



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Area Agency on Aging Board

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Monday, March 7, 2022

3:45 PM

via Zoom

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*Staff and Guests Present: Laura Langer, Jules Lee, Cindy Matulle, Carrie Springer, Betsy Strahin and Angela Velasquez.*

#### A. Call To Order

Chair RATCLIFF called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.

- Present** 9 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, BILL CLAUSIUS, TED BUNCK, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, DIANE FARSETTA, THOM RUX, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI
- Absent** 2 - SRIDEVI MOHAN, and Supervisor LARRY PALM

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2021](#) February 7, 2022 Board Minutes  
[MIN-646](#)

**Attachments:** [2022\\_0207\\_AAA Board Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by CLAUSIUS, seconded by MCGINNITY, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** 9 - ASHBAUGH, CLAUSIUS, BUNCK, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY, Farsetta, RUX and RUTKOWSKI
- Absent:** 2 - MOHAN and PALM

**C. Action Items**

1. AAA Access Committee Description

[2021](#) AAA Access Committee Description  
[ACT-478](#)

**Attachments:** [Access Committee Description Changes](#)

*AAA Acting Manager Angela Velasquez reviewed the changes made to the AAA Access Committee Description and answered Board member questions.*

**A motion was made by MCGINNITY, seconded by ASHBAUGH, to approve the changes to the AAA Access Committee Description as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** 9 - ASHBAUGH, CLAUSIUS, BUNCK, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY, Farsetta, RUX and RUTKOWSKI
- Absent:** 2 - MOHAN and PALM

2. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Description

[2021](#) AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Description  
[ACT-449](#)

**Attachments:** [Legislative Advocacy Committee Description 012622 DRAFT](#)

*VELASQUEZ reviewed the changes made to the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Description and answered Board member questions.*

**A motion was made by BUNCK, seconded by ASHBAUGH, to approve the changes to the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Description as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - ASHBAUGH, CLAUSIUS, BUNCK, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY, Farsetta, RUX and RUTKOWSKI

**Absent:** 2 - MOHAN and PALM

### 3. Appointment of New AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee Member

**Present** 10 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, BILL CLAUSIUS, TED BUNCK, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, Supervisor LARRY PALM, DIANE FARSETTA, THOM RUX, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

**Absent** 1 - SRIDEVI MOHAN

Jules Lee, Food Security Manager at Middleton Outreach Ministry replacing Diane Leigh who has termed-out.

**A motion was made by CLAUSIUS, seconded by RUTKOWSKI, to approve appointment of Jules Lee to the AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 10 - ASHBAUGH, CLAUSIUS, BUNCK, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY, PALM, Farsetta, RUX and RUTKOWSKI

**Absent:** 1 - MOHAN

### 4. Re-appointment of AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee Members

Rachel Brickner, R.N., Executive Director, Oregon Area Senior Center

Jordyn Crane, R.D., Health Programs Coordinator, Second Harvest Food Bank

**A motion was made by CLAUSIUS, seconded by RUTKOWSKI, to approve re-appointment of Rachel Brickner and Jordyn Crane to the AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

### 5. Re-appointment of AAA Access Committee Member

Barbara Boustead, Founder & CEO (retired), Mary's Daughter LLC

**A motion was made by BUNCK, seconded by Farsetta, to approve re-appointment of Barbara Boustead to the AAA Access Committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

### 6. Re-appointment of AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Member

Jodie Castaneda, Case Manager Supervisor, NewBridge Madison, Inc.

Ted Bunck as a non-AAA Board Member representation.

Anna Lezotte, Owner of Right at Home, Home Health Care Services

A motion was made by ASHBAUGH, seconded by CLAUSIUS, to approve re-appointment of Ted Bunck, Jodie Castandea and Anna Lezotte to the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### D. Presentations

##### 2021 Case Management Survey Results

[2021](#)                      2021 Case Management Survey Results  
[PRES-235](#)

**Attachments:** [PREZ2021 - AAA Case Management Survey - Board Presentation](#)

*Dane County Human Services Program Analyst Betsy Strahin presented the summary of the Case Management survey that was sent to clients in late 2021. Strahin answered questions from board members. VELASQUEZ shared that NewBridge Latinx Coordinator left during the time of survey and data for those clients was not gathered due to a staffing shortage and case management 8-10 week waitlist.*

#### E. Reports to Board

##### 1. State and Federal Report

*Laura Langer of the WI Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) reported the state is reviewing plans to address the increase in Home Delivered Meals (HDM). There is a concern about sustaining the current levels for home delivered meals. Caregiver program is having online training to help with isolation and mental health support for older adults. Evidence-based health programs can assist in both areas. BADR is putting out two new advertisements on Facebook and Twitter in hopes of recruiting volunteers statewide. Community members can contact their local ADRC for information on where volunteers are needed locally. Statewide there is a huge shortage of volunteers to help older adults who are living independently.*

##### 2. Board Member Reports

*Chair RATCLIFF summarized the minutes from the Committees.*

**<https://dane.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>**

##### a. AAA Access Committee

[2021](#)                      February 7, 2022 Minutes  
[MIN-645](#)

