

Mission

The mission of the AAA of Dane County is:

- Advocate for older adults to enable them to maintain full potential and enhance quality of life;
- Affirm the dignity and value of older adults by supporting their choices for living in and giving to our community; and
- Create and promote opportunities for communication among the entire community.

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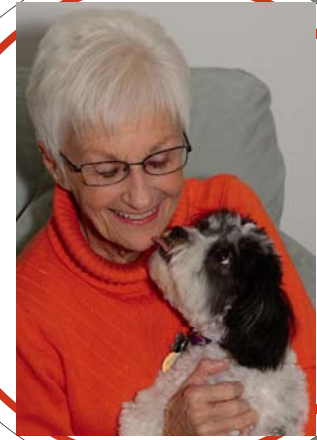
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2015 AAA Staff

Cheryl Batterman, *Manager*
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A Year in Review

The first half of the year included writing another State Nutrition Revitalization grant. AAA was awarded \$30,000 to open a third restaurant-model dining site (DeForest Family Restaurant), open a new dining site in a underserved, food desert (Meadowood Community Center), and offer a choice of entrees one day per week at an existing dining site (Stoughton Area Senior Center). The remainder of the year was split between addressing a critical unmet need and writing the next three-year Area Plan. Using funding from the Leck & Mally Grants and Special Projects Fund, a pilot program was initiated to provide licensed Mental Health Consultation services to Senior Focal Point Case Managers working with seniors experiencing complex mental health challenges. In an effort to increase public input in the 2016-2018 Area Plan, an online survey was offered – more than 200 stakeholders providing critical feedback on the draft plan which was incorporated into the final draft prior to approval by the AAA Board and submission to the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources. —Cheryl Batterman, AAA Manager



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The Year in Numbers

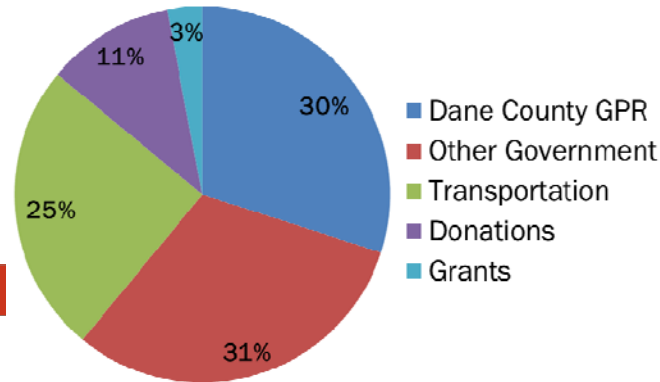
Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Contacts	734
Caregiver Alliance Facebook "Likes"	109
Case Management Clients*	2,695
Case Management Service Hours*	19,666
Congregate Meal Participants	3,663
Congregate Meals Served	86,375
Cultural Diversity Participants**	277
Driver Escort Rides/RSVP	16,915
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EBS*** Total Cases	364
EBS Clients (unduplicated)	155
EBS Contacts (no Case Opened)	549
EBS Legal Services Hours	2,902
EBS Services Monetary Impact	\$354,903
Grandparents & Other Relatives Caregivers	33
Home-Delivered Meal Participants	1,169
Home-Delivered Meals Provided	123,288
Living Well w/ Chronic Conditions Attendees	30
Peer Support Clients & Volunteers	40
Stepping On Class Attendees	113
Volunteers/Independent Living	86
Volunteers/RSVP	1,404

*45 Spanish-Speaking CM Clients & 681 Serv. Hrs

**155 African American & 122 Latino Senior Adults

***Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) Program

Total Revenues: \$4,512,412



Advocacy Efforts

The federal Older Americans Act (OAA) requires states receiving funds to establish visible, effective advocacy services on behalf of seniors. Dane County AAA's mission statement includes an advocacy role accomplished through multiple avenues, two of which are described below.

AAA's Legislative/Advocacy Committee created the **Elderly Advocacy Network** in 2012 to advocate on behalf of senior adults in Dane County. EAN contacts public officials and advocates on issues of interest to the aging population. Membership, now approaching 250, includes community leaders, volunteers, and senior adults. Advocacy Alerts are emailed to EAN members, providing information about issues and steps they may take to advocate.

AAA hosts **Senior Advocacy Training (SAT)** each summer. With a theme of "How to Win Friends and Influence Elected Officials," 20 senior adults learn citizen advocacy leadership skills to become effective advocates enabling them to assume roles on local government and Purchase of Service agency commissions, committees, advisory boards, and/or organized senior advocacy networks.

Highlights

- Served 159 families through National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP); awarded \$46,336 to family caregivers for respite care and supplemental services
- Administered and monitored 26 contracts involving 46 programs in \$2,602,262 public funds
- Opened two new Senior Dining Sites at popular local restaurants that promote choice, flexibility, and independence
- Increased funding for Case Management and Nutrition Site Management Programs
- Reversed a steady decline in congregate meal service over many years—served an increase of 135 senior participants and 2,056 meals over the previous year
- Helped plan two County conferences: *Connecting Aging Veterans with Their Benefits* and *Domestic Violence in Later Life*
- Offered two "Welcome to Medicare" classes presented by EBS staff for community members turning age 65
- Conducted County-wide satisfaction surveys targeting Case Management Services and Nutrition Programs

Surveys Said...

- Respondents indicated their situations were better because of their case managers' help (95%), and the case management services helped them continue to live where they chose (93%)
- Respondents rated Senior Dining Center meals favorably (92%); home-delivered meals were also rated favorably (90%)

