Nurse E-MAIL: mjones@eqhs.org Notes: Member will need to be voted for 2nd term at next AM	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated Info as applicable) From: February 1 2017 To: February 2018 <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Month Year Original Term Vacated: From: February 2015 To: February 2018 Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February 2018 To: February 2021 Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: February 2021 To: February 2024 Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: _____ TERM OFFICE HELD: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year
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NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member: Mary Hodge	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member:	February 2015	February 2018
Date Member Resigned: 1B-2016	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Due/Term End:	October 1, 2016	February 2018

(9) NAME: Christy Merriweather ADDRESS: 518 Durham St. CITY: Bastrop ZIP CODE: 71220 DISTRICT: I PHONE#: 318-283-8887 AGE (60+?): No OCCUPATION: Counselor Morehouse Community Medical Center E-MAIL: Christy.Merriweather@mcmcinc.org Notes:	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated Info as applicable) From: February 1 2018 To: February 2019 <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Month Year Original Term Vacated: From: February 2016 To: February 2019 Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February 2019 To: February 2022 Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: February 2022 To: February 2025 Month Year Month Year F OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: Vice Chairman TERM OFFICE HELD: 2nd Term From: February 2022 To: February 2023 Month Year Month Year
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NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:

Resigned Board Member: Willie Edna Johnson	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member:	February 2016	February 2019
Date Member Resigned:	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Due/Term End:		February 2019

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(10) NAME: Ethel Robinson ADDRESS: 1765 W. Madison Ave. CITY: Bastrop ZIP CODE: 71220 DISTRICT: PHONE#: 318-281-7922 AGE (60+?): Yes OCCUPATION: Head Start Director MCIO E-MAIL: fund_m@suddenlink.com Notes: Held over for COVID	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated info as applicable) From: _____ To: February _____ <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Original Term Vacated: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February 2017 To: February 2020 Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: February 2020 To: February 2023 Month Year Month Year OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: Chairman TERM OFFICE HELD: 2nd Term From: February 2021 To: February 2022 Month Year Month Year
NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:	
Resigned Board Member:	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: I
Date Member Resigned:	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Due/Term End: J
(11) NAME: Jake Ford ADDRESS: 1105 Gray Rd CITY: Collinston ZIP CODE: 71229 DISTRICT: PHONE#: 318-665-3000 AGE (60+?): Yes OCCUPATION: Retired E-MAIL: Notes:	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated info as applicable) From: February 1, 2018 To: February 2019 <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Original Term Vacated: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February 2019 To: February 2022 Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: February 2022 To: February 2025 Month Year Month Year OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: TERM OFFICE HELD: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year
NOTE: If Member was elected to a Temporary Replacement Term, please complete the following:	
Resigned Board Member:	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: I
Date Member Resigned:	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Due/Term End: J
(12) NAME: ADDRESS: CITY: ZIP CODE: DISTRICT: PHONE#: AGE (60+?): OCCUPATION: E-MAIL: Notes:	Temporary TERM: (complete Temporary TERM and Original Term Vacated info as applicable) From: _____ To: February _____ <small>Date Elected Temporary Replacement Member</small> Original Term Vacated: _____ From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year FIRST TERM: From: February _____ To: February _____ Month Year Month Year SECOND TERM: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year OFFICER, OFFICE HELD: TERM OFFICE HELD: From: _____ To: _____ Month Year Month Year
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Resigned Board Member:	Original Elected Term for Resigned Member: I
Date Member Resigned:	Election of Temporary Replacement Member Due/Term End: J

Section 16: Advisory Council

_____ Morehouse ___ Area Agency on Aging

Advisory Council Membership

NAME	Physical or Mailing ADDRESS	NAME OF AGENCY / GROUP REPRESENTED
William Alexander	1707 West Madison Av,, Bastrop LA 71220	*
Terri Anderson	1400 Davenport Av Mer Rouge LA 71261	* Oak Woods Ass Admin
Bruce Rogers	11195 Azelea Drive, Mer Rouge, LA 71261	*
Jessie Watts	1305 Short Street, Bastrop, LA 71220	*
Betty Watson	917 Fuqua Av Bastrop LA 71220	*
Della Robinson	439 Folsom Street Bastrop LA 71220	*
Billy Ray Smith	2007 Gemini Drive Bastrop LA 71220	* Mt Zion COGIC
Thelma Caldwell	9294 Caron Plant Road Bastrop LA 71220	*
Brian Shoemaker	351 South Franklin Bastrop LA 71220	* Sheriffs Office CHDep

Use an asterisk (*) to indicate persons 60 +. Use two asterisks (**) to indicate Chairperson.
Use three asterisks (***) to indicate Chairperson 60 +.

Indicate number of members in each of the following categories:

Category	Number	Category	Number
60+ population	9	Elected officials	
Clients of Title III services	5	General public	2
Representatives of older persons		Representatives of health care provider organizations (Includes veterans' health care if there is a V.A. facility in your area)	1
Representatives of minority elderly		Representatives of supportive services provider organizations	

Section 17

ASSURANCES

STANDARD ASSURANCES UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT (PROVISION OF ASSURANCES BY AREA AGENCIES ON AGING)

The Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C., Section 3001, et. seq. hereafter referred to as the Act), requires each Area Agency on Aging to provide assurances that it will develop a plan and carry out a program in accordance with the plan. Each Area Agency on Aging must comply with the following provisions of the Act and written policies, procedures or agreements, as appropriate, must be on file in the Area Agency on Aging office and available for review and approval by Office of Elderly Affairs officials.

