



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC

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

A. Call To Order

Chair Van Rooy called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Bob Powers, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez

- Present** 9 - ROB GUNDERMANN , MYRA JOSEPHSON, PAUL KUSUDA, ESTHER OLSON, MARY PIKE, PAUL VAN ROOY, DIANE WALDER, JILL MCHONE, and KARI DAVIS
- Absent** 2 - THOMAS FRAZIER, and FAISAL KAUD

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) MINUTES FROM JANUARY 27, 2016
[MIN-609](#)

Attachments: [2016_0127_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

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

- Ayes:** 8 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KUSUDA, OLSON, PIKE, VAN ROOY, WALDER and MCHONE
- Absent:** 3 - FRAZIER, KAUD and DAVIS

C. Action Items

1. LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTION

[2015](#) LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTION
[ACT-485](#)

Attachments: [Legislative & Advocacy Committee Job Description Approved 120114](#)

OLSON moved, WALDER seconded, to approve the Legislative/Advocacy Committee Job Description as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 8 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KUSUDA, OLSON, PIKE, VAN ROOY, WALDER and MCHONE

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, KAUD and DAVIS

2. ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Van Rooy announced his resignation from the Committee, effective at the conclusion of today's meeting. He is moving to Arizona within a few weeks. Committee members thanked him for his leadership as Chair.

JOSEPHSON moved, WALDER seconded, to elect Vice Chair Olson as Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KUSUDA, OLSON, PIKE, VAN ROOY,
WALDER and MCHONE

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, KAUD and DAVIS

D. Presentations

Davis arrived at 9:08 am.

1. 2017 AAA FUNDING/BUDGET PRIORITIES

[2015](#)
[PRES-118](#)

PROPOSED DANE COUNTY 2017 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES

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

At the Committee's request, Batterman and Velasquez compiled a draft list of AAA's 2017 budget priorities. Red type indicates preliminary information that is likely to change as the 2017 budget year progresses. Type highlighted in yellow is information that has been updated since the 2016 budget cycle.

Velasquez explained all catering contracts (with the exception of one) will be put out to bid this year and includes a 2017-2022 cycle, with negotiation on cost allowed in the fourth and fifth years. Dane County Department of Administration (DOA) stipulated Consolidated Food Service (CFS) will continue serving the same sites during the next contract cycle. Meetings will be scheduled to allow nutrition site managers to address quality and delivery concerns with CFS.

Batterman stated Cultural Diversity was added to the 2017 priorities with hopes of raising awareness for a program that is grossly underfunded. McHone recommended that Cultural Diversity efforts, which operate out of the North/Eastside Senior Coalition, be expanded to South Madison and Fitchburg areas.

Kusuda suggested two changes within the justification section of the Cultural Diversity item. The first: that figures showing the increase of minority population in Dane County be changed to those 60 and over to replace those showing total racial minority populations because the latter groups probably include a higher proportion of working-age adults than in the total population. The second; that only whole percentages are used instead of those indicating greater accuracy.

Velasquez stated nutrition-site managers are completing a standardized budget that lists all costs (actual, in-kind, and volunteer labor) to provide a clearer picture on site costs. In 2015, 39 percent of total nutrition site management costs were paid by Dane County.

Batterman stated AAA's Access Committee will create a grant application format for the Special Project Fund. The Leck and Mally Grants will also be awarded this year.

2. FOCAL POINTS FUNDING CUTS

Olson and Frazier attended the Focal Point Directors meeting on 11 February to encourage attendance at Senior Advocacy Training sessions in August and to share examples of successful advocacy efforts on behalf of seniors. During that meeting, Directors expressed appreciation for the Committee's efforts regarding the Dane County budget and inquired if similar advocacy work was possible to help Focal Points with other funding sources.

Batterman will share with Committee members examples of past, current or future funding cuts that did, are, or will be adversely affecting Senior Focal Point programming.

Batterman, at the Committee's request, will seek the AAA Board's permission to allow the Committee to speak on its behalf in advocacy efforts at the local level.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

Pike reported the Board is scheduled to meet on 25 February 2016. The January meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[2015 RPT-792](#) FEBRUARY 2016 DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Attachments: [2016 February Dane County Legislative Update](#)

[2015 RPT-793](#) 2015 ASSEMBLY BILLS NOS. 783-792

Attachments: [2015 Assembly Bills Nos. 783-792](#)

[2015 RPT-794](#) 2015 SENATE BILL NO. 485

Attachments: [2015 Senate Bill No. 485](#)

Beil distributed a Dane County Legislative Update. The State Department of Health Services will conduct its next Family Care hearing on 7 March 2016 at Alliant Energy Center, not in early April as noted.

The ten bills produced by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos' Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia cleared the Assembly on 18 February and are on the Senate floor. Assembly Bill 610/Senate Bill 485, which increases fines for trade and consumer protection violations against the elderly and disabled, passed both chambers and is on the Governor's desk.

Gundermann reported a measure of interest not included in the update is Assembly Bill 674/Senate Bill 487. The legislation allows an adult child who is being prevented from visiting or communicating with a parent who is a resident of a hospital, hospice, nursing home, or community-based residential facility to petition a court for visitation. The measure has strong support but isn't expected to be advanced in this session.

Gundermann has been asked to participate in a legislative council study on Alzheimer's disease.

Beil provided copies of the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau's Blue Book for 2015-2016.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported the Wisconsin Long-term Care Coalition's 30-plus page blueprint regarding long-term care in the State was delivered to legislators.

WAAN, in conjunction with Common Cause in Wisconsin, conducted a well-attended news conference on 11 February to announce an effort to increase awareness and facilitate compliance with the State's new voter photo ID law.

State Representative Mike Rohrkaste provided an update during the February meeting on the 10-bill package created by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos' Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Olson and Frazier will conduct advocacy presentations at two upcoming conferences in Wisconsin Dells. The 2016 Aging Empowerment Conference is 7 & 8 June at Wilderness Resort. The 2016 Wisconsin Aging Network Conference is 22 & 23 September at Kalahari Convention Center.

4. 2016 SENIOR ADVOCACY TRAINING

Batterman reported the 2016 training sessions are scheduled for 9, 16, & 23 August at AAA/ADRC. The fourth session will be held in conjunction with the 2017 Dane County Budget hearing on a date to be announced.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Van Rooy stated he enjoyed his time as a Committee member. The Committee thanked Van Rooy for his leadership and wished him well.

Batterman reported AAA is awaiting feedback from the Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources regarding the 2016-2018 AAA Area Plan submitted in December.

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.

Batterman reported Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele has launched an effort to incorporate the Milwaukee County Department on Aging into the county's Department of Health & Human Services.

Velasquez reported the Dane County Department of Administration has not posted the job announcement for the Elder Benefit Specialist position. It has been vacant since 6 January.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2016, 9 AM AT AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

**PIKE moved, JOSEPHSON seconded, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at
10:21 am.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, Clerk Typist.