



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Area Agency on Aging - Nutrition / Wellness Committee

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Monday, February 8, 2016

12:30 PM

Temple Beth El

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Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

#### A. Call To Order

*Chair DeSmidt called the meeting to order at 12:48 pm.*

*Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Dawn Berney, Mary Browning, Ingrid Reis-Glass, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez*

**Present** 5 - ELAINE DESMIDT, PATRICK DOWNING, MARY HILL, TRACY SMITH, and  
DIANNE LEIGH

**Absent** 3 - CARYL FARRELL, VERA RILEY, and CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2015  
[MIN-542](#)

Attachments: [2015 1209 Nutrition-Wellness Committee Mtg](#)

**DOWNING moved, LEIGH seconded, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - DESMIDT, DOWNING, HILL, SMITH and LEIGH

**Absent:** 3 - FARRELL, RILEY and KRETSCHMAN

#### C. Action Items

*None.*

#### D. Presentations

## TEMPLE BETH EL NUTRITION SITE

*Ingrid Reis-Glass, Volunteer Engagement and Program Manager for Jewish Social Services (JSS) of Madison, stated the one-day-per-week site draws 30-plus diners most weeks and has served as many as 50. The diners and volunteers are a mix of faiths as JSS serves the community at large. Programming accompanies the meal each week. Today's guest is Anne Pryor, Folk and Traditional Arts Specialist with the Wisconsin Arts Board, whose program highlighted inspiring Wisconsin artists.*

*JSS Executive Director Dawn Berney explained the site's caterer, Blue Plate Catering, uses all kosher ingredients and prepares the meals in a non-kosher kitchen.*

*Batterman expressed concern that the door nearest the parking lot is locked -- requiring people seeking entry to ring a bell -- and did not have signage designating the building as a Senior Nutrition Site. Downing arrived shortly after the meal's scheduled serving time of noon and found the front doors locked. Reis-Glass stated Temple Beth El, which rents the meal-site space to JSS, recently requested that the front doors be locked shortly after noon for security reasons. The doors are unlocked from 11 a.m. until shortly after noon. Regular diners are frequently reminded about the door policy. Berney concurred signs should be posted and will ask Temple Beth El's permission.*

*Berney stated JSS is paying \$130 per week for use of the dining space and kitchen at Temple Beth El. Several Committee members suggested that figure is considerably higher than at other program sites. Berney hopes to negotiate a better rate at the conclusion of the current contract.*

*Reis-Glass stated one of JSS' primary concerns is the transportation of Seniors to the site. JSS administers the program under the umbrella of the West Madison Senior Coalition (WMSC). WMSC's transportation vendor, Transit Solutions, picks up clients only in the Coalition's service area and a volunteer transportation system has been problematic. Batterman stated exceptions can be made and suggested contacting Norah Cashin, Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) Transportation Coordinator, to explore the options. Downing, District 30 Supervisor on the Dane Board and a member of the Specialized Transportation Commission, will explore the criteria for making transportation exceptions. Velasquez stated Cashin also is the best contact for help in the procurement of transportation grants.*

## E. Reports to Committee

### 2015 NUTRITION SURVEY RESULTS DISCUSSION

*Lori Bastean, DCDHS Senior Program Analyst, is preparing a two-page summary of the 2015 Survey of Case Management Services for distribution to County Supervisors as well as a news release. Batterman suggested the same procedure be followed with the 2015 Senior Nutrition Consumer Survey. Committee members voiced their support.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2016, 12:30 PM AT MCFARLAND SENIOR OUTREACH SITE, 5915 MILWAUKEE STREET. MEAL WILL BE SERVED AT NOON.

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

None.

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

[2015](#) 2016 AAA NUTRITION/WELLNESS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN:  
[RPT-745](#) DRAFT

Attachments: [2016 Nutrition-Wellness Comm Work Plan DRAFT](#)

*Velasquez distributed a draft copy of the 2016 Nutrition/Wellness Committee Work Plan that will be on the April agenda for approval.*

*Velasquez solicited marketing workgroup volunteers for the Go 60! initiative – an effort to reach a younger group of Seniors. DeSmidt and Leigh volunteered.*

*Velasquez announced Committee member Patricia Saltz passed away.*

## I. Adjournment

**DOWNING** moved, **HILL** seconded, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, Clerk Typist.*