- Sec. 306(a)(6)(B)(F)(G) Procedures for Coordination with Program Listed in Sec. 203(b) of the OAA
- Sec. 306(a)(7) Policy for the Coordination of Community-Based Long Term Care
- Sec. 306(a)(8) Policy Regarding Coordinating of Case Management Services
- Sec. 306(a)(9) Policy to Carry Out the Long-Term Care Ombudsman as Described in Section 307(a)(9)
- Sec. 306(a)(10) Policy for a Grievance Procedure for Older Individuals That are Dissatisfied or Denied a Service Under This Title
- Sec. 306(a)(11)(A)(B)(C) Policy to Provide or Coordinate Services for Older Native Americans Under This Title With Services Provided Under Title VI
- Sec. 306(a)(12) Procedure to Coordinate Services with Other Federally Assisted Programs as Described in Section 202(b)
- Sec. 306(a)(13)(A)(B)(C) Provide assurances that area agency will maintain the integrity and public purpose of services, provide identity of contracts, demonstrate that the quantity and quality of the services are enhanced as a result of such contract or relationship.
- Sec. 306(a)(14) Assurance is given that preference in receiving Title III services will not be given to any individual as a result of a contract or commercial relationship that is not to implement Title III.
- Sec. 306(a)(15) Provide assurances regarding use of funds
- Sec. 306(a)(16) Self Directed Care
- Sec. 306(a)(17)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) Emergency Preparedness, Waiver Request Due to Adequate Supply, State Agency May Enter Into Agreements to Administer Programs, Legal Assistance Privacy Requirements, and State Agency Withholding of Funds as a Result of Failure to Comply

Section 17: ASSURANCES
cont'd

The Morehouse Area Agency on Aging agrees to adhere to the Assurances listed above in accordance with all rules and regulations specified under the Act, as amended, and are hereby submitted to the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs.

Signature: *R. Decker* 1-25-2023
DIRECTOR, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DATE

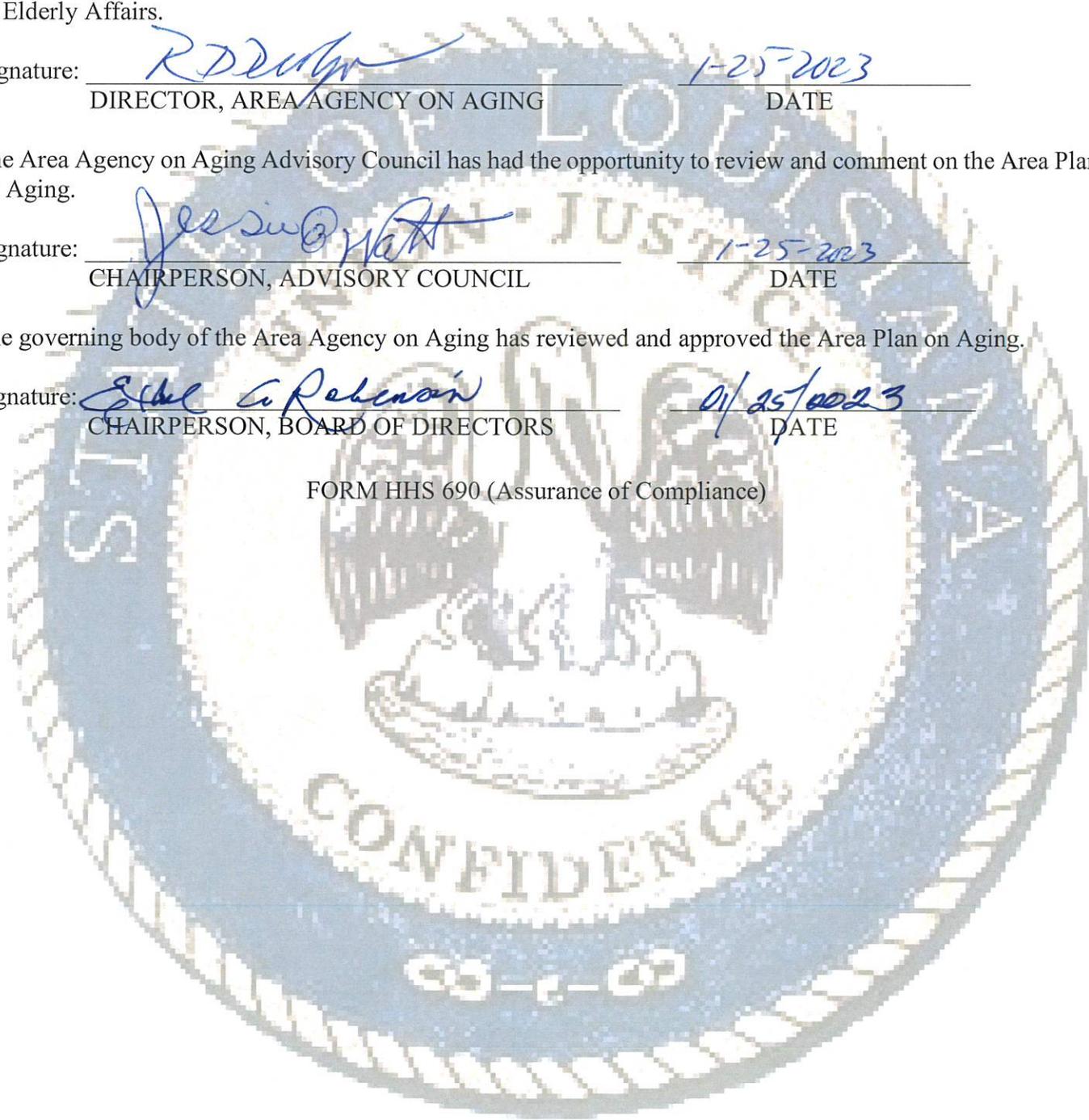
The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council has had the opportunity to review and comment on the Area Plan on Aging.

Signature: *Jessie Watt* 1-25-2023
CHAIRPERSON, ADVISORY COUNCIL DATE

The governing body of the Area Agency on Aging has reviewed and approved the Area Plan on Aging.

Signature: *Gabe Robinson* 01/25/2023
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DATE

FORM HHS 690 (Assurance of Compliance)



VERIFICATION OF INTENT

Morehouse_ Area Agency on Aging

This Area Plan on Aging for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027 includes all assurances and provisions required by the Older Americans Act Amendments (the Act).

