



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Aging & Disability Resource Center Governing Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, December 13, 2021

2:00 PM

via Zoom

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Staff & Guests Present: Todd Campbell, Taylor Farrell, Jennifer Fischer, and Cindy Matulle.

A. Call To Order

Chair YOCHUM called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

Present 6 - BARBARA KATZ, SARAH BOCHER, CHAN STROMAN, Chair PAUL YOCHUM, Supervisor MIKE BARE, and ESTHER OLSON

Absent 5 - DONNA BRYANT, TERENCE ESBECK , CASEY THOMPSON, ALAN FERGUSON, and BARBARA NICHOLS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)
[MIN-493](#) Minutes from November 8, 2021

Attachments: [2021_1108 ADRC Board Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 6 - KATZ, BOCHER, STROMAN, YOCHUM, BARE and OLSON

Absent: 5 - BRYANT, ESBECK, THOMPSON, FERGUSON and NICHOLS

C. Action Items

None.

Present 8 - BARBARA KATZ, SARAH BOCHER, CHAN STROMAN, Chair PAUL YOCHUM, TERENCE ESBECK , Supervisor MIKE BARE, BARBARA NICHOLS, and ESTHER OLSON

Absent 3 - DONNA BRYANT, CASEY THOMPSON, and ALAN FERGUSON

D. Presentations

None.

E. Chair's Report

YOCHUM read an update to COVID from Sridevi Mohan who works for Dane County Madison Public Health. YOCHUM reported his and Barb Katz terms are up at the end of December 2021. KATZ is also the Board Secretary so a nomination and election process will need to happen at the January 2022 meeting. Need to get the word out that the Board is down two members.

Present 9 - DONNA BRYANT, BARBARA KATZ, SARAH BOCHER, CHAN STROMAN, Chair PAUL YOCHUM, TERENCE ESBECK , Supervisor MIKE BARE, BARBARA NICHOLS, and ESTHER OLSON

Absent 2 - CASEY THOMPSON, and ALAN FERGUSON

F. Board Member Report's

OLSON reported the WI Senior Advocate group picked the top three concerned areas for older adults. Caregiver needs, Voting, and Transportation were the top three. WAAN has worked with the voting issues and transportation concerns in the past. Hoping to have them continue to assist with these two areas. OLSON noted that Sridevi Mohan is a AAA Board member. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee created a Diversity Work Group to help recruit minority community members to serve on committees.

BOCHER reported there is a lot of legislation coming out right now and we need to all be listening and watching what is going on with legislation.

BARE reported the County Board passed the 2022 County budget and right now is a quiet period. OLSON asked BARE if there were any Broadband updates listed for future meetings. Nothing on the agendas at this point.

KATZ welcomed Barb Nichols back to the ADRC Board. Concern was raised over the growing national Caregiver staffing crisis. Badger Prairie lost five staff members for higher paying jobs and vaccine mandates. Wondering if other ADRC's are talking to get this to a public discussion. KATZ wondering who being innovative or has a model program out there that we could work with. Suggestions from Board Members about Apprentice programs and having a dialog with DWD and recruitment. BARE stated he would contact Seth Lentz, Executive Director for Workforce Development Board of South Central WI and facilitate an introduction to Yochum and Fischer. Possibly have Seth come to the next meeting and talk about recruitment and what can be done.

NICHOLS reported she was happy to be back on the ADRC Board. Brought up concerns over a group still trying to change the 2020 elections. Along with that is the LTC older adults and their voting rights. There is an increase need for advanced Nursing care. Many nursing home staff are leaving for higher paying jobs. Growing CNA shortage as well. Nurses don't get extra training for pandemic situations and COVID is wearing on nurses.

G. Manager's Report

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FISCHER reported that Sri Mohan was unable to attend as a speaker for the group but sent a written update. Omicron is still unknown at this point and is not in Dane County. No indication of severe symptoms but transmission rate is higher. Current vaccine will protect from death and having to be hospitalized. Primary variant is still Delta in Dane County. Highest group testing positive right now is 12-17 year olds. Dane County has the second lowest case rate in the state.

The ADRC continues its effort with partners to vaccinate people who cannot leave the home for the COVID vaccine and/or booster. Transportation to a vaccine or a booster is also provided for those needing transportation. This is paid through a grant the ADRC received.

Discussion with Board members about having Public Hearings in the spring. Board members were updated that the county is not opening January 3, 2022 but moved it back to June 2022. Discussion changed to how to proceed with having hybrid or on site meetings to get feedback from the community. Concern was expressed if sites have technology to host hybrid meetings.

FISCHER updated on ADRC staffing. One opening in I and A staff and working on filling the position. The DBS position was filled as well as the Clerk III position. New Transportation Coordinator was hired and will be working with Jane Betzig until she retires. The Transportation unit will be moving to the ADRC in early 2022.

SAMS data from the past 12 months showed April was the lowest for calls and June had the highest numbers. 65% of the calls are from older adults over 60 years old. Of the people who called 13% were reporting mental health concerns and 22% had some type of physical disability. Most of the calls received are for LTC resources, In-home care options, senior housing, insurance and Alzheimer & Dementia resources.

Emails handled in the past 12 months showed a low of 28 in December 2020 and high of 78 in October 2021. New enrollment for LTC services was 1004 for 2020 and a slight decline to 910 for 2021 so far. No one was dis-enrolled from Long Term Care during the pandemic.

Across the state workloads of ADRC's and Aging is up as positions not able to be filled around the state. General workforce shortage affects all types of positions. Service providers and supply chains are having the same issues with some areas not able to receive a variety of food for caterers.

Due to the statewide expansion Dane County will see a slight increase in Dementia Care Specialist funding. FISCHER reviewing what the extra allocation will be and the possibility of adding a part-time position with it. FISCHER advised that the Caregiver grant program received an increase in funding for 2022. Checking with AAA staff if they can come give a presentation about what is going on with the extra funding.

H. Report's to Board

None.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

A. DCDHS Director Shawn Tessman to come speak to the Board in early 2022.

Next meeting: January 10, 2022 at 2 pm via Zoom

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

K. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by OLSON, seconded by BOCHER, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:52 pm. The motion carried unanimous vote:

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.