**Attachments:** [2022\\_0207\\_AAA\\_Access\\_Committee\\_Minutes](#)

**Next meeting: March 7, 2022 at 2 pm via Zoom.**

## b. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee

[2021](#) Minutes from February 23, 2022 meeting.  
[MIN-660](#)

**Attachments:** [2022\\_0223 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes](#)

**Next meeting: March 23, 2022 at 9 am via Zoom.**

*VELASQUEZ shared more information on Claris Companion tablet. Investigating a new product for older adults to reduce social isolation in homebound older adults with technology. Claris Companion is a tablet with built in internet connection capability so no internet service is needed by an older adult that does not have the internet. The tablet is loaded with 4G or 5G data for ease of use. Some older adults have laptops, tablets and smart phones they find difficult to use. The Claris Companion seems to be much easier to use and is reasonably priced. VELASQUEZ is working with a small workgroup of focal point directors and RSVP to fully vet the program for piloting it in Dane County later this year.*

## c. AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee

February 2, 2022 meeting canceled for lack of quorum.

**Next meeting: April 6, 2022 at 11:30 am via Zoom.**

## d. Dane County Health &amp; Human Needs Committee

[2021](#) February 10, 2022 Minutes.  
[RPT-889](#)

**Attachments:** [2022\\_0210 HHN Minutes](#)

[2021](#) February 24, 2022 Draft Minutes  
[RPT-913](#)

**Attachments:** [2022\\_0224 HHN Draft Minutes](#)

*The focus of this meeting was addressing housing/homelessness in Dane County. Data was provided during the presentation. PALM reported that the Housing Strategy group hired a position to assist with addressing housing/homeless issues.*

**Next meeting: March 10, 2022 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.**

## e. Dane County Specialized Transportation Commission

February 17, 2022 meeting canceled for lack of quorum.

**Next meeting: March 17, 2022 at 5:15 pm via Zoom.**

*VELASQUEZ asked AAA Clerk III Cindy Matulle if she had any membership information since she also assists with the STC. MATULLE stated there is currently one opening on the commission but there will be more after the April County Board Supervisor's election. AAA Board will need to have a representative on the commission after the April elections to replace Don Ashbaugh.*

**3. Diversity Work Group Update**

*VELASQUEZ shared that Cleveland James was nominated to join the Diversity Work Group. Mr. James has a background as a former Assistant Admission Director at UW-Madison. He retired from a position of Director, Equity and Inclusion from New York State University at Buffalo, New York and returned to Wisconsin looking for ways to keep active in helping POC be successful.*

**4. Age Discrimination Discussion Update**

*None.*

**5. Regional Housing Strategy Update**

*VELASQUEZ reported the Dane County Housing initiative group met and concerns were raised about senior living. Most of the membership for the group are developers and businesses who lumped senior housing with workforce housing. Seniors want the ability to live in smaller homes mixed in with the general population. Seniors do not want big assisted living buildings, as they are not ready for those services. They wish to live as long as they can in their own homes. AAA representation and more Focal Point Directors will be attending future meetings to avoid further disconnect of what senior housing needs are and are not. These are two separate matters that aging services needs to bring to the forefront and guide developers with what Dane County needs.*

**6. Board Member Status**

Ted Bunck-AAA Board member term limit expires 4/18/2022.

Sridevi Mohan-AAA Board member term limit expires 4/18/2022.

Don Ashbaugh-AAA Board member term expires 4/18/2022 and leaving at end of term.

*Ashbaugh has agreed to stay on the Board and be the AAA Board representative on the Specialized Transportation Commission until his seat is filled.*

## 7. Chair & Staff Reports

VELASQUEZ read the announcement from ACS Administrator Todd Campbell about the hiring of the AAA Manager position. I am excited to announce that Sridevi Mohan will be the next Manager of the Dane County Area Agency on Aging, beginning on March 14, 2022. Sridevi has been an Epidemiologist with Public Health of Madison and Dane County since 2013. She has served as the Program Lead for Healthy Aging initiatives at PHMDC. As part of this work, she helped lead an effort that earned the City of Madison a place in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, making it the sixth city in Wisconsin to earn that designation. Sridevi has been an active member of the Public Policy Committee for the American Society on Aging, where she helped guide the development, implementation, and analysis of the first two policy surveys of the ASA membership. Sridevi has served on the Area Agency on Aging Board since 2016 and has served on the AAA Access Committee since 2017. Sridevi earned her Master's Degree in Public Health from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI and is pursuing a Ph.D. at UW-Madison. Her training as an academic researcher, together with her practical, local experience working to serve older adults and vulnerable populations make Sridevi a great fit for this position.

Please join me in welcoming Sridevi Mohan as the Manager of the Dane County Area Agency on Aging.

## 2022 Paul Kasuda Grant Evaluators

VELASQUEZ reported that four applications have been submitted that exceed the \$15,870 grant amount. ANDRAE, FARSETTA AND ASHBAUGH volunteered to evaluate the applications to determine who will be awarded the grant funding.

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Monday 4 April, 2022, 3:45 pm via Zoom

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

None.

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

## I. Adjournment

A motion was made by MCGINNITY, seconded by ASHBAUGH, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:18 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 10 - ASHBAUGH, CLAUSIUS, BUNCK, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY, PALM, Farsetta, RUX and RUTKOWSKI

**Absent:** 1 - MOHAN

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.*