The Area Agency on Aging identified will assume full authority to develop and administer the Area Plan in accordance with all requirements of the Act and related State policy. In accepting this authority the area agency agrees to be the leader relative to all aging issues on behalf of all older persons in the planning and service area (PSA). This means that the area agency shall proactively carry out, under the leadership of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, a wide range of functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, inter-agency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring and evaluation designed to lead to the development and enhancement of a comprehensive and coordinated community based system to serve each community in the PSA. This system shall be designed to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful lives in their own homes and communities as long as possible.

CERTIFICATION

This Area Plan on Aging has been developed in accordance with all rules and regulations specified under the Act, as amended, and is hereby submitted to the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs for approval.

Signature: *RDD* *1-25-2023*
DIRECTOR, AREA AGENCY ON AGING DATE

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council has had the opportunity to review and comment on the Area Plan on Aging.

Signature: *Jessie @ Matt* *1-25-2023*
CHAIRPERSON, ADVISORY COUNCIL DATE

The governing body of the Area Agency on Aging has reviewed and approved the Area Plan on Aging.

Signature: *Elyse Robinson* *6/25/2023*
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS DATE

2024-2027 4-YEAR AREA PLAN REQUIRED COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

To ensure all required components are included, “X” mark the far-right column boxes.

Enclose a copy of the checklist with your Area Plan;

Submit this form with the Area Plan due xx-xx-xxxx only

Section	Four-Year Area Plan Components	4-Year Plan
	<i>Submittal Page, Assurances & Verification of Intent forms – must have original, ink signatures or official signature stamps- no photocopies</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	Mission Statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Description of the Planning and Service Area (PSA) – Map of PSA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	I. PSA Overview	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	II. Area Profile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Focal Points – Map of Focal Points	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	List of Focal Points	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Description of Area Agency on Aging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	I. AAA Organizational Chart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	II. AAA Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	III. AAA Operational Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Planning Process – Establishing Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Needs Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Targeting:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	I. Targeting Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	II. Description of Priority Groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	III. Area Plan: Then & Now	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Community Meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Public Hearings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Identification of Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Area Plan Goals & Objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Summary of Services under the Area Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Disaster Preparedness	
13	I. Disaster Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	II. Public Health Emergency Operational Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Request for Waiver of Title III Priority Services (Optional)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Governing Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	Advisory Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Assurances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Verification of Intent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Parish of Residence

Parish	Percentage
Morehouse	98.1%
Other	1.9%

In what city do you reside? If more than one place, enter the name of the city.

Average: 71222.93

Bastrop
BASTROP
Mer Rouge
Oak Ridge
Bastrop
Collinston

In what zip code do you reside? If more than one place, enter the zip code of the residence where you live the majority of the year:

Zip Code	Count
71,220	~95
71,230	~1
71,240	~1
71,250	~1
71,260	~5

Please tell us your age:

Age Group	Count
70-74	22
80-84	22
85+	22
75-79	13
65-69	11
60-64	8
Under 60	5

Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Having access to the Internet?] NOT_FOUND

Importance	Percentage
3 Very Important	50.5%
2 Important	22.3%
1 Not Important	27.2%

Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Knowing what services are available for seniors and how to access the services?] NOT_FOUND

Importance	Percentage
3 Very Important	71.8%
2 Important	16.5%
1 Not Important	11.7%

Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Information or help applying for health insurance or prescription coverage?] NOT_FOUND

Importance	Percentage
3 Very Important	50.5%
2 Important	27.2%
1 Not Important	22.3%

Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Transportation to the Senior Center, store, doctor's office, pharmacy, or other location?] NOT_FOUND

Importance	Percentage
3 Very Important	46.6%
2 Important	25.3%
1 Not Important	28.2%

Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Having a meal with a friend or others my age?] NOT_FOUND

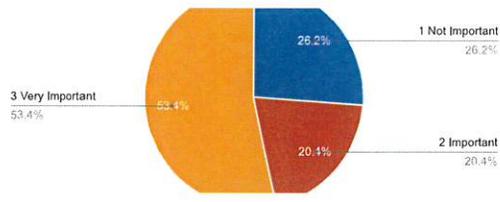
Importance	Percentage
3 Very Important	39.8%
2 Important	25.2%
1 Not Important	35%

Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Learning computer basics, how to use the internet or other skills?] NOT_FOUND

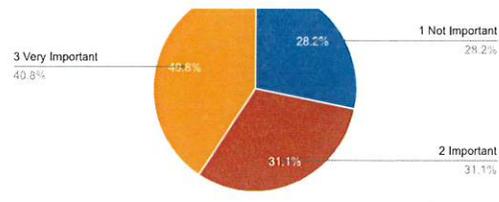
Importance	Percentage
1 Not Important	35%

Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Participating in fun group activities (e.g. day trips, exercising, dancing, walking, crafts, music, Bingo, etc.) with others my age?] NOT_FOUND

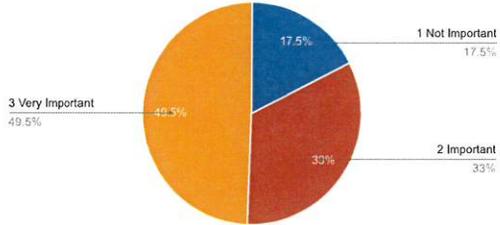
Importance	Percentage
1 Not Important	35%



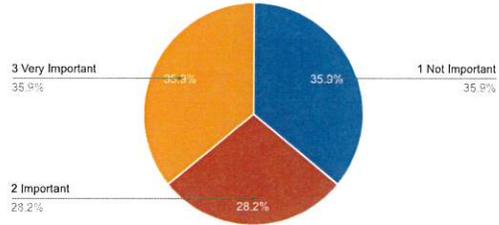
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Having someone to talk to when I feel lonely?] NOT_FOUND



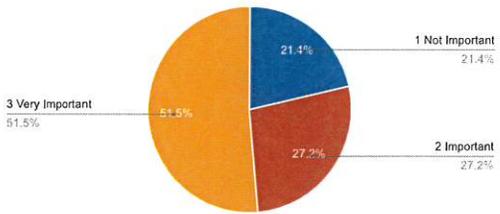
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Having someone deliver a meal to my home every day?] NOT_FOUND



