



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, January 26, 2022

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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Staff and Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Jim Krueger, Cindy Matulle, Carrie Springer, and Angela Velasquez.

A. Call To Order

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Present 7 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER
Absent 2 - MAI ZONG VUE, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) AAA Legislative/Advocacy Minutes from December 8, 2021
[MIN-520](#)

Attachments: [2021_1208 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes](#)

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

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

Absent: 2 - VUE and RUTKOWSKI

C. Action Items

1. Diversity Work Group

KAUD reviewed his summary data of contacts and work done so far by the work group. Members have not heard back from contacts they reached out to for support in joining any AAA Committee. CASTANEDA noted that there were no SE Asian contacts listed and that was something needing to be addressed to represent that group in the community.

No Action Taken.

2. Age Discrimination Discussion (<https://www.frameworksinstitute.org/issues/aging/>)

Long discussion among members about the depth of this subject and shouldn't be solely with the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee. The website is very educational and has a great deal of information. A subgroup should be formed from the AAA Board and have a member from each AAA Committee on this subgroup. This topic is a new venture and not a small task to tackle with just a couple of people. Implementing such ideas is outside of the purview of this committee.

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, that the Age Discrimination Topic be re-referred to the Area Agency on Aging Board, due back on 2/7/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - VUE and RUTKOWSKI

3. Committee Description

[2021](#)
[ACT-422](#)

Committee Description

Attachments: [Legislative Advocacy Committee Description](#)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman reviewed the changes made to the Committee Description. A note was added to the second paragraph stating what age group the committee works with. Item number one was changed to:

Advocate for older adults, including those with disabilities, to enable them to maintain full potential, enhance quality of life, and affirm the dignity and value of older adults by supporting their choices for living in their own community.

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by KAUD, to approve the updated Committee Description as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - VUE and RUTKOWSKI

4. 2022 Committee Work Plan

[2021](#)
[ACT-425](#)

2022 Committee Work Plan

Attachments: [2022 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan DRAFT](#)

BATTERMAN summarized the 2022 Committee Work Plan as all of the goals were taken directly from the 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan. All goals are specific to the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee.

A motion was made by CASTANEDA, seconded by LEZOTTE, to approve the 2022 Committee Work Plan as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - VUE and RUTKOWSKI

5. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

Members decided to see what WAAN does in their upcoming meeting and support or adjust from there. So much going on that doing anything individually is not enough to it our all. Need to work as a committee to have more impact.

D. Presentations

None. Dane County Human Services Planning Analyst Betsy Strahin will be presenting at the March meeting for AAA Access and Board meetings about the results of the Case Management surveys. OLSON stated Wisconsin Department of Human Services Lynn Gall was collecting data from the Caregiver survey the state did. Hoping to have all the results to share in March.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2021 Committee Work Plan: QTR 4

[2021
RPT-795](#)

2021 Committee Work Plan: QTR 4

Attachments: [2021 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan QTR 4](#)

BATTERMAN summarized the 4th Qtr work plan achievements.

2. 2023 AAA Budget Priorities

BATTERMAN noted the Focal Point Directors are starting discussions of what they would like to see for next year's budget priorities. Case Management quarterly topics of concern could be looked at for budget assistance. Deforest Senior Center Director Barb Cooper is retiring February 28, 2022. The new Director Cindy Browning has already started and training with Barb.

3. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON reported the board is looking at how to have virtual public hearings. Wanting to have leading questions during the hearings to get the public engaged in conversation. Interested in the results of the Caregiver survey results and what the ADRC can ask in the hearings to improve services. In April 2022, Supervisor's Melissa Ratcliff and Kate McGinnity will be presenting on the Broadband status. Work has been slow but starting to work with individual municipalities.

4. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported two more meetings are scheduled for the state to pass any remaining bills. One crime bill will probably be vetoed as the bill is written to use ARPA money to hire more law enforcement officers but there is no money to sustain the program. A few crime bills have this concern of not providing funding after ARPA funds are used. Vaccination status of people using natural ways instead of being vaccinated is being allowed to prove vaccination status. SB-338 Adults at Risk passed. This bill has protections in place for older adults. Voting is the biggest topic and unsure where this is going to go as neither side is agreeing with voting rights for older adults. Voting bills are still making it more difficult for older adults to vote. Excess money in the state funds is receiving mixed opinions on how it should be used. Governor would like to provide some help to families by giving a stimulus check to them. Legislators are saying no to use the extra money for tax breaks next budget. People need to get back to work as we currently have the lowest unemployment rate so people are working. There is no need for a stimulus check.

OLSON requested if we could get a report from Springer a couple of days before the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee meeting so we know if there are any issues going on. SPRINGER has a couple of meetings scheduled at the same time and may not always be able to make the AAA meetings on time.

5. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON reported they would be meeting the second week of February. Most of the meeting will be about creating the State Aging Plan after looking at all of the County Aging Plans submitted.

6. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

OLSON reported WAAN meeting January 27, 2022 to set agenda for next meeting. Voting will be top subject and there is so much going on it's hard to monitor everything.

AAA Aging Specialist Angela Velasquez explained that those who receive Home-Delivered meals are sent a letter about how to absentee vote.

7. Chair & Staff Reports

BATTERMAN reported VELASQUEZ is working on a RFP for Diversity Inclusion Program for SE Asian. This program will be the same as Black and Latinx that is currently in place. The applicants needs to be non-biased, non-profit and can't benefit from the money.

BATTERMAN has been working in the office every day until she retires on 2/2/22. Interviews for the AAA Manager have started and will go through 2/1/22. Eight applicants are in the process and hopefully a candidate will be selected the first week of February. BATTERMAN has been having people ask her how she will be enjoying retirement and at this time, she will be a caregiver for family members.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 23 February 2022, 9am 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 SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by KAUD, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:38 am. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - VUE and RUTKOWSKI

Minutes respectfully submitted by AAA Clerk III Cindy Matulle.