



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

9:00 AM

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

A. Call To Order

Chair VAN ROOY called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Staff & Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Michelle Bublitz, and Angela Velasquez.

- Present** 9 - ROB GUNDERMANN , MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, PAUL KUSUDA, ESTHER OLSON, MARY PIKE, INGRID THOMPSON, PAUL VAN ROOY, and DIANE WALDER
- Absent** 2 - THOMAS FRAZIER, and LAURA LAFLEUR

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Thompson reported Frazier and she will be meeting with Senator Alberta Darling's staff next week to discuss status of the legislative language about the proposed Long-Term Care Investment Fund.

C. Consideration of Minutes

2014 MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 22, 2014
MIN-498

Attachments