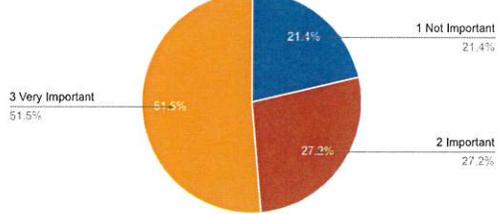
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Information on healthy eating to maintain physical health and overall well-being?] NOT_FOUND



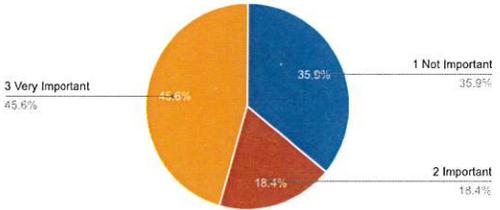
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Help keeping my home clean?] NOT_FOUND



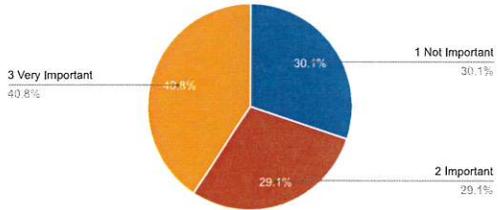
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Help with personal care (bathing, dressing, eating meals, taking medicine, etc.)?] NOT_FOUND



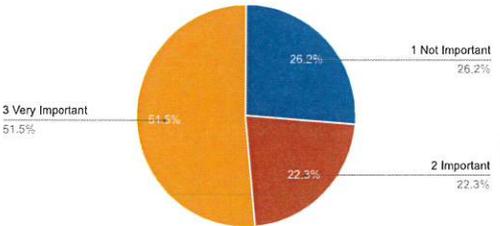
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Information, service and support for mental health issues (Alzheimer's, Dementia, Depression and other Disorders of the brain)?] NOT_FOUND



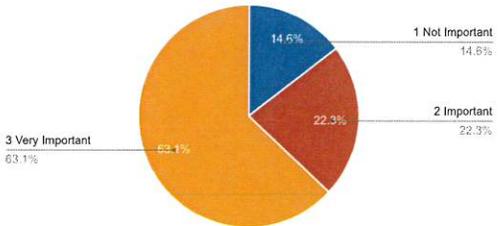
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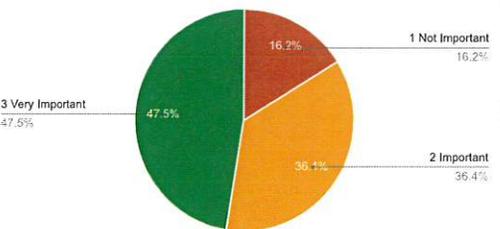
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Preventing falls and other accidents?] NOT_FOUND



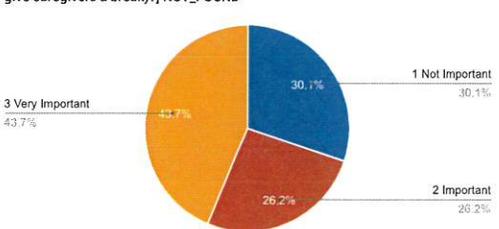
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Having a Senior Center that is close to my home?] NOT_FOUND



Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Respite Care Service (short-term relief service provided in your own home to give caregivers a break)?] NOT_FOUND



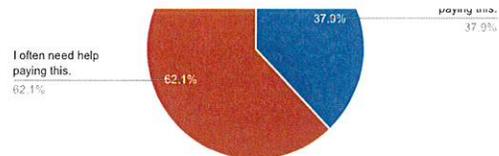
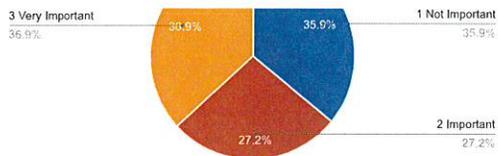
Please indicate your answer on a Scale of 1 (Not Important) to 3 (Very Important) by selecting the radio button below the number. How important is: [Access to Respite Care Facilities (Licensed Adult Residential Care Homes for assisted independent living)?] NOT_FOUND



Which of the following do you experience hardships affording and would obtain financial assistance to pay, if available? Check all that apply: [Dental Care and/or Dentures] NOT_FOUND

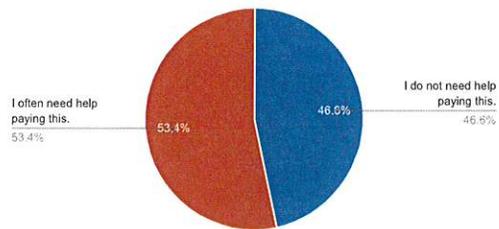
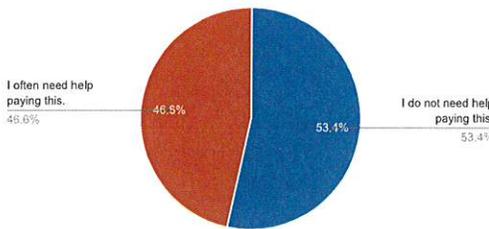


I do not need help with this.



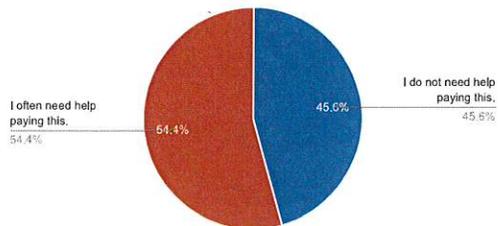
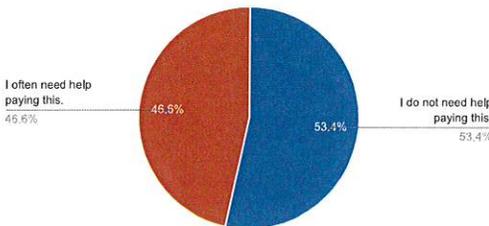
Which of the following do you experience hardships affording and would obtain financial assistance to pay, if available? Check all that apply: [Hearing Exam and/or Hearing Aids] NOT_FOUND

