



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

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?

Monday, October 4, 2021

2:00 PM

via Zoom

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Staff & Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Katie Brietzman, Diane Farsetta, Jim Krueger, Louisa Latimer, Cindy Matulle, Joy Schmidt, Angela Velasquez, and Deana Wright.

A. Call To Order

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

Present 6 - JENNIFER BROWN, GERRY DERR, JON HOCHKAMMER, CAROL LORENZ, SRIDEVI MOHAN, and KATE MCGINNITY

Absent 3 - BARBARA BOUSTEAD, PAMELA FLAD, and DIANNE LEIGH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)
[MIN-321](#) Minutes from September 13, 2021

Attachments: [2021_0913_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: 6 - BROWN, DERR, HOCHKAMMER, LORENZ, MOHAN and MCGINNITY

Absent: 3 - BOUSTEAD, FLAD and LEIGH

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

1. Diversity & Inclusion Program Update

NewBridge Diversity & Inclusion Program Coordinator Deana Wright updated members on the multitude of social and educational programs offered to Black and Latinx older adult communities—even during the pandemic. At the end of 2020, Epic donated several laptops to the program to help keep older adults connected through the internet and attend virtual events. NewBridge is contracted by AAA to provide this program to Dane County older adults.

2. Volunteer Guardianship/Rep Payee Programs Annual Update

NewBridge Case Manager Katie Brietzman updated members on these programs. The Volunteer Guardianship Program applies to Dane County residents' age 60+ and helps those who have no one else serve as guardian over someone's estate. Volunteer hours from 2020-2021 have risen slightly; however, there hasn't been much of an increase in the number of volunteers due to the pandemic. Dane County funds only a portion of this program for those living independently.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Diversity Work Group

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman reported the AAA Board has three new members; one member identifies as LGBTQIA+ and was recruited by the Diversity Work Group. These new members will also need to serve on AAA Standing Committees so there will not be such an emergency need to fill openings. Diane Farsetta requested to be a member of the AAA Access Committee and the AAA Board will be voting on her appointment. Members of the work group are taking a step back and regrouping for continued efforts of recruiting POC community members.

2. 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan

Batterman went over the Aging Plan timeline and shared all of the progress to date. Final steps include approval of the draft goals by the AAA Board and a Public Hearing for input from the community for the complete draft plan.

[2021 RPT-517](#) 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan Timeline

Attachments: [2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan Timeline 091421](#)

[2021 RPT-520](#) 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan Goals

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

[2021 RPT-521](#) Public Hearing Notice

Attachments: [Public Hearing Notice Half page](#)

3. Chair & Staff Reports

Batterman reported this is an extremely busy time as AAA staff are facing pending deadlines to complete two large projects: POS contracts (which include final funding reports) and end of fiscal year SAMS data collection and reports. Work also continues on the Dane County Aging Plan, Case Management Survey, and responding to pandemic changes.

Batterman reported County Executive Joe Parisi included all four 2022 AAA Budget Priorities in his 2022 budget proposal.

Velasquez reported all three Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), GWAAR, Dane, and Milwaukee Counties, recently received confirmation the anticipated and budgeted 2020 Title III-C1 carryover funds had lapsed back into the State's General Fund on 6/30/21. Representatives from all three AAA's met with Office on Aging staff on 9/20/21 to discuss this shortfall—how it happened, what could be done about it, and how could we ensure this doesn't happen again. Dane County AAA lost \$396,773, or to put it more frankly, older adults lost 37,116 meals that could have been purchased and reduced malnutrition in persons that need more than one meal per day. For a program that has been critically underfunded for years, every penny is needed. All three AAA's followed the policy direction and language from the State to spend new federal funding first as State GPR matching funds would carryover and be available to cover the cost of meals through the end of 2021. Batterman and Velasquez met with AAA Board Chair Melissa Ratcliff and AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Chair Esther Olson on 9/22/21 to alert them of the situation. Fortunately due to an oversight by the State, a federal COVID payment (CCA-2 funds) of \$198,000 had been received earlier this year but had not yet been spent as the State had not made the required annotations in the claiming system. The Legislative/Advocacy Committee met last week and discussed this topic. They voted to have AAA staff draft a letter for the AAA Board to approve at the Board's meeting immediately following this committee meeting.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Monday, 1 November 2021, 2:00 pm via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Louisa Latimer, a DCDHS student intern, stated she is very impressed with the work AAA and NewBridge staff do to help older adults. Joy Schmidt, DCDHS Dementia Program Specialist, also thanked the AAA staff and committee for all their hard work.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by MCGINNITY, seconded by DERR, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:02 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - BROWN, DERR, HOCHKAMMER, LORENZ, MOHAN and MCGINNITY

Absent: 3 - BOUSTEAD, FLAD and LEIGH

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.