



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?

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC
2865 N. Sherman Ave., Room 108
Madison, WI 53704

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A. Call To Order

Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Jennifer Fischer, Marcia Hendrickson, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Present 6 - MYRA JOSEPHSON, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, and PEG MARTIN

Absent 3 - THOMAS FRAZIER, FAISAL KAUD, and KARI DAVIS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)
[MIN-044](#) MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2018

Attachments: [2018_0425_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

A motion was made by MCHONE, seconded by BUNCK, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - JOSEPHSON, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, KAUD and DAVIS

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman stated the 2019 AAA budget process is at a standstill as staff await delivery of final 2018 federal funding levels, which is anticipated to happen in mid-June.

This Action Item was not acted on

2. DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

[2018](#)
[ACT-001](#)

FINAL DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2017

Attachments: [Final Leg. Agenda 2017](#)

Committee members proposed the following items be added to the Services to Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill section of the 2019-2021 Dane County Legislative Agenda:

- *Oppose decreases/support increases of programs and services affecting older adults.*
- *Oppose the reduction of educational and licensure requirements for health care professionals.*
- *Oppose funding allocation/distribution methods that disadvantage Dane County.*

Committee members proposed the following changes be made to existing items in the Services to Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill section of the 2019-2021 Dane County Legislative Agenda:

- *In Item 6, edit the penultimate sentence to read: Support adequate funding of ADRCs.*
- *Remove Item 7.*
- *In Item 13, edit the first sentence to read: Oppose changes that weaken the Family Care, IRIS, and Partnership programs or privatize Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs).*

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by BUNCK, to recommend that the AAA Board endorse the three new items and three changes listed above to the 2019-2021 Dane County Legislative Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - JOSEPHSON, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, KAUD and DAVIS

3. OFFICER ELECTIONS

Batterman stated AAA Bylaws stipulate the committee must elect officers in May of even years. SCHMIDLKOFER nominated Chair OLSON and Vice Chair MCHONE to serve another term. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by BUNCK, to close nominations and cast an unanimous vote for Olson and McHone to serve another two-year term in their current positions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - JOSEPHSON, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, KAUD and DAVIS

4. FAMILY CARE ISTHMUS ARTICLE (26 APRIL-2 MAY 2018)

[2018](#)
[ACT-038](#)

FAMILY CARE *ISTHMUS* ARTICLE (26 APRIL-2 MAY 2018)

Attachments: [Isthmus article on Family Care rollout](#)

Olson stated the article contained incorrect information and misquotations. Committee member Thomas Frazier, who is Chair of the Aging and Disability Resource Center Governing Board and a Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) member, contacted the publication about the possibility of WAAN submitting a rebuttal article addressing the inaccuracies. Olson suggested the Committee delay proposing action of its own until WAAN has completed its efforts.

This Action Item was not acted on

5. 2018 AAA BUDGET PRIORITY: MENTAL HEALTH

[2018](#)
[ACT-039](#)

AAA BUDGET PRIORITY: MENTAL HEALTH

Attachments: [2018 AAA Budget Priority--Mental Health](#)

Olson reiterated the Committee's frustration in not receiving an update about any progress the County Executive's Office has made toward creating a Dane County Mental Health Task Force. Focal Point staff have expressed an urgent need to study cost-effective ways to serve Medicaid-ineligible seniors with mental health needs--a population that is consuming an inordinate amount of case managers' time and isn't receiving the help it needs.

Batterman stated Todd Campbell, Adult Community Services Division Administrator for Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS), shared the department recently closed the Request for Proposal (RFP) period and is in the process of hiring a professional mental health consulting company to evaluate the county's mental health services to consumers of all ages. Campbell plans to work with Batterman, DCDHS Adult Mental Health Community Services Manager Mary Grabot, and the consulting firm to assure that Focal Point Directors and case managers are involved in the evaluation process of services to seniors. Batterman believes the process will be inclusive and suggested it would be best to delay action on this item. She will keep the Committee and AAA Board apprised of developments.

Olson requested that Campbell be invited to an upcoming meeting to provide Committee members an opportunity to meet him.

This Action Item was not acted on

D. Presentations

1. FAMILY CARE UPDATE

Dane County ADRC Manager Jennifer Fischer stated that all but two of the approximately 2,200 individuals who received services via Dane County's legacy waiver program were transitioned to Family Care (46 percent), IRIS (46 percent), or Partnership (8 percent) by the deadline of 1 May 2018. ADRC continues to provide options counseling to a small percentage of transitioned consumers who are not happy with services. ADRC staff are now reaching out to a maximum of 12 consumers per month on the waitlist -- a combination of older adults, developmentally disabled adults, and those with physical disabilities.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2018 AGING ADVOCACY DAY

Olson reported there were more than 170 participants for the 3rd Annual Aging Advocacy Day, which was held on 16 May 2018 and was partially sponsored by the AAA. Organizers were happy with the turnout in a non-election year and with Bethel Lutheran Church as the staging area. All legislators received a packet that included WAAN's aging advocacy issue briefs in four focus areas: Caregivers, Healthy Aging, Social Isolation, and Transportation. Batterman has requested the number of Dane County residents who participated. McHone is working with the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers in hopes the organization will help defray the transportation costs of potential future attendees in the northern half of the state.

2. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

No report.

3. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[2018](#) 2017-2018 SESSION FINAL UPDATE
[RPT-070](#)

Attachments: [2017-2018 Session Final Update](#)

Dane County Lobbyist Mickey Biel distributed the 2017-2018 Legislative Session Final Update, highlighted the action taken on several senior-related measures, and answered Committee members' questions. Biel stated state agencies will make their 2019 budget recommendations to the Department of Administration by late August or early September.

4. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

No report.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported work continues on the 2019-2021 Dane County Aging Area Plan. All five workgroups -- Caregivers, Dementia, Elder Justice, Elder Nutrition and Healthy Aging -- have completed draft goals for the plan. The draft goals were approved by the Advisory Council on 11 May and will be presented to the AAA Board for approval on 4 June prior to being submitted to the State for feedback.

AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez, in conjunction with other county staff, will submit a proposal for an Administration for Community Living grant entitled "Alzheimer's Disease Programs to States and Communities." The funding would provide support to dementia-afflicted seniors who live alone, would facilitate earlier assessment and care-plan execution for developmentally disabled seniors, and would expand dementia crisis work.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2018, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

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 BUNCK, seconded by JOSEPHSON, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - JOSEPHSON, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, KAUD and DAVIS

This meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.