Which of the following do you experience hardships affording and would obtain financial assistance to pay, if available? Check all that apply: [Eye Exam/Glasses] NOT_FOUND



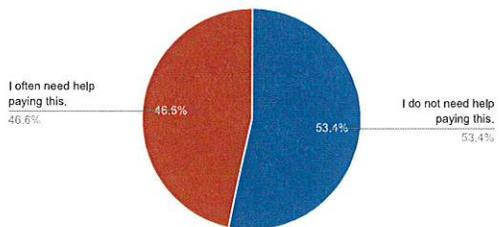
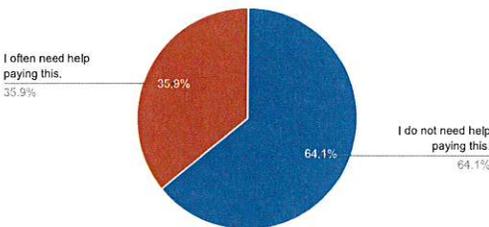
Which of the following do you experience hardships affording and would obtain financial assistance to pay, if available? Check all that apply: [Health Insurance] NOT_FOUND

Which of the following do you experience hardships affording and would obtain financial assistance to pay, if available? Check all that apply: [Healthy Food] NOT_FOUND



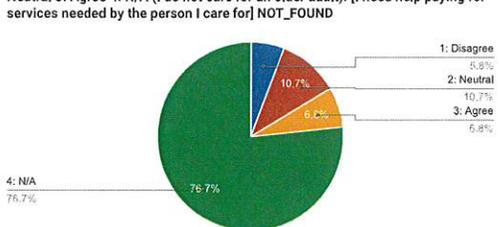
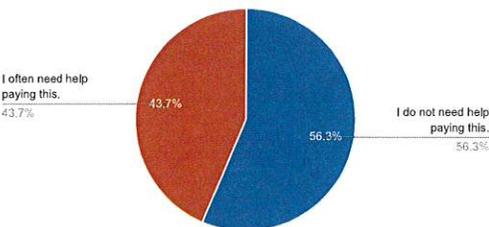
Which of the following do you experience hardships affording and would obtain financial assistance to pay, if available? Check all that apply: [Medicare] NOT_FOUND

Which of the following do you experience hardships affording and would obtain financial assistance to pay, if available? Check all that apply: [Prescriptions or prescription drug coverage] NOT_FOUND



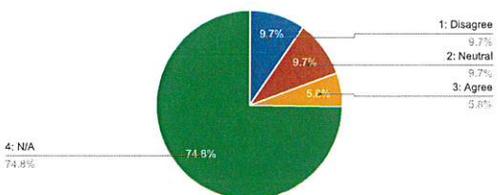
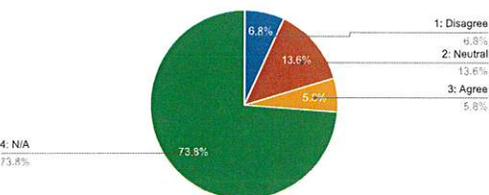
Which of the following do you experience hardships affording and would obtain financial assistance to pay, if available? Check all that apply: [Other Assistive Medical Devices] NOT_FOUND

If you care for an Older Adult aged 60 years or older, please tell us how much you agree with each of the following statements. Which of these statements apply to you? Indicate your level of agreement by selecting: 1: Disagree 2: Neutral 3: Agree 4: N/A (I do not care for an older adult). [I need help paying for services needed by the person I care for] NOT_FOUND



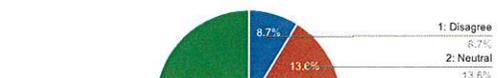
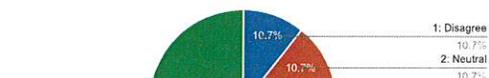
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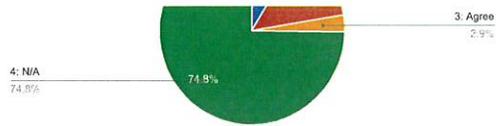
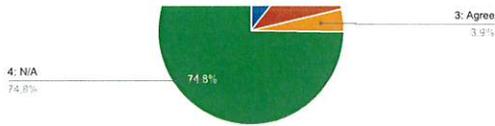
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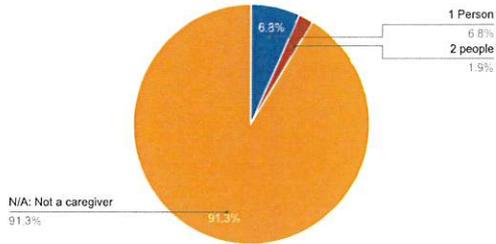
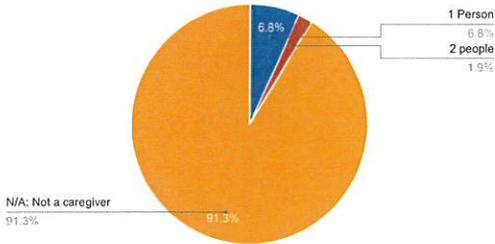
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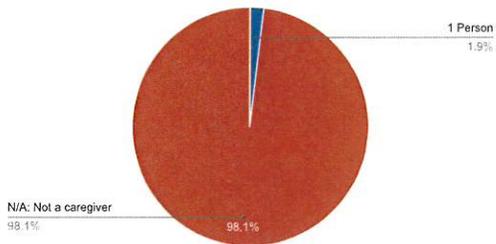
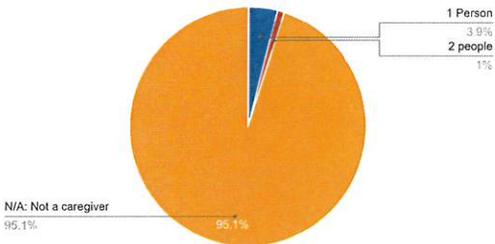
CAREGIVERS: Of the persons you care for, how many of those are: [Over 60 years old] NOT_FOUND

CAREGIVERS: Of the persons you care for, how many of those are: [Disabled] NOT_FOUND



