



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, September 29, 2021

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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Staff & Guests Present: Vic Bankston, Cheryl Batterman, Cindy Matulle, Melissa Ratcliff, Carrie Springer, and Angela Velasquez.

A. Call To Order

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Present 5 - JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, and ESTHER OLSON

Absent 4 - TED BUNCK, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and MAI ZONG VUE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes from July 28, 2021
[MIN-319](#)

Attachments: [2021_0728 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes DRAFT](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE and OLSON

Absent: 4 - BUNCK, KRETSCHMAN, SCHMIDLKOFER and VUE

C. Action Items

1. Diversity Work Group

[2021](#) Diversity Work Group Update
[ACT-210](#)

Attachments: [STATUS REPORT of AAA Diversity Work Group Draft Sept 16 2021](#)

[2021](#) Diversity Work Group Update 9/28/21
[ACT-236](#)

Attachments: [AAA Diversity Work Group Recommendations 092821](#)

KAUD presented a summary of the work the group has done so far and recommendations to continue recruiting POC and LGBTQIA+ community members for open AAA Board and Standing Committee positions.

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. BATTERMAN will coordinate a Zoom meeting of the work group to discuss continued efforts. BATTERMAN volunteered to contact Dane County's Office of Equity and Inclusion and invite a staff member to attend the December Committee meeting in an effort to collaborate efforts.

CASTENADA volunteered to serve on the Diversity Work Group.

No action was taken.

2. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

Batterman 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. Initial estimates of lapsed revenue included \$178,000 (Dane County), \$750,000 (Milwaukee County), and \$2.5 million (GWAAR). 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. In absence of a response or resolution from the State, GWAAR made the difficult decision to notify their 70 counties and 11 tribes on 9/27/21 and instructed them to immediately hold off spending their 2020 carryover funds.

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by LEZOTTE, to direct AAA staff to draft a letter for AAA Board approval requesting a response from the Office on Aging acknowledging the severity of the situation, addressing how this will be corrected going forward, and requesting funding to replace Dane County's lapsed meal funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE and OLSON

Absent: 4 - BUNCK, KRETSCHMAN, SCHMIDLKOFER and VUE

3. 2022 AAA Budget Priorities

OLSON stated she met with County Executive Joe Parisi to advocate for the priorities. The County Exec's full budget proposal will be released 10/1/21.

No action taken.

D. Presentations

1. Ageism & Future Action Items

Three videos were shown to illustrate how older adults are being treated with everyday activities: <https://youtu.be/R0MPuWg3pzs>, <https://youtu.be/IYdNjrUs4NM>, and <https://youtu.be/bQwJNYIkQA>. The Legislative/Advocacy Committee will take the lead on potential action items concerning this topic.

E. Reports to Committee

Time ran out to cover the remaining reports on the agenda. Information concerning these topics will be communicated with Committee members by OLSON and BATTERMAN.

1. AAA Committee Emails

2. 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan
3. ADRC Governing Board
4. County/State/Federal Legislative Update
5. State's Aging Advisory Council
6. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network
7. Chair & Staff Reports

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 27 October 2021, 9 am via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

KAUD recognized Mai Zong Vue from this Committee for her recent accomplishments with the Hmong community.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by LEZOTTE, seconded by CASTANEDA, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:58am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE and OLSON

Absent: 4 - BUNCK, KRETSCHMAN, SCHMIDLKOFER and VUE

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III