



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Area Agency on Aging - Access Committee

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Monday, December 6, 2021

2:00 PM

via Zoom

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Registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

*Staff and Guests Present: Cindy Matulle, Kate Seal, Angela Velasquez, Deana Wright, and Margie Zutter*

#### A. Call To Order

Vice Chair MOHAN called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

**Present** 7 - BARBARA BOUSTEAD, JENNIFER BROWN, CAROL LORENZ, SRIDEVI MOHAN, DIANNE LEIGH, KATE MCGINNITY, and DIANE FARSETTA

**Absent** 2 - GERRY DERR, and JON HOCHKAMMER

## B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes from November 1, 2021  
[MIN-477](#)

**Attachments:** [2021\\_1101\\_AAA Access Committee Minutes](#)

A motion was made by LORENZ, seconded by MCGINNITY, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - BOUSTEAD, BROWN, LORENZ, MOHAN, LEIGH, MCGINNITY and Farsetta

**Absent:** 2 - DERR and HOCHKAMMER

## C. Action Items

### 1. 2022 Committee Calendar

[2021](#) 2022 AAA Access Meeting Schedule  
[ACT-326](#)

**Attachments:** [AAA Access Committee Calendar 2022 DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by LORENZ, seconded by MCGINNITY, to approve the AAA Access Committee calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - BOUSTEAD, BROWN, LORENZ, MOHAN, LEIGH, MCGINNITY and Farsetta

**Absent:** 2 - DERR and HOCHKAMMER

## D. Presentations

## 1. RSVP Volunteer Services Programs Update

*RSVP Director Margie Zutter updated members on the volunteer services currently provided by RSVP over the past year. Half of the staff is back in the office working, with others working remotely. Audio and video monthly meetings have been set up so volunteers can remain engaged. These monthly Zoom meetings have included activities, lectures on topics of interest and the means to connect with fellow volunteers while isolated. The success of the Computer Buddy program, expanded to include Cambridge and DeForest area elementary students, was mentioned as a means for engaging new volunteers during the pandemic as these volunteers work with students via Zoom since schools don't want more volunteers in the classrooms until COVID transmission is not an issue.*

*RSVP Groups Project Coordinator Kate Seal talked about projects the volunteers have been working on. Currently there are 200-250 project volunteers sewing, knitting or crocheting items that are then donated throughout Dane County. The most requested items have been hats, mittens, quilts and totes. The group made 6,000 facemasks that were handed out through the ADRC and Focal Points. Volunteers have been busy making different quilts for vets, fidget quilts for persons with dementia, and weighted shawls for Meriter Hospital. Chemo hats for UW Hospital have been a big request as well. During the summer two groups were able to get together at a local barn and make over 1,000 bags to be donated.*

*AAA Aging Specialist Angela Velasquez commented that RSVP volunteers are vital to the success of many aging services offered throughout Dane County. In fact, home-delivered meals would have cost the county \$366,000 in mileage alone if we did not have volunteers helping with delivery.*

## E. Reports to Committee

### 1. Diversity Work Group

*VELASQUEZ noted that the Dane County Office of Equity and Inclusion Director Wesley Sparkman would be a guest speaker AAA Legislative/Advocacy meeting on December 8, 2021 for the purpose of learning how this office might advise the workgroup as they pursue additional representation on the AAA Board/Committees.*

### 2. 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan

[2021 RPT-690](#) 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan

**Attachments:** [2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan DRAFT](#)

[2021 RPT-691](#) Public Hearing Agenda for December 14, 2021

**Attachments:** [2021\\_1214 AAA Agenda Aging Plan Public Hearing Agenda](#)

*VELASQUEZ reminded members of the Public Hearing on Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 12 pm and encouraged everyone to register to attend.*

### 3. Chair & Staff Reports

*MOHAN reported the new COVID variant Omicron is in Milwaukee County. The main variant continues to be the Delta strain in Dane County and throughout the U.S.*

*Velasquez updated the Committee on increased annual funding from the Older American's Act and the receipt of the American Rescue Plan Act funding to be received over the next 2 years.*

### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Monday, 3 January 2022, 2:00 pm via Zoom

### G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

### H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None.*

### I. Adjournment

**A motion was made by MCGINNITY, seconded by BOUSTEAD, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - BOUSTEAD, BROWN, LORENZ, MOHAN, LEIGH, MCGINNITY and Farsetta

**Absent:** 2 - DERR and HOCHKAMMER

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.*