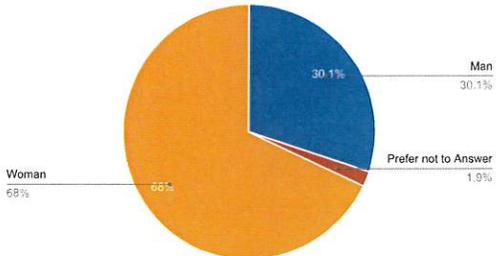
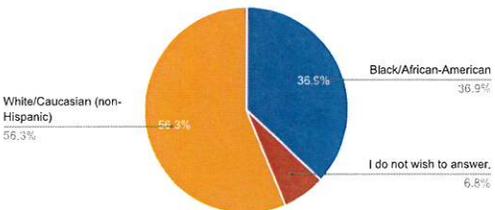
CAREGIVERS: Of the persons you care for, how many of those are: [Both Over 60 years old and disabled] NOT_FOUND

CAREGIVERS: Of the persons you care for, how many of those are: [Child/Children under Age 18] NOT_FOUND



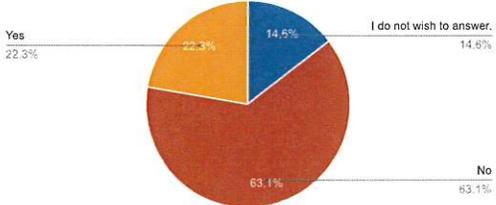
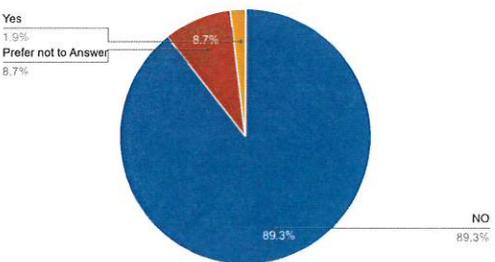
Race and Ethnicity (Listed in alphabetical order) As our country becomes more racially and ethnically divers, organizations bear a responsibility to be inclusive and pursue equity. Which of the following best describes you? Please select all that apply:

Which of the following best describes you? Select all that apply:



Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community?:

Disability Status Do you have a long-lasting or chronic condition (such as physical, visual, auditory, cognitive, emotional or other) that requires ongoing accommodations for you to conduct daily life activities (such as your ability to see, hear or speak; to lean, remember or concentrate)?



Disability Status We are interested in this data regardless of whether you t

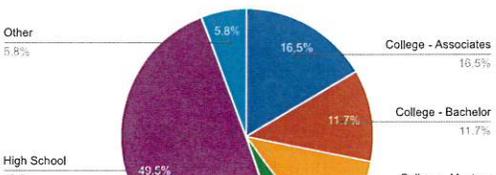
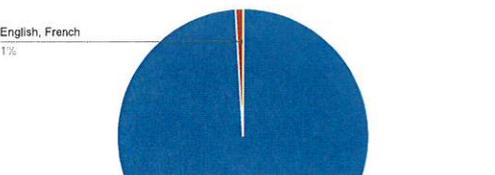
What is your Relationship Status? What is your Relationship Status?

- I do not have a disability
- I do not wish to answer.
- A long-term mental health condition (e.g. depression, anxiety)
- A disability or impairment not listed above
- A long-term medical illness (e.g. epilepsy, cystic fibrosis)
- A mobility impairment
- A temporary impairment resulting from illness or injury (e.g. broken ankle, surgery)
- A sensory impairment
- An intellectual/developmental disability (e.g. ADHD, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, PKU)
- A mobility impairment, A disability or impairment not listed above
- A temporary impairment resulting from illness or injury (e.g. broken ankle, surgery), I
- A disability or impairment not listed above, I do not have a disability
- A long-term medical illness (e.g. epilepsy, cystic fibrosis), A disability or impairment n
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Married	36
Widowed	32
Single	21
Divorced	8
I do not wish to answer.	3
Separated	2
Deceased	1

What language do you speak at home?

Highest grade or college level completed?



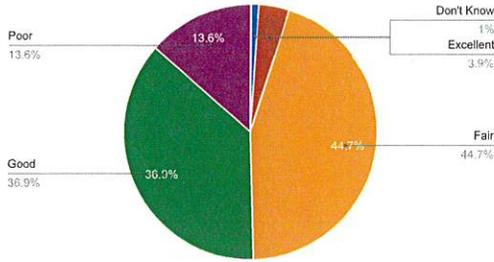


English
99%



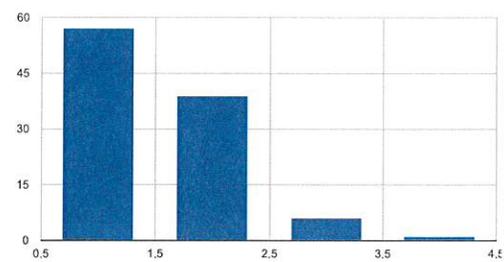
Grade School
11.7%

In general, how do you rate your health?



How many people live in your household?

Average: 1.52



Is there anything else you would like for the Area Agency on Aging to know

- No
- NA
- Any service for a 60 year old in the community
- Daughter is disabled
- Have lung disease and hard of hearing
- Help paying utility bills/good service the agency and staff give & very friendly
- I know people who need weekend meals. I do not
- Larger portions of redbeans, rice
- Love your lunches
- Love your lunches
- Need living assistance ie cleaning cooking bathing dressing
- Need more hours for cleaning and shopping at grocery store
- Please provide any information
- Thankful for the good meals



QuickFacts Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; Louisiana; United States

QuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a population of 5,000 or more.

