



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Access Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, November 5, 2018

2:30 PM

AAA/ADRC
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Madison, WI 53704

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A. Call To Order

Staff & Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Jim Krueger, Jill McHone, Howard Thomas, Rodrigo Valdivia, and Angela Velasquez

Chair Hochkammer called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

- Present** 5 - JON HOCHKAMMER, CHRIS JOHNSON, SRIDEVI MOHAN, NORA HAMMER, and PAMELA FLAD
- Absent** 4 - ELAINE DESMIDT, GERRY DERR, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, and PEG MARTIN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8, 2018
[MIN-283](#)

Attachments: [2018_1008_AAA Access Committee Mtg](#)

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

- Ayes:** 5 - HOCHKAMMER, JOHNSON, MOHAN, HAMMER and FLAD
- Absent:** 4 - DESMIDT, DERR, BARMAN-PAULSON and MARTIN

C. Action Items

None.

Derr arrived at 2:33 pm. Barman-Paulson arrived at 2:36 pm.

- Present** 7 - JON HOCHKAMMER, GERRY DERR, CHRIS JOHNSON, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, SRIDEVI MOHAN, NORA HAMMER, and PAMELA FLAD
- Absent** 2 - ELAINE DESMIDT, and PEG MARTIN

D. Presentations

1. CULTURAL DIVERSITY PROGRAM UPDATE

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman stated the \$75,000 in annual funding for the Cultural Diversity Program is provided via the Older Americans Act (OAA) and Dane County General Purpose Revenue. The program, which includes programming for African-American and Latinx individuals age 60 and over, has been contracted through the North/Eastside Senior Coalition (NESCO) for many years.

NESCO Executive Director Jim Krueger stated the program served 187 individuals during the 2017-18 program year that ended on 30 September. Cultural Diversity staff also provide support and resources to seniors who do not attend programming, although those contacts do not count toward service totals. Transportation is provided to classes and events.

Rodrigo Valdivia, Cultural Diversity Specialist for the Latinx program, stated programming includes a multicultural health fair, summer concerts, art classes, computer classes, exercise classes, cooking classes and social outings with the goals of reducing feelings of isolation and maintaining high cognitive and physical function. In the new program year, Valdivia will focus on the mental health of Latinx seniors experiencing anxiety caused by the current political climate and on using Dane County Senior Dining Sites to reach more seniors. There will be continued efforts to take programming, which traditionally has been held primarily at the Madison Senior Center in downtown Madison, to areas throughout the county.

Pam Bracey, Cultural Diversity Specialist for the African-American program, retired in October. The hiring process to replace Bracey will commence soon.

When asked by Batterman if there are any barriers for seniors to access Cultural Diversity Program services, Krueger responded the program is always in need of Spanish-speaking volunteers and additional funding for transportation.

E. Reports to Committee

1. CASE MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY SERVICE REPORTS: QTR3

[2018
RPT-289](#)

2018 FOCAL POINT CM SERVICE REPORTS

Attachments: [2018 Focal Point CM Service Reports QTR 3](#)

Batterman provided an overview of the third-quarter case management reports and answered committee members' questions.

2. 2018 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN: QTR3

[2018
RPT-345](#)

2018 ACCESS COMM WORK PLAN QTR 3

Attachments: [2018 Access Comm Work Plan QTR 3](#)

Batterman provided an overview of the third-quarter work plan and answered committee members' questions.

3. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported work continues on the 2019-2021 Dane County Aging Plan, which must be delivered to the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources by 31 December 2018. Results of an online survey soliciting feedback from community members will be shared with committee members.

Batterman reported AAA is purchasing a 16-unit virtual reality system developed specifically for older adults using one-time Older Americans Act funding that was awarded in September and must be spent in 2018. The system promotes socialization and brain health by allowing individuals to experience activities together, then have a discussion afterward.

Velasquez reported the federal program year ended on 30 September. All data has been checked for errors and is ready for submission to the state.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2018, 2:30 PM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Johnson announced she will resign from the committee following the December meeting.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by JOHNSON, seconded by DERR, to adjourn.

Ayes: 7 - HOCHKAMMER, DERR, JOHNSON, BARMAN-PAULSON, MOHAN, HAMMER and FLAD

Absent: 2 - DESMIDT and MARTIN

This meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.