

AAA Committee Recommendation Report

Report to the AAA Board

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From: Access Committee Legislative/Advocacy Committee Nutrition/Wellness Committee

The Committee is forwarding two motions to the AAA Board.

History/Related Actions

During a discussion at the 5/13/14 Access Committee Meeting (re: *2015 Funding for Programs & Projects*), the minutes reflect:

Motion 1: *Kusuda recommended changing the current process of taking \$10,000 from the total case management funding for non-English proficient case management services such that the amount be an additional allocation for case management services from County GP and forwarding this to the AAA Board for approval.*

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

Ayes: 8 - BHARGAVA, DERR, DESMIDT, JOHNSON, JOSEPHSON, KUSUDA, OLSON, and WILSON

Absent: 1 - HOCHKAMMER

Motion 2: *Kusuda presented a report for Committee members to consider (see attached). Kusuda recommends the Dane County Board allocate in 2015 to the AAA Board an amount equal to five percent of Focal Point case management funds to establish and operate the Special Project Award Program for Focal Points with the advice and assistance of the Dane County Department of Human Services, and forwarding this to the AAA Board for approval.*

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

Ayes: 8 - BHARGAVA, DERR, DESMIDT, JOHNSON, JOSEPHSON, KUSUDA, OLSON, and WILSON

Absent: 1 - HOCHKAMMER

Financial/Budget/Other Resource Implications (if any)

None

Recommendation

To approve the two motions listed above.

Attachments

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Report prepared by Paul H. Kusuda, member, AAA Access Committee
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HISTORY/RELATED ACTIONS

The AAA formula to allocate Dane County funds to Focal Points was initiated by its predecessor, Dane County Commission on Aging, as an objective method taking into consideration such factors as proportion of aged in the total population, presence of racial minority groups, rural/urban population density, and poverty. Appropriate demographic data available to enable extraction by Focal Point areas were used based on immediately-previous U.S. Census information. Once an allocation formula was accepted, results were used for ten years until the next Census. Because necessary U.S. Census data could not be made available until about three years following April of the decennial Census year, current-year funding was based on data current 13 years previously. There was no alternative available.

At present, allocations are based on Focal-Point-differentials in demographics similar to those used before. However an enhancement was made possible in 2013 through the use of an annually-adjusted, rolling, five-year averaging of formula factors based on U.S. Census estimates. To reduce impact of fund-amount changes resulting from demographic changes from 2000 to 2010 U.S. intercensal periods, the AAA Board decided to phase amounts over a three-year period. Apparently, this means that each five-year-averaging will also include a three-year phase-in. (PHK's personal opinion is that another look needs to be made to clarify the three-year phase-in because he believes that decision was made to meet current concerns without tying it in with the five-year-averaging plan.)

Although, the enhancement will be more reflective of demographic changes as they affect fund allocations, the formula has an over-all static quality that cannot take into account innovative case management services provided by Focal Points. It cannot allow funding of any Focal Point initiative. It cannot allow for one-time costs such as for unanticipated equipment needs, start-up costs for special projects, continuing education opportunities, limited staff time to meet emergency situations, unanticipated costs for specialized equipment or services, and increased costs for supplies, postage, equipment repairs, and services.

To meet the need to fund Focal Point initiatives or special one-time costs, the AAA Access Committee should recommend to the AAA Board that Dane County provide annually to the AAA Board GPR funds equivalent to five percent of the amount allocated for Focal Point case management expenditures. For 2014 the additional amount would have been \$36,000 which is about five percent of the \$728,993 allocated to Dane County Focal Points. The special funding should be established such that unused funds could be carried forward (with a one-year kill date) into the following calendar year when another five-percent amount would be added.

The AAA Board, with the assistance of Dane County Department of Human Services staff, would develop a special-project award program using a Request for Proposal process to select recipients, no maximum being established for number of awards or dollar amounts. Awards could be limited to continue for no more than two years, thus enabling a Focal Point to seek other funding for a proposal begun under the special-project award program. The number of awards and total amount per award will depend solely upon the number of awards made in a calendar year.

I move that the AAA Access Committee recommend that the AAA Board request the Dane County Board to allocate in 2015 to the AAA Board an amount equal to five percent of Focal Point case management funds to establish and operate the Special Project Award Program for Focal Points with the advice and assistance of the Dane County Department of Human Services.

PAUL H. KUSUDA May 2014