Table

	Morehouse Parish, Louisiana	Louisiana	United States
All Topics ▼			
Population Estimates, July 1 2022, (V2022)	△ NA	△ 4,590,241	△ 333,287,557
PEOPLE			
Population			
Population Estimates, July 1 2022, (V2022)	△ NA	△ 4,590,241	△ 333,287,557
Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	△ 25,025	△ 4,627,098	△ 332,031,554
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2022)	△ NA	△ 4,657,749	△ 331,449,520
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2021)	△ 25,629	△ 4,657,749	△ 331,449,520
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2022, (V2022)	△ NA	△ -1.4%	△ 0.6%
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2021, (V2021)	△ -2.4%	△ -0.7%	△ 0.2%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	25,629	4,657,757	331,449,281
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	27,979	4,533,372	308,745,538
Age and Sex			
Persons under 5 years, percent	△ 6.3%	△ 6.2%	△ 5.7%
Persons under 18 years, percent	△ 23.8%	△ 23.4%	△ 22.2%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	△ 20.0%	△ 16.5%	△ 16.8%
Female persons, percent	△ 51.6%	△ 51.0%	△ 50.5%
Race and Hispanic Origin			
White alone, percent	△ 49.8%	△ 62.4%	△ 75.8%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	△ 48.0%	△ 33.0%	△ 13.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	△ 0.3%	△ 0.8%	△ 1.3%
Asian alone, percent (a)	△ 0.5%	△ 1.9%	△ 6.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	△ 0.1%	△ 0.1%	△ 0.3%
Two or More Races, percent	△ 1.4%	△ 1.8%	△ 2.9%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	△ 1.6%	△ 5.6%	△ 18.9%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	△ 48.8%	△ 57.9%	△ 59.3%
Population Characteristics			
Veterans, 2017-2021	1,095	232,389	17,431,290
Foreign born persons, percent, 2017-2021	0.8%	4.2%	13.6%
Housing			
Housing units, July 1, 2021, (V2021)	11,876	2,093,393	142,153,010
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2017-2021	68.4%	66.7%	64.6%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2017-2021	\$89,200	\$174,000	\$244,900
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2017-2021	\$975	\$1,376	\$1,697
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2017-2021	\$301	\$362	\$538
Median gross rent, 2017-2021	\$628	\$923	\$1,163
Building permits, 2021	4	19,147	1,736,982
Families & Living Arrangements			
Households, 2017-2021	9,240	1,748,688	124,010,992
Persons per household, 2017-2021	2.71	2.59	2.60
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2017-2021	88.6%	87.6%	86.6%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2017-2021	1.1%	7.7%	21.7%
Computer and Internet Use			
Households with a computer, percent, 2017-2021	71.9%	89.6%	93.1%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2017-2021	61.7%	81.2%	87.0%

Education			
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2017-2021	80.0%	86.2%	88.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2017-2021	11.5%	25.5%	33.7%
Health			
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2017-2021	11.1%	11.3%	8.7%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	△ 8.9%	△ 9.0%	△ 9.8%
Economy			
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2017-2021	48.6%	58.7%	63.1%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2017-2021	45.8%	55.1%	58.7%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	24,049	14,553,042	938,237,077
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	126,212	34,618,006	2,527,903,275
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	27,675	14,583,333	895,225,411
Total retail sales, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	196,597	65,000,819	4,949,601,481
Total retail sales per capita, 2017 (c)	\$7,660	\$13,908	\$15,224
Transportation			
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2017-2021	26.1	25.9	26.8
Income & Poverty			
Median household income (in 2021 dollars), 2017-2021	\$33,758	\$53,571	\$69,021
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2021 dollars), 2017-2021	\$19,213	\$30,340	\$37,638
Persons in poverty, percent	△ 30.9%	△ 19.6%	△ 11.6%
BUSINESSES			
Businesses			
Total employer establishments, 2020	432	106,230	8,000,178
Total employment, 2020	5,596	1,703,353	134,163,349
Total annual payroll, 2020 (\$1,000)	178,746	79,847,972	7,564,809,878
Total employment, percent change, 2019-2020	1.4%	-0.9%	0.9%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2019	1,712	392,105	27,104,008
All employer firms, Reference year 2017	435	77,699	5,744,643
Men-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S	45,650	3,480,438
Women-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S	13,170	1,134,549
Minority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S	8,642	1,014,958
Nonminority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S	62,693	4,371,152
Veteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	35	5,128	351,237
Nonveteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S	64,349	4,968,606
GEOGRAPHY			
Geography			
Population per square mile, 2020	32.2	107.8	93.8
Population per square mile, 2010	35.2	104.9	87.4
Land area in square miles, 2020	794.95	43,210.23	3,533,038.28
Land area in square miles, 2010	794.93	43,203.90	3,531,905.43
FIPS Code	22067	22	1

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Table

PEOPLE		
Population		
Population Estimates, July 1 2022, (V2022)	NA	4,590,241
Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	9,467	4,627,098
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2022)	NA	4,657,749
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2021)	9,725	4,657,749
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2022, (V2022)	NA	-1.4%
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2021, (V2021)	-2.7%	-0.7%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	9,691	4,657,757
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	11,365	4,533,372
Age and Sex		
Persons under 5 years, percent	8.7%	6.2%
Persons under 18 years, percent	29.0%	23.4%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	13.9%	16.5%
Female persons, percent	51.8%	51.0%
Race and Hispanic Origin		
White alone, percent	19.1%	62.4%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	78.5%	33.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	0.0%	0.8%
Asian alone, percent (a)	0.6%	1.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	0.0%	0.1%
Two or More Races, percent	1.8%	1.8%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	0.7%	5.6%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	19.1%	57.9%
Population Characteristics		
Veterans, 2017-2021	413	232,389
Foreign born persons, percent, 2017-2021	1.1%	4.2%
Housing		
Housing units, July 1, 2021, (V2021)	X	2,093,393
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2017-2021	53.0%	66.7%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2017-2021	\$82,000	\$174,000
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2017-2021	\$918	\$1,376
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2017-2021	\$284	\$362
Median gross rent, 2017-2021	\$650	\$923
Building permits, 2021	X	19,147
Families & Living Arrangements		
Households, 2017-2021	3,488	1,748,688
Persons per household, 2017-2021	2.75	2.59
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2017-2021	86.4%	87.6%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2017-2021	1.8%	7.7%
Computer and Internet Use		
Households with a computer, percent, 2017-2021	65.5%	89.6%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2017-2021	55.1%	81.2%

