



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

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Wednesday, March 23, 2016

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC

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AAA/ADRC, 2865 N. Sherman Ave., Room 108

#### A. Call To Order

*Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.*

*Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Marcia Hendrickson, Gene Kundert, Howard Thomas, Angela Velasquez, and Margie Zutter*

**Present** 7 - THOMAS FRAZIER, ROB GUNDERMANN, MYRA JOSEPHSON, ESTHER OLSON, MARY PIKE, DIANE WALDER, and KARI DAVIS

**Absent** 2 - FAISAL KAUD, and JILL MCHONE

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 24, 2016  
[MIN-651](#)

**Attachments:** [2016 0224 AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

**PIKE moved, JOSEPHSON seconded, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, OLSON, PIKE, WALDER and DAVIS

**Absent:** 3 - GUNDERMANN, KAUD and MCHONE

#### C. Action Items

*(Gundermann arrived at 9:04 am.)*

FAMILY CARE/IRIS 2.0: CONCEPT PAPER & STAKEHOLDERS' BLUEPRINT FOR LONG-TERM CARE REDESIGN

[2015](#) DHS FAMILY CARE-IRIS CONCEPT PAPER.PDF  
[ACT-548](#)

**Attachments:** [DHS Family Care-IRIS Concept Paper](#)

[2015](#)  
[ACT-573](#) FRAZIER HANDOUT ON CONCERNS WITH FAMILY CARE-IRIS  
CONCEPT PAPER

**Attachments:** [Frazier Letter On Concerns With Family Care-IRIS Concept Paper](#)

*Frazier distributed copies of an article he wrote for Milwaukee-based publication "50 Plus" detailing concerns with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Family Care/IRIS 2.0 Concept Paper.*

*Beil stated the Concept Paper was scheduled to be presented to the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee (JFC) as early as 1 April 2016 for approval and suggested those interested in advocating for changes act quickly by contacting JFC members. JFC legislators who represent Dane County include Representative Chris Taylor, Senator Jon Erpenbach and Senator Luther Olsen.*

**FRAZIER moved, WALDER seconded, that the Committee recommend to the AAA Board approval of a letter to the three JFC members who represent Dane County, with copies to the entire JFC and other Dane County legislators, detailing the AAA Committee's concerns with the Family Care/IRIS 2.0 Concept Paper. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - FRAZIER, GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, OLSON, PIKE, WALDER and DAVIS

**Absent:** 2 - KAUD and MCHONE

[2015](#)  
[ACT-549](#) STAKEHOLDERS' BLUEPRINT FOR LONG-TERM CARE  
REDESIGN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.PDF

**Attachments:** [Stakeholders' Blueprint for Long-term Care Redesign Executive Summary](#)

[2015](#)  
[ACT-550](#) STAKEHOLDERS' BLUEPRINT FOR LONG-TERM CARE  
REDESIGN.PDF

**Attachments:** [Stakeholders' Blueprint for Long-term Care Redesign](#)

*Frazier stated the Stakeholders' Blueprint was developed by the Wisconsin Long-Term Care Coalition, a diverse group of 60 organizations that includes consumers, advocates for the disabled and elderly, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), aging units, and managed care organizations.*

**FRAZIER moved, WALDER seconded, that the Committee make a recommendation to the AAA Board to support the Stakeholders' Blueprint for Long-Term Care Redesign. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - FRAZIER, GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, OLSON, PIKE, WALDER and DAVIS

**Absent:** 2 - KAUD and MCHONE

## D. Presentations

*None.*

## E. Reports to Committee

### 1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

*Frazier reported the ADRC Board conducted a special meeting on 21 March 2016 to act on one item: whether to support the Stakeholders' Blueprint for Long-Term Care Redesign. A motion was passed to support the Blueprint and send a letter to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, detailing the Board's reasons for doing so.*

*Batterman distributed copies of the recently-published 2015 ADRC Annual Report.*

### 2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[2015  
RPT-876](#)

DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 3-17-2016

**Attachments:** [Dane County Legislative Update 3-17-2016](#)

*Beil distributed the Dane County Legislative Update and presented an overview.*

### 3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

*Olson reported WAAN members contributed to the Stakeholders' Blueprint for Long-Term Care Redesign and are working on 2016-17 position papers.*

*Frazier reported State Representative Mike Rohrkaste's appearance at the February meeting was well-received and members are interested in inviting other legislators to appear. State Senator Jon Erpenbach will attend the May meeting to provide an overview of how the state budget is impacting seniors.*

