



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, May 25, 2022

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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Staff & Guests Present: Cleveland James, Jim Krueger, Cindy Matulle, Sridevi Mohan, Carrie Springer and Angela Velasquez.

A. Call To Order

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Present 7 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER
Absent 1 - GAIL RUTKOWSKI

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) Minutes from April 27, 2022
[MIN-045](#)

Attachments: [2022_0427 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Committee Minutes](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - RUTKOWSKI

C. Action Items

1. Diversity Work Group

Long discussion by committee members about the sustainability of the group being with the AAA Board as oversight instead of being tasked to the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee. The AAA Board has a higher level of authority to continue the work done by this group should any of the members not be involved anymore.

Motion made by KAUD, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, to recommend the AAA Board consider redefining and enhancing the work of diversity work group, hence reinforcing the Older American Act charge to reflect the diversity of Older adults organizationally and in the programs and oversight of our work. Motion carried on voice vote.

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

Absent: 1 - RUTKOWSKI

2. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

OLSON reported the state is working on the next budget cycle. WAAN is on board with whatever needs to be supported. OLSON asked committee members to think about what items we want to support. Two items that are a priority already are Voting Rights and Caregiver Programming.

AAA Aging Specialist Angela Velasquez advised the state is having concerns with funding of HDM and maintaining the current level of service. A waitlist policy is being developed in the event there is not enough money for the program.

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer stated we need to look at the state budget items that the county wants to advocate for.

No Action Taken.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2022 Aging Advocacy Day

VELASQUEZ would like to know how many Dane County members were present. OLSON reported a very nice turnout and presentations.

2. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

OLSON reported voting rights is the major project right now. Need to get the word out to everyone about voting and who is running.

3. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON reported state wide issues of funding ADRC's was discussed.

4. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

MCHONE expressed concerns over the Hotel to Housing funding that is ending in a year. Many people are in this program that are older adults and people without jobs. There has not been updates as to the status of the program. Check with Casey Becker who is the head of housing needs for Dane County.

5. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON stated meeting June 6 and the State's Aging Plan is available for review. Comments are due May 31.

VELASQUEZ stated the plan reads as generalized. No appendixes or benchmarks as the counties were advised to include. Plan shows funding formula change in 2023 with 90% as low income and 10% older adults.

6. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

OLSON reported that the State budget process now be the priority as Advocacy day is over.

7. Chair & Staff Reports

OLSON reported she would be gone for the August meeting date so possibly canceling that meeting. OLSON asked the members to come up with some ideas for presentations.

KAUD stated he would like to work with NewBridge Director, Jim Krueger, and his Cultural Diversity Program to help promote the Diversity Work Group.

a. 2023 AAA Budget Priorities

VELASQUEZ discussed that Focal Point Directors had until June 15 to submit budget request for Case Management. Cultural Diversity Program is working so would like to keep staff on board to continue with this program. Nutrition wasn't included but VELASQUEZ will add for catering request.

b. How to proceed with future meetings?

OLSON asked committee members how they would like to continue the meeting sessions. Unanimous vote of virtual/Zoom until a hybrid is available at the ADRC.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 22 June 2022, at 9 am 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 KAUD, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, 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: 1 - RUTKOWSKI

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.