



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

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, February 14, 2022

3:30 PM

via Zoom

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Staff and Guests Present: Todd Campbell, Jennifer Fischer, Cindy Matulle and Angela Velasquez.

A. Call To Order

Chair YOCHUM called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

- Present** 10 - SARAH BOCHER, BARBARA NICHOLS, Chair CHAN STROMAN, Chair PAUL YOCHUM, TERENCE ESBECK , Secretary CASEY THOMPSON, ALAN FERGUSON, Supervisor MIKE BARE, Chair ESTHER OLSON, and STEPHANIE GEISHERT
- Absent** 1 - DONNA BRYANT

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes from January 10, 2022
[MIN-617](#)

Attachments: [2022_0110 ADRC Board Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 10 - BOCHER, NICHOLS, STROMAN, YOCHUM, ESBECK, THOMPSON, FERGUSON, BARE, OLSON and GEISHERT

Absent: 1 - BRYANT

C. Action Items

1. Nominating Committee

FERGESON and ESBECK met last week to come up with a slate of nominations for officers. The new officials will start their new titles at the March meeting. The following were the nominations:

Chair- Chan Stroman

Vice-Chair- Esther Olson

Secretary- Casey Thompson

Motion made by BOCHER, seconded by BARE, to approve the nominations for the ADRC Governing Board Officers. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

2. Planning of Public Hearings Committee

NICHOLS, BOCHER, STROMAN and FISCHER met as a subcommittee and came up with four starter questions. These questions would be presented to the community to start a dialog of services from ADRC. Any other questions that would be brought up at the public hearing would not be able to be answered, as they are not on the public hearing agenda of topics. After some discussion, the amended questions are presented as follows:

- 1. If you had contact with the ADRC of Dane County, how satisfied were you with the services provided?*
- 2. If you are enrolled in an Adult Long Term Care program in Dane County, how satisfied with the services are you? What services in Dane County are not being made available that should be?*
- 3. What future or ongoing needs of aging adults or adults with disabilities (including youth transitioning into adult services) are not currently being met in Dane County?*
- 4. What are some of the biggest challenges facing aging adults, transition age youth or adults with disabilities to stay in their own home?*

Motion made by OLSON, seconded by NICHOLS, to approve the amended questions as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

D. Presentations

1. Caregiver Program (Angela Velasquez)

[2021](#) Caregiver NFCSP Presentation
[PRES-247](#)

Attachments: [ADRC Board NFCSP Presentation](#)

Acting AAA Manager Angela Velasquez presented to the ADRC Board the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) provides. VELASQUEZ talked about how the Caregiver Program fits in the 2022-2024 AAA Aging Plan and the focus on getting more BIPOC involved. The purpose of NFCSP is to support the caregiver, which in turn will support the care recipient. Caregivers have higher stress levels and are more likely to suffer health problems. Helping the caregiver improves their ability to provide better care for their loved one, and for a longer time.

There are three types of caregivers: Family members and informal caregivers, including friends and neighbors. Grandparents and other older adults who are taking care of a child who is 18 years old or younger and Grandparents and other older adults who are caring for an adult who is disabled. The caregiver can be of any age but the person being cared for must be over 60+ years old or have a dementia diagnosis (any age). After the caregiver assessment, the older adult needs to be considered "frail" which needs assistance with two ADLs or IADLs. The caregiver may be a friend or neighbor and they do not have to live with the person being cared for. Grandparents caring for a child must be at least 55+ years old, must be the child's primary caregiver, must live with the child, must be related to the child and the child must be age 18 or under. Grandparents caring for a disabled adult child must be 55+ years old, must be the primary caregiver, must live with the disabled adult, must be related to the child and can be the parent, and the disability must substantially limit the ability to care for themselves.

The caregiver program is funded through the Older Americans Act (OAA) who sends funding to the AAA. To be eligible for the program you must meet definition of one of the three types of caregivers and there is no financial eligibility criteria. Priority is given to older caregivers, caregivers of people with dementia and caregivers with the greatest social and economic need. Every year AAA receives on average \$80,000 in Caregiver Grant funding. Average grant amounts are \$1200-\$2000 with roughly 69 grants awarded each year. The next two years funding from ARPA's substantial amount received (\$250,000) will have to be used by the end of 2024. The funding must be used by 2024 and can't be moved around to extend funding for a longer period.

In 2022, 20 grants has been processed and 77 more clients have been referred to the Caregiver Grant Program. If people are not able to get a grant this year, they are moved to the top of the list for the following year. You can only receive a grant two years in a row then be out for a year to qualify again. This gives others a chance at respite care and services. The program doesn't have the capability to pay individuals to provide care as liability issues come into play. Dane County has created a Caregiver Advisory Board, which is a pilot and will be fully implemented by 2024. One area the Advisory Board is looking to expand the program is BIPOC and getting older adults more services or those who need help.

E. Chair's Report

Chair YOCHUM reported sharing an email about bills being passed that are making it more difficult for older adults to vote.

- Present** 9 - SARAH BOCHER, BARBARA NICHOLS, Chair CHAN STROMAN, Chair PAUL YOCHUM, TERENCE ESBECK , Secretary CASEY THOMPSON, ALAN FERGUSON, Supervisor MIKE BARE, and Chair ESTHER OLSON
- Absent** 2 - DONNA BRYANT, and STEPHANIE GEISHERT

F. Board Member Reports

ESBECK thanked FERGESON for his leadership and help with the Nomination sub-Committee.

FERGESON thanked those members for serving as Board Officers in the past and future.

THOMPSON thanked the Nomination sub-Committee for the nomination as Secretary.

STROMAN thanked the Nomination sub-Committee for the nomination as Chair.

NICHOLS reported the workplace violence, verbal and physical abuse, of healthcare workers is causing a large number of staff to leave the profession.

OLSON reported on the Dane County Broadband Task Force. They are gathering data in regards to broadband issues in the county. Public hearings on February 28 and March 4 to get as much feedback as possible to make broadband available for all.

BOCHER reported an Advocacy Alert of changes to Medicaid. People need to be checking what they are signed up for. FISCHER explained that reviews are done once a year so they don't lose Medicaid. If more reviews are being done the state would need a Federal waiver. This would cause a burden having to do more work to keep Medicaid.

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- Absent** 3 - DONNA BRYANT, Supervisor MIKE BARE, and STEPHANIE GEISHERT

G. Manager's Report

FISCHER reported next month Dane County Human Services Director Shawn Tessmann is the guest speaker to the Board.

Fischer updated on an Unmet need which was a way for homebound older adults to obtain vaccines and booster shots. AMI runs vaccine clinic at the Alliant Energy Center and is willing to go to homes. The ADRC is providing a weekly list to AMI for those interested in homebound vaccinations.

FISCHER reported the ADRC is in contact with the UW Law Center about a possible presentation for transition parents on Guardianship. Details of how the presentation will work is being finalized. STROMAN stated it was a good topic to explore. It is too easy to put someone with a disability on Guardianship and then very hard to get out of a Guardianship once under one.

FISCHER updated on ADRC staffing. Clerical shortage in the department with Taylor returning to her previous position. Jana Moll will be returning as the Clerk III. FISCHER thanked Cindy Matulle for all her help with the ADRC meetings and for training Jana on how to help run the meetings.

H. Reports to Committee

None.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Monday March 14, 2022 at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Chair YOCHUM wanted to thank FISCHER and MATULLE for continuing to keep things together at the ADRC with all of the clerical shortages happening. He is very appreciative of all the work they have been doing.

K. Adjourn

Motion made by FERGESON, seconded by THOMPSON, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.