*Olson and Frazier will conduct advocacy presentations at the 2016 Aging Empowerment Conference on 7 & 8 June at Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Batterman will provide registration information to Committee members, Case Managers, and Elderly Advocacy Network members when it becomes available.*

### 4. 2016 SENIOR ADVOCACY TRAINING

*Olson reported the 2016 training sessions are scheduled for 9, 16, & 23 August at the AAA/ADRC. The fourth session will be held in conjunction with the Dane County budget hearing on a date to be announced. Dane County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan and Supervisor Jeremy Levin, Chair of the Health and Human Needs Committee, will appear on 9 August as part of a panel to talk about how government works, their roles in government, and the type of advocacy they find effective.*

### 5. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

*Batterman reported that Committee terms end in April for Davis, Gundermann, Josephson, McHone, and Walder. Davis, Josephson, McHone and Walder volunteered to serve another term. Gundermann will leave the Committee upon appointment of his replacement. Kusuda also ended his Committee membership. Committee reappointments will be approved at the 4/4/16 AAA Board meeting.*

## 6. 2017 AAA FUNDING/BUDGET PRIORITIES

[2015 RPT-881](#) PROPOSED DANE COUNTY 2017 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES:  
DRAFT #2

**Attachments:** [Proposed Dane County 2017 AAA Budget Priorities DRAFT 2](#)

[2015 RPT-878](#) RSVP DRIVER SERVICES PROGRAM STATISTICS: 2015

**Attachments:** [RSVP Driver Services Program Statistics 2015](#)

[2015 RPT-879](#) RSVP DRIVER SERVICES PROGRAM STATISTICS MADISON &  
MONONA: 2014 VS. 2015

**Attachments:** [RSVP Driver Services Program Statistics Madison Monona 2014 vs. 2015](#)

*Batterman stated that after outlining AAA's preliminary 2017 budget priorities during the February meeting, she was made aware of two additional funding needs: RSVP's Driver Services Program and the Volunteer Guardianship/Representative Payee Program administered by South Madison Coalition of the Elderly (SMCE). Red type on the Budget Priorities Draft indicates information that will be updated. Type highlighted yellow is new information, added to the previous draft.*

*Margie Zutter, RSVP of Dane County Executive Director, and RSVP Driver Services Manager Gene Kundert provided an overview of the statistics and answered Committee members' questions.*

*SMCE Executive Director Marcia Hendrickson provided a brief history of the Volunteer Guardianship/Representative Payee Program and stated that United Way, once the sole funder of the program, has reduced its funding and will cut it altogether after 2016. Hendrickson will provide program data, examples of the program's impact, and a specific funding request prior to the April Committee meeting.*

*Batterman will update the priorities draft prior to the Committee's April meeting.*

## 7. FOCAL POINTS FUNDING CUTS

*Olson stated the AAA Board rejected the recommendation to approve advance approval for the Committee to advocate for senior services and program funding as it affects the 15 Senior Focal Points. AAA Board Chair Bill Clausius cited past instances of inadequate communication between the Committee and the Board, and the Board's responsibility to be aware of all advocacy efforts prior to their execution. The Board approved the following motion: "To authorize advance approval to the Legislate/Advocacy Committee to advocate for senior services and program funding as it affects the 15 Senior Focal Points after approval by the AAA Board Chair." Olson and Batterman will meet with Oregon Area Senior Center Director Alison Koelsch to determine strategies to address the proposed Village of Brooklyn funding.*

## 8. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

*Batterman and Jennifer Fischer, Manager of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Dane County, are planning an open house in May, which is National Older Americans Month and Wisconsin ADRCs Month. Hours are 4-7 pm. Details to follow.*

*Batterman reported there were 36 applicants for the Elder Benefits Specialist position that has been vacant since 6 January. Applications are in the vetting process. The goal is to hire prior to the first of two State-mandated orientation and training sessions in early May.*

*Batterman reported AAA's 2016-2018 Area Plan was approved by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources.*

*Batterman, Frazier, and Olson delivered a 10-minute presentation to the Dane County Board's Health and Human Needs Committee on 15 March and fielded questions from Committee members for 30 minutes. A major topic, as requested by Dane County Supervisor and AAA Board Chair Bill Clausius, was the funding challenges presented by the aging Baby Boomer generation.*

*Velasquez reported her calculations project a \$55,000 shortfall in Senior Nutrition Program catering funds in 2016 due to an increase in meals served over 2015.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2016, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

## G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None.*

## I. Adjournment

**FRAZIER moved, JOSEPHSON seconded, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, Clerk Typist.*