



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC
2865 N. Sherman Ave., Rm. 108
Madison, WI 53704

AAA/ADRC, Room 108

A. Call To Order

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

Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Michelle Bublitz, Bill Huisheere, Jill McHone, Bob Power, and Angela Velasquez

Present 6 - ROB GUNDERMANN , MYRA JOSEPHSON, PAUL KUSUDA, LAURA LAFLEUR, ESTHER OLSON, and MARY PIKE

Absent 5 - THOMAS FRAZIER, FAISAL KAUD, INGRID THOMPSON, PAUL VAN ROOY, and DIANE WALDER

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

C. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2014](#) MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28, 2015
[MIN-594](#)

Attachments: [2015_0815_AAA Leg-Adv Mtg.pdf](#)

JOSEPHSON moved, GUNDERMANN seconded, that these minutes be approved. The minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KUSUDA, LAFLEUR, OLSON and PIKE

Absent: 5 - FRAZIER, KAUD, THOMPSON, VAN ROOY and WALDER

D. Action Items

1. [2014
ACT-441](#) 2015 LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Attachments: [2015 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan DRAFT.pdf](#)

Batterman discussed the 2015 Legislative/Advocacy Committee Work Plan and pointed out the addition of Goal Area 4 as suggested by Kaud in the last meeting. It will remain blank until relevant Legislative/Advocacy issues arise.

JOSEPHSON moved, GUNDERMANN seconded, that this Action item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KUSUDA, LAFLEUR, OLSON and PIKE

Absent: 5 - FRAZIER, KAUD, THOMPSON, VAN ROOY and WALDER

E. Presentations

1. [2014
PRES-127](#) 2014 LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN-QTR 4

Attachments: [2014 AAA Legislative Advocacy Committee Work Plan QTR4.pdf](#)

Batterman discussed the 2014 Legislative/Advocacy Committee Work Plan. Goal Area 1 Benchmark relating to soliciting, training, and surveying volunteers was achieved through the Senior Advocacy Training and will not be included in 2015. Goal 3 Benchmark of updating the AAA website to include links to Alzheimer's disease related resources is still in progress, awaiting IT staff availability. Goal 4 Benchmark pertaining to working with housing management companies to research rental options for low income senior adults will be addressed at the next Senior Housing Workgroup meeting.

F. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

[2014
RPT-673](#) ADRC GOVERNING BOARD LETTER TO LEGISLATORS

Attachments: [ADRC Governing Board Letter.pdf](#)

ADRC Supervisor Bill Huisheere responded to questions regarding ADRC. The ADRC Board created, approved, and mailed a letter to Dane County State Legislators and the Joint Committee on Finance strongly opposing the proposed privatization of ADRCs and elimination of ADRC Governing Boards as outlined in Governor Walker's Biennial Budget Proposal.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[2014
RPT-674](#) WALKER SENIORCARE PLAN ARTICLE

Attachments: [Walker-SeniorCare Article.pdf](#)

[2014
RPT-675](#) PARISI ANALYSIS/SUMMARY OF GOVENOR WALKER'S
BUDGET

Attachments: [Parisi Budget Analysis.pdf](#)

[2014
RPT-676](#) ADVOCACY BEGINS WITH YOU

Attachments: [Advocacy Begins with You.pdf](#)

[2014
RPT-677](#) WISCONSIN PUBLIC TELEVISION QUESTIONS

Attachments: [WI Public Television Questions.pdf](#)

[2014
RPT-678](#) ADPAW & GWAAR SUMMARY: GOVERNOR WALKER'S BUDGET
2015-17

Attachments: [ADPAW & GWAAR Summary- Governors Budget 2015-17.pdf](#)

[2014
RPT-679](#) SURVIVAL COALITION

Attachments: [Survival Coalition.pdf](#)

[2014](#)
[RPT-680](#)

MELISSA SARGENT ARTICLE

Attachments: [Melissa Sargent Article-UW Family.pdf](#)

Beil discussed the Governor's biennial budget analysis and summary released by County Executive Joe Parisi dated 2/12/15. Several areas include changes that will impact senior adults: ADRC Privatization, Family Care Expansion, Drug Testing, SeniorCare, and Mental Health. Batterman distributed several handouts highlighting examples of advocacy efforts from throughout the state that address these areas. The Committee will take the following actions in response to the gubernatorial budget proposals:

- *Recommend the AAA Board send a letter to state legislators (representing Dane County) and Joint Committee on Finance opposing ADRC privatization and elimination of the ADRC Governing Board, SeniorCare funding cuts and requirements to force seniors to enroll in Medicare Part D as their primary insurance payer, and elimination of Family Care Managed Care Organizations (MCO) regions and the Include, Respect, I Self-Direct (IRIS) program.*
- *Continue collaborating with state advocacy networks to inform seniors and elected officials about negative effects of the Governor's Budget Proposals on seniors. This includes working closely with Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network, Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers, and Aging & Disability Professional Association of Wisconsin.*
- *Committee members will write and submit personal "Letters to the Editor" addressing one of the issues affecting seniors.*
- *Submit Action Alerts through AAA's Elderly Advocacy Network to inform seniors about the issues. Provide contact information on Dane County state legislators and Joint Committee on Finance Committee. Ask them to call, write letters, and/or send emails opposing these proposals. Also, ask them to contact friends, family members, and colleagues living in Wisconsin (in and outside of Dane County) to do the same.*

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported WAAN is creating position papers in response to the Governor's budget. They will be distributed to Committee members when finalized.

4. INVESTACARE

Thompson reported (via email) that she met with Legislative Counsel Laura Rose and staff from Senator Miller and Representative Kahl's offices on 1/30/15 to fine-tune the proposed InvestaCare bill's language before submittal to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

5. REAUTHORIZATION OF OLDER AMERICANS ACT

Biel reported the bill has passed the Senate's HELP (Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions) Committee and was forwarded to the Senate floor for final approval.

6. 2015 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

Olson stated WAAN is currently working on position papers addressing the four focus areas identified by Conference planners: retirement security, healthy aging, long-term care services and supports, and elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Final papers will be distributed to Committee members.

7. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Although she is no longer a Focal Point Case Manager, Laura LaFleur will continue serving on this Committee. Batterman will solicit another Focal Point Case Manager to serve on the Committee. Fitchburg Senior Center Director Jill McHone volunteered to fill Ingrid Thompson's position on the Committee upon Thompson's pending retirement. McHone is also the Wisconsin Association of Senior Center's Legislative Liaison. Batterman is forwarding McHone's name to the AAA Board for approval as Committee member at its next meeting.

State Representative Melissa Sargent invited AAA staff to present information concerning the senior nutrition program at the 2015 Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care meeting on 3/11/15.

Velasquez reported Case Management and Senior Nutrition (site management and home-delivered meals) programs are up for bid this year. As in past years, bid waivers were submitted for these programs, but only a few were approved this year.

Olson announced AAA Board Chair Bill Clausius is a mayoral candidate for Sun Prairie. If elected, he plans to continue serving on the Dane County Board of Supervisors (and the AAA Board) and retire from his full-time State job.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

PIKE moved to adjourn, JOSEPHSON seconded. This meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Bublitz, Clerk Typist I-II.