

# AAA Committee Recommendation Report

## Report to the AAA Board

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From:  Access Committee  Legislative/Advocacy Committee  Nutrition/Wellness Committee

The Committee is forwarding the following motion to the AAA Board for endorsement and approval.

### **History/Related Actions:**

At the 5/4/15 AAA Board meeting, the Nutrition/Wellness Committee Outcomes and Work Plan were approved—to include the use of a funding formula for Nutrition Site Management in 2016. Downing recommended sending back the funding formula options to the Nutrition/Wellness Committee for further discussion and to provide additional opportunity for public comment.

The Nutrition/Wellness Committee reconvened on 5/27/15 for the purpose of determining the funding formula to put forth for approval to the AAA Board at the 6/1/15 meeting. AAA staff member Velasquez presented the definition of Nutrition Site Management to the Committee for educational purposes. Site Management looks the same and requires the same basic level of funding regardless of the location of the site; yet over time, a few sites have received significantly more funding than others, creating inequity in Site Management funding from Dane County. Use of a funding formula will provide greater equity in the distribution of existing funding and transparency in how funding is allocated for like tasks. Four funding formula scenarios were presented for consideration.

Public testimony was encouraged and 10 community members spoke. Many had questions regarding how factors were selected. Velasquez discussed the multiple factors proven to contribute to malnutrition in older adults. She further explained all factors contribute to malnutrition equally and older adults throughout Dane County possess these risk factors. Others provided personal experiences at meal sites and the importance of the meal site to their well-being. Several community members spoke about the importance of the Goodman Community Center's meal site to some of the city's homeless population. One Focal Point Director testified how her area has great need, but receives the least funding and how a formula will help begin the process of more evenly distributing funding to all areas. Others spoke in appreciation for the work of the Committee and AAA staff to view the needs of all sites. However, due to a lack of additional funding it will mean cuts to programs in at least three Focal Point areas. When existing funding is not enough to operate these programs, they fear reduced operations and service to seniors will result. Velasquez advised there is movement on the Legislative/Advocacy Committee level to advocate for additional funding to support Nutrition Site Management as it has not increased in over 10 years. A letter was provided to the Committee from the South Madison Coalition Director Marcia Hendrickson as further testimony, recommending funding for 2016 be distributed as it has in the past without the use of a funding formula.

### **Nutrition Committee Action on Workgroup Outcomes and Recommendations**

After considering public input and further discussion by the Committee, the following motion was made:

DOWNING moved, HILL seconded, to maintain the current funding structure for 2016.  
DESMIDT moved, HILL seconded, to amend the initial motion to use the (Nutrition Committee Option 4-18-15 funding formula and to phase the funding changes over the next three years. The motion carried by the following vote:

<b>Ayes</b>	5 -	DESMIDT, DOWNING, FARRELL, RILEY, and WIRTZ
<b>Nays</b>	2 -	HILL and LEIGH
<b>Absent</b>	3 -	KRETCHMAN, SMITH, and STATZ

**Financial/Budget/Other Resource Implications (if any):**

Funding Formula Scenario #3 utilizes existing Nutrition Site Management funding available and thus reflects no change in the AAA budget for 2016.

**Recommendation:**

To approve the use of Nutrition Committee Option 4-18-15 funding formula for Nutrition Site Management funding in 2016, with the effect to contracted agencies to be phased in over a period of three funding years.

**Attachments:**

Nutrition Site Management Formula Options  
Nutrition Committee Options Impact