Education	Bastrop city, Louisiana	Louisiana
High school graduate or higher		
Bachelor's degree or higher	Population Estimates, July 1, 2022 (V2022)	4,590
Health		
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2017-2021	9.9%	11.3%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	10.8%	9.0%
Economy		
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2017-2021	49.1%	58.7%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2017-2021	51.9%	55.1%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	23,637	14,553,042
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	101,332	34,618,006
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	8,581	14,583,383
Total retail sales, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	115,652	65,000,819
Total retail sales per capita, 2017 (c)	\$11,247	\$13,906
Transportation		
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2017-2021	20.6	25.9
Income & Poverty		
Median household income (in 2021 dollars), 2017-2021	\$23,955	\$53,571
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2021 dollars), 2017-2021	\$14,131	\$30,340
Persons in poverty, percent	44.0%	19.6%
BUSINESSES		
Businesses		
Total employer establishments, 2020	X	106,230
Total employment, 2020	X	1,703,353
Total annual payroll, 2020 (\$1,000)	X	79,847,972
Total employment, percent change, 2019-2020	X	-0.9%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2019	X	392,105
All employer firms, Reference year 2017	283	77,699
Men-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	149	45,650
Women-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S	13,170
Minority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S	8,642
Nonminority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	225	62,693
Veteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	32	5,128
Nonveteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	187	64,349
GEOGRAPHY		
Geography		
Population per square mile, 2020	1,132.4	107.8
Population per square mile, 2010	1,276.8	104.9
Land area in square miles, 2020	8.56	43,210.23
Land area in square miles, 2010	8.90	43,203.90
FIPS Code	2204685	22

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	Bastrop city, Louisiana	Louisiana
Value Notes	Population Estimates, July 1 2022, (V2022) ⚠ NA	⚠ 4,590

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Dashboard - Bastrop city, Louisiana

Population Estimates, July 1 2022, (V2022)
Bastrop city,
Louisiana

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Population Estimates, July 1 2022, (V2022) ⬆️ NA

PEOPLE

Population

Population Estimates, July 1 2022, (V2022)	⬆️ NA
Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	⬆️ 9,467
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2022)	⬆️ NA
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2021)	⬆️ 9,725
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2022, (V2022)	⬆️ NA
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2021, (V2021)	⬆️ -2.7%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	9,691
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	11,365

Age and Sex

Persons under 5 years, percent	⬆️ 8.7%
Persons under 18 years, percent	⬆️ 29.0%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	⬆️ 13.9%
Female persons, percent	⬆️ 51.8%

Race and Hispanic Origin

White alone, percent	⬆️ 19.1%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	⬆️ 78.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	⬆️ 0.0%
Asian alone, percent (a)	⬆️ 0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	⬆️ 0.0%
Two or More Races, percent	⬆️ 1.8%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	⬆️ 0.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	⬆️ 19.1%

Population Characteristics

Veterans, 2017-2021	413
Foreign born persons, percent, 2017-2021	1.1%

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Median gross rent, 2017-2021	\$650
Building permits, 2021	X

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Households, 2017-2021	3,488
Persons per household, 2017-2021	2.75
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2017-2021	86.4%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2017-2021	1.8%

Computer and Internet Use

Households with a computer, percent, 2017-2021	65.5%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2017-2021	55.1%

For places on the map, populations of 5,000 or more are shown

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Bastrop city, Louisiana	⬆️ NA
Abbeville city, Louisiana	⬆️ NA
Addis town, Louisiana	⬆️ NA
Alexandria city, Louisiana	⬆️ NA
Baker city, Louisiana	⬆️ NA
Baton Rouge city, Louisiana	⬆️ NA
Bayou Blue CDP, Louisiana	⬆️ X
Bayou Cane CDP, Louisiana	⬆️ X
Belle Chasse CDP, Louisiana	⬆️ X
Bogalusa city, Louisiana	⬆️ NA
Bossier City city, Louisiana	⬆️ NA
Breaux Bridge city, Louisiana	⬆️ NA

Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2017-2021	75.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2017-2021	5.8%
Health	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2017-2021	9.9%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	△ 10.6%
Economy	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2017-2021	49.1%
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Total accommodation and food services sales, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	23,637
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Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	8,581
Total retail sales, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	115,652
Total retail sales per capita, 2017 (c)	\$11,247
Transportation	
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2017-2021	20.6
Income & Poverty	
Median household income (in 2021 dollars), 2017-2021	\$23,955
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2021 dollars), 2017-2021	\$14,131
Persons in poverty, percent	△ 44.0%
BUSINESSES	
Businesses	
Total employer establishments, 2020	X
Total employment, 2020	X
Total annual payroll, 2020 (\$1,000)	X
Total employment, percent change, 2019-2020	X
Total nonemployer establishments, 2019	X
All employer firms, Reference year 2017	283
Men-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	149
Women-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S
Minority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	S
Nonminority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	225
Veteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	32
Nonveteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	187
GEOGRAPHY	
Geography	
Population per square mile, 2020	1,132.4
Population per square mile, 2010	1,276.8
Land area in square miles, 2020	8.56
Land area in square miles, 2010	8.90
FIPS Code	2204685

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Broussard city, Louisiana

△ NA

Brownfields CDP, Louisiana

△ X

Carencro city, Louisiana

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Carlyss CDP, Louisiana

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Central city, Louisiana

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Chackbay CDP, Louisiana

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Chalmette CDP, Louisiana

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Claiborne CDP, Louisiana

△ X

Covington city, Louisiana

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Crowley city, Louisiana

△ NA

Cut Off CDP, Louisiana

△ X

Denham Springs city, Louisiana

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DeRidder city, Louisiana

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Destrehan CDP, Louisiana

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Donaldsonville city, Louisiana

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Eden Isle CDP, Louisiana

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Elmwood CDP, Louisiana

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Estelle CDP, Louisiana

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Eunice city, Louisiana

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Fort Polk South CDP, Louisiana

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Franklin city, Louisiana

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Galliano CDP, Louisiana

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Gardere CDP, Louisiana

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Gonzales city, Louisiana

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Grambling city, Louisiana

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Gray CDP, Louisiana

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Gretna city, Louisiana

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Hammond city, Louisiana

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