



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?

Monday, September 9, 2019

3:45 PM

AAA/ADRC, 2865 N. Sherman Ave., Room 109
Madison WI 53704

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A. Call To Order

*Staff & Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Marcia Hendrickson, Sonya Lindquist,
Howard Thomas, and Margie Zutter*

Vice Chair Kilmer called the meeting to order at 3:46 pm.

- Present** 6 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, TED BUNCK, DIANNE LEIGH, SRIDEVI MOHAN,
RICHARD KILMER, and DONALD ASHBAUGH
- Absent** 5 - CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, MATT VELDRAN, PAMELA FLAD, NIKOLE JONES,
and MELISSA RATCLIFF

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) MINUTES FROM AUGUST 5, 2019
[MIN-190](#)

Attachments: [2019_0805_AAA Board Mtg](#)

**A motion was made by BARMAN-PAULSON, seconded by MOHAN, that the
minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** 6 - BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, LEIGH, MOHAN, KILMER and ASHBAUGH
- Absent:** 5 - KRETSCHMAN, VELDRAN, FLAD, JONES and RATCLIFF

Veldran arrived at 3:48 p.m.

- Present** 7 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, TED BUNCK, DIANNE LEIGH, MATT VELDRAN,
SRIDEVI MOHAN, RICHARD KILMER, and DONALD ASHBAUGH
- Absent** 4 - CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, PAMELA FLAD, NIKOLE JONES, and MELISSA
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C. Action Items

1. AAA LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT(S)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman stated NewBridge Madison Team Lead Case Manager Jodie Castaneda has requested to join AAA's Legislative/Advocacy Committee. Castaneda is a master's level social worker with extensive experience in the areas of mental health and dementia care. As Team Lead, she is responsible for providing training and support to case managers. She is also the former Dementia Crisis Worker for Dane County (a contracted grant position).

A motion was made by VELDRAN, seconded by MOHAN, to appoint Jodie Castaneda to AAA's Legislative/Advocacy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, LEIGH, VELDRAN, MOHAN, KILMER and ASHBAUGH

Absent: 4 - KRETSCHMAN, FLAD, JONES and RATCLIFF

2. REVISED 2020 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES

[2019
ACT-143](#)

2020 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES DRAFT 083019

Attachments: [2020 AAA Budget Priorities DRAFT 083019](#)

Batterman stated the updated budget priorities reflect the order of importance as determined by Focal Point Directors. Catered meals is the lone budget priority of the five for which funding has been appropriated. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee members will meet with County Executive Joe Parisi and, if needed, the County Board to seek funding for the remaining priorities. AAA staff have shared proposed budget numbers with POS agencies, with the understanding the totals could increase following advocacy efforts.

A motion was made by ASHBAUGH, seconded by BUNCK, to approve the 2020 AAA Budget Priorities as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, LEIGH, VELDRAN, MOHAN, KILMER and ASHBAUGH

Absent: 4 - KRETSCHMAN, FLAD, JONES and RATCLIFF

D. Presentations

1. OUTSIDE THE BOX -- AN EXPERIENCE OF BEING OLDER IN DANE COUNTY

The scheduled presentation will be moved to the October meeting.

Mohan departed at 4:07 p.m.

Present 6 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, TED BUNCK, DIANNE LEIGH, MATT VELDRAN,
RICHARD KILMER, and DONALD ASHBAUGH

Absent 5 - CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, PAMELA FLAD, NIKOLE JONES,
and MELISSA RATCLIFF

E. Reports to Committee

1. STATE & FEDERAL REPORT (LANGER)

No report.

2. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

a. AAA ACCESS COMMITTEE (BARMAN-PAULSON, FLAD, MOHAN)

Barman-Paulson reported NewBridge Madison Community Outreach & Support Specialist Katie Brietzman provided a presentation at today's meeting about the Volunteer Guardianship and Rep Payee programs and shared some statistics provided by Brietzman. Batterman provided an overview of the updated 2020 AAA Budget priorities and updated committee members on efforts to advocate for increased Elder Benefit Specialist Program funding from the State.

b. AAA LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (BUNCK, KRETSCHMAN)

Bunck reported the Committee, which met on 28 August 2019, is tracking efforts of the recently created Governor's Task Force on Caregiving and is following legislation that would reduce training requirements for Certified Nursing Assistants, the latter of which the Committee and AAA Board are on record as opposing. Batterman apprised members of her efforts to ensure that seniors participate in the 2020 Census as Federal and State funding is determined by the population count performed every 10 years. The committee approved an initiative to work with Focal Points and their Boards to begin recruiting older adults (age 60 & older) to form a new group that will participate in advocacy efforts on issues of importance to the senior community.

c. NUTRITION/WELLNESS COMMITTEE (BARMAN-PAULSON, LEIGH)

Barman-Paulson reported the committee is scheduled to meet on 16 September 2019 at Oregon Area Senior Center. It will be the first meeting for two new members, Rhonda Adams of The River Food Pantry and Megan Vander Wyst of Second Harvest Foodbank.

d. DANE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE (KILMER, VELDRAN)

Kilmer reported AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez and Batterman provided a presentation on senior services at the meeting on 8 August 2019. Staff from The Beacon, a homeless day resource center in Madison funded in part by Dane County, provided a presentation entitled "The Beacon and Housing Navigation."

e. DANE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD (RATCLIFF)

No report.

f. DANE COUNTY SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ASHBAUGH, VELDRAN)

Veldran reported Dane County Transportation Manager Jane Betzig detailed the expansion of the Bus Buddy Tours program during the meeting on 15 August 2019.

3. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported Ratcliff contacted the County Executive's Office to inquire when a community member would be nominated to replace Supervisor Nikki Jones on the AAA Board, and learned it would not happen prior to mid-October.

Batterman reported planning continues for an event in February 2020 at the State Capitol with the intent of educating state lawmakers about the impact of the Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) Program. The effort was spawned by Batterman's realization during Aging Advocacy Day in May that state lawmakers and staff appeared to possess little knowledge about the EBS Program when participants shared the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's issue brief calling for the doubling of state funding to ensure continued access to legal advocacy services for Wisconsin's fastest-growing population. The state hasn't increased funding for the program in 22 years. An EBS Program fact sheet is being created for all 72 counties to share with legislators and their staff. Wisconsin Counties Association is working with Batterman to feature the EBS Program in its monthly magazine.

Batterman has participated in two national conference calls as part of the Medicare Mental Health Workforce regarding the Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2019 (Senate Bill 286 and HR Bill 945), which seeks to expand coverage of mental health services under Part B of Medicare. Specifically, the bill would amend the Social Security Act to increase access to mental health services by permitting Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists to be reimbursed by Medicare. Batterman will ask the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) to support the legislation, which would be especially beneficial to underserved residents in rural areas.

Batterman reported the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services has revamped its Medicare Plan Finder, which created potential obstacles for case managers ahead of the open enrollment period that begins on 15 October 2019. A CMS representative will provide an educational presentation about the new Plan Finder for Senior Focal Point case managers on 13 September 2019.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2019, 3:45 PM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

RSVP of Dane County Executive Director Margie Zutter stated 252 individuals have registered for the RSVP/Triad of Dane County & Triad of Wisconsin Crime Prevention and Safety Conference and Expo scheduled for 27 September 2019. It's the largest number of participants in the event's 17-year history.

I. Adjournment

**A motion was made by BARMAN-PAULSON, seconded by VELDRAN, to adjourn.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 6 - BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, LEIGH, VELDRAN, KILMER and ASHBAUGH

Absent: 5 - KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, FLAD, JONES and RATCLIFF

This meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.