



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Area Agency on Aging Board

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Tuesday, September 9, 2014

3:45 PM

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

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#### A. Call To Order

AAA Board Secretary JOSEPHSON called the meeting to order at 3:46 PM.

Staff & Guests present: CHERYL BATTERMAN, MICHELLE BUBLITZ, MONICA SNITTLER, ANGELA VELASQUEZ, and MARGIE ZUTTER.

**Present** 7 - MYRA JOSEPHSON, DIANE WALDER, PAUL KUSUDA, PATRICK DOWNING, DOROTHY KRAUSE, RITA CAIRNS, and DIANNE LEIGH

**Absent** 3 - CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, BILL CLAUSIUS, and BARBARA MCKINNEY

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

Board members introduced themselves while welcoming three new members: Rita Cairns, Supervisor Dorothy Krause, and Dianne Leigh. The fourth new member, Carole Kretschman, was not able to make the meeting.

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

[2014](#)  
[MIN-289](#) MINUTES FROM JUNE 10, 2014

**Attachments:** [2014\\_0610\\_AAA Board Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by WALDER, that this Minutes be approved the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 4 - JOSEPHSON, WALDER, KUSUDA and DOWNING

**Absent:** 3 - KRETSCHMAN, CLAUSIUS and MCKINNEY

**Abstain:** 3 - KRAUSE, CAIRNS and LEIGH

#### D. Action Items

[2014](#)  
[ACT-186](#) LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 2015  
DANE COUNTY BUDGET PRIORITIES

**Attachments:** [Leg-Adv Committee Recommendation 090914.pdf](#)

A motion was made by WALDER, seconded by DOWNING, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - JOSEPHSON, WALDER, KUSUDA, DOWNING, KRAUSE, CAIRNS and LEIGH

**Absent:** 3 - KRETSCHMAN, CLAUSIUS and MCKINNEY

## E. Presentations

NONE.

## F. Reports to Committee

### 1. STATE AND FEDERAL REPORT

DHS Senior Employment Coordinator Monica Snittler reported the State was recently awarded a federal grant to hire two specialists to provide Memory Care Connections programming for the African-American communities in Dane and Milwaukee Counties. The grant also includes providing outreach and referral to other ADRC services in minority communities. Memory Care Connections provides counseling and support to family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia, improving well-being, and delaying nursing home placement. According to the grant, "The incidence of dementia in the African-American community is almost double that in the non-Hispanic white population. The percentage of nursing home residents with Alzheimer's disease is about one-third higher for African-Americans. Approximately half of all nursing home costs are covered by Medicaid." Downing requested additional data concerning the high incidence of dementia in the African-American community. Snittler will provide this information at the next Board meeting.

Other announcements included: 21-27 September is National Employ the Older Worker week; and Phoebe Hefko, hired as DHS Legal Services Developer & SHIP Director, will start 21 September. A summary of the Nutrition Revitalization Program projects was provided.

### 2. BOARD MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Batterman reported three County Supervisors have been appointed to the AAA Board: Clausius, Downing, and Kraus. Three of the four open community member positions have been approved by the Dane County Board: Cairns, Kretschman, and Leigh. One community member position remains open and applications are being solicited, targeting individuals living in rural Dane County.

### 3. NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

Batterman will be contacting new Board members via email to schedule the orientation, which will occur before the next Board meeting.

4. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman distributed job descriptions of the three AAA Committees: Access, Legislative/Advocacy, and Nutrition/Wellness. Board members were asked to review them and be ready to indicate their interest in serving on a Committee at the next Board meeting.

Batterman noted the Public Hearing on the DCDHS 2015 Budget Requests will be held Thursday, 11 September 2014, 6 pm, at the Alliant Energy Center. Three AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee members are planning to attend and either register or provide testimony in support of the AAA portion of the budget.

Velasquez reported the new Elder Benefit Specialist staff member is progressing smoothly through initial training and is even handling complex cases.

Velasquez stated Dane County's State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) data reporting is broadening and Focal Point Community Options Program (COP) Case Managers have been trained to capture and record information. In exchange for increased data tracking efforts, Dane County could realize additional SHIP funding in 2015.

Velasquez announced the "My Meal--My Way" breakfast restaurant pilot program had a successful launch. Since its opening on 1 August, there have been 148 new senior adult diners, and is currently averaging 62 attendees each Friday. The cost to Dane County per meal has decreased from \$4.59 to \$3.28. This program is available every Friday, 8:30-10:30 am, and transportation is available.

**2014** AAA COMMITTEES' JOB DESCRIPTIONS  
**RPT-352**

Attachments: AAA\_Committees Job Description.pdf

**G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2014, 3:45 PM @ AAA/ADRC

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

NONE.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

DOWNING moved, CAIRNS seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Bublitz*