

DANE COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING BOARD
ACCESS COMMITTEE
DESCRIPTION

The AAA Board Chair shall appoint all members of the Access Committee. At-large member appointments must be approved by the AAA Board. At least two (2) members of the Committee shall be members of the AAA Board. All Committee members must be residents of Dane County, and a majority must be 60 years of age or older. Committee members shall serve three (3)-year terms. A Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Committee and have voting rights.

The Access Committee establishes procedures and guidelines on issues of access such as guardianship, elder abuse and neglect, adults at risk, case management, diversity and inclusion of marginalized older adults, mental health resources, transportation, benefits counseling, volunteers, and caregiver issues. Recommendations and position statements of the Access Committee shall be submitted to the AAA Board for further action. The Access Committee shall:

1. In conjunction with AAA staff, review, and update standards for all case managers serving older adults.
2. Monitor the Dane County Case Management and Mental Health Programs by reviewing quarterly service reports and annual updates.
3. Assist with review and update from AAA staff of the Case Management formula. Includes regarding factors and weights considered to be primary indicators of greatest economic and social issues of Dane County older adults.
4. 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 as directed by the current Dane County Aging Plan, Work Plan and supporting any other advocacy efforts of AAA.
5. Monitor senior service programs funded by AAA including the Diversity and Inclusion Program, Elder Benefit Specialist Program, Grandparents & Other Relatives as Parents Caregiver Program, National Family Caregiver Support Program, and Community Programs and receive an annual update via program staff and / or reports.
6. Along with AAA staff and service providers, participate in (and conduct if necessary) listening sessions at various sites in Dane County to ascertain needs of focal points, service providers and older adults specific to each area.
7. Regularly monitor growth and trends in aging population statistics.
8. Participate in planning, research, review and execution of Area Aging Plan as decided by AAA staff, Board, and committees.
9. Review committee description every 3-years corresponding with the current Aging Plan.

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Approved by Access Committee: 4/23/13, 11/3/14, 11/30/15, 1/9/17, 11/6/17, 12/17/18, 12/2/19, 12/7/20, 1/3/22 & 3/6/23

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