



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

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

*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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Wednesday, June 22, 2022

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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*Staff & Guests Present: Katie Gallagher, Jim Krueger, Angie Markhardt, Cindy Matulle, Sridevi Mohan, Cindy Mosiman, Cindy McGlynn, Angela Velasquez.*

#### A. Call To Order

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

**Present** 7 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI  
**Absent** 1 - JILL MCHONE

[2022](#) Registrations  
[RPT-193](#)

**Attachments:** [AAA Leg/Adv 6.22.22 Registration](#)

## B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) Minutes from May 25, 2022  
[MIN-116](#)

**Attachments:** [2022 0525 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes](#)

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

**Ayes:** 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and RUTKOWSKI

**Absent:** 1 - MCHONE

## C. Action Items

### 1. Diversity Work Group

**Present** 8 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

[2022](#) AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Recommendation to the AAA Board  
[ACT-046](#)

**Attachments:** [Leg-Adv Committee Diversity Workgroup Recommendation](#)

*KAUD discussed one of the goals for the work group of community activities celebrating more of the holidays and planning ahead for these events. The main holiday discussed was Veteran's Day. Long discussion about how each of the communities and senior centers already do a lot in recognition of Veteran's Day that this committee wouldn't need to do something on their own. A long discussion of what activities to do but also needing the AAA Board to accept the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee's Recommendation for the Diversity Work Group.*

**A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by KAUD, to approve sending the letter of recommendation to the AAA Board. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and RUTKOWSKI

**Absent:** 1 - MCHONE

## 2. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

### a. State budget issues of voting and Caregiver programming.

*OLSON stated the voting issues will come around again in the next Legislative cycle. Need to get out and educate seniors about voting and what actions could happen based on who is voted into the Legislative system.*

*BUNCK stated that many of the committee members also belong to many other organizations and can be talking to seniors/people about the voting changes that the Legislation is trying to pass and how elections effect everyone. A good opportunity is signing up to be a voting deputy and working the polls.*

*OLSON stated she is working with WAAN to get information out to seniors about Caregiver programming issues and voting concerns.*

### b. State funding for HDM and a wait list policy creation.

*AAA Aging Specialist Angela Velasquez shared information from the State about concerns with continuing to fund HDM at the current rate of use. Statewide concern for lack of funding for HDM with the huge increase in the program since COVID. Major State budget item. AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee drafted and are reviewing a waitlist policy in the event we have to implement it. This is something the State is requiring everyone come up with a waitlist policy given the situation at hand. The state will be changing their budget formula which will benefit Dane County. It will take three years for the new formula to fully take effect but there should be more stable funding.*

## 3. 2023 AAA Budget Priorities

[2022  
ACT-045](#)

2023 Budget Priorities

**Attachments:** [2023 AAA Budget Priorities Draft 2 6.14.22](#)

*Extended conversation with committee members and several Focal Point Directors present. This was a new process of having the FP Directors come up with a dollar amount to help AAA management make sense of the budget request for Case Management additional funding needs.*

*One point made clear was the amount of new County Board Supervisor's. All AAA Committee/Board members, FP Directors, community members need to start meeting with these new supervisors. Invite them to lunch at a meal site and talk to them about aging service plans and their concerns of funding. Now is the time to educate them about the services provided to older adults in Dane County and how programs are underfunded.*

*No Action Taken.*

## D. Presentations

*None.*

**Present** 7 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

Absent 1 - JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

## E. Reports to Committee

### 1. 2022 Senior Advocacy Training

*OLSON reported it being too late this year to have a training done in July or August. Most benefit of this training needs to happen in person. This training was part of the AAA Aging Plan goals for 2022-2024 and will be revised to show that this couldn't happen for 2022. Committee members agreed to plan and have this for summer of 2023. In the meantime committee members, FP Director's and community members need to get in touch with the new County Board Supervisor's and talk to them about the needs of the Aging program.*

### 2. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

*OLSON reported the group will be meeting on Friday June 24. Meeting dates and times to change moving forward.*

### 3. ADRC Governing Board

*OLSON reported on the ADRC working on setting up listening sessions. One will be in-person at the Alliant Energy Center when they have opening and the other will be virtual. The set questions the ADRC Board agreed on will be asked of those who attend.*

### 4. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

*OLSON stated she was going to forward Carrie Springer's email about the State Budget items.*

### 5. State's Aging Advocacy Council

*OLSON reported next meeting is in November. Still having difficulties getting members from SE and far Northern Counties in Wisconsin.*

### 6. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

*OLSON reported the focus is the State Aging Plan. The State's budget part of the plan is out for review. Requested that Angela or Sridevi attend the meeting to represent AAA of Dane County.*

### 7. Chair & Staff Reports

*None.*

**Present** 6 - JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE,  
ESTHER OLSON, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

**Absent** 2 - TED BUNCK, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 27 July 2022, 9 am 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 KAUD, seconded by LEZOTTE, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:48 am. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON and RUTKOWSKI

**Absent:** 2 - BUNCK and SCHMIDLKOFER

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