



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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Staff and Guests Present: Cindy Matulle, Sridevi Mohan, Carrie Springer and Angela Velasquez.

A. Call To Order

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Present 7 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

Absent 1 - FAISAL KAUD

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)
[MIN-720](#) Minutes from March 23, 2022

Attachments: [2022_0323 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes](#)

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by CASTANEDA, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and RUTKOWSKI

Absent: 1 - KAUD

C. Action Items

1. Diversity Work Group

Committee member KAUD was not present for report.

No action taken.

2. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Description Update

[2022](#)
[ACT-004](#) AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Description Update

Attachments: [Legislative Advocacy Committee Description 041522 DRAFT Diversity Wrkqp language \(003\)](#)

After a short discussion by members, it was decided to table this item until next month when KAUD would attend.

A motion was made by BUNCK, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, to table the AAA Legislation/Advocacy Committee Description Update until May meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and RUTKOWSKI

Absent: 1 - KAUD

3. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

OLSON advised the Legislature is on break. Aging Advocacy Day is May 11 and there is still time to sign up. Top three items to be the focus of Advocacy Day are Caregiver Tax Credits, Voting Rights and additional funding for ADRC's/Aging networks. WAAN will be finalizing the Advocacy Day agenda on Friday May 6, 2022.

No Action Taken.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

[2022](#)
[RPT-008](#) 2022 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan--QTR 1

Attachments: [2022 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan_QTR 1](#)

1. 2023 AAA Budget Priorities

AAA Aging Specialist Angela Velasquez reported that the draft would be ready for the May meeting. NewBridge will be putting forth an increase in funding for the Diversity & Inclusion Program. Focal Points are requesting an increase for Case Management. VELASQUEZ is still working on the numbers to inform and possible make the case for the Case Management ask. OLSON suggested a lower priority ask for Nutrition funding as the ARPA funding runs out next year as a heads up to the County Board. VELASQUEZ did not think this was necessary as the Department is aware of this issue already.

2. 2022 Committee Work Plan: QTR1

AAA Manager Sridevi MOHAN and VELASQUEZ presented the QTR 1 Committee Work Plan. There was much discussion and support around the need to advocate for housing. MOHAN and VELASQUEZ will send out base-line data and other relevant studies and articles to Committee members for further discussion on potential action at the next meeting.

3. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON stated that County Supervisors Melissa Ratcliff and Kate McGinnity presented on the Dane County Task Force for Broadband. OLSON suggested having them come and do a presentation for this committee in the next few months. ADRC is working on developing questions for public input at listening sessions.

4. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported the Legislature sent over the last batch of bills last week. Fifteen bills were signed and 28 vetoed, which included 10 on voting rights, for this batch of bills.

5. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON reported that three new fiscal staff have been budgeted to work with AAA's in managing OAA and ARPA funding. VELASQUEZ reported that this additional staffing has been helpful with inquiries regarding ARPA and OAA increased funding utilization.

6. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

OLSON reported AARP is launching an information campaign for older adults and how to ensure voting by this group continues.

7. Wisconsin Senior Advocates Update

OLSON reported top priority is voting rights for older adults. Collected a bunch of stories from the last election on issues and positive results.

8. Committee Membership

One member short, which needs to be someone from the AAA Board.

9. Chair & Staff Reports

VELASQUEZ talked about ARPA funding for Nutrition, Supportive Services and Transportation. Excess ARPA funding in Nutrition is being used to provide equipment and other upgrades to dining site kitchens in preparation for a potential tiered licensing requirement for the facilities in the future. Supportive services (3B) money are being used to launch a massive hoarding clean-up project over the next 15 months and to increase transportation to at least one focal point that has needs beyond the current budget for transportation.

VELASQUEZ reported of the innovative HDM breakfast program to start in July. The pilot is designed to decrease malnutrition in older adults by providing those screened as malnourished with 2 meals per day. Fifty HDM recipients will be identified, as needing two meals a day. The pilot will be accessed after 6-8 months to see how the program has benefitted those participating.

VELASQUEZ reported the Claris Companion Tablet Program will start the pilot phase in August with 20 people from rural Dane County and 5 Spanish speaking homebound older adults. Claris Companion is a tablet with built in internet connection capability so no internet service is needed by an older adult that does not have the internet. The tablet is loaded with 4G or 5G data for ease of use. Some older adults have laptops, tablets and smart phones they find difficult to use. The Claris Companion seems to be much easier to use and is reasonably priced.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 9 am via Zoom

OLSON wanted Diversity, Housing and Budget Priorities discussed at the May meeting.

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 LEZOTTE, seconded by MCHONE, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:38 am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and RUTKOWSKI

Absent: 1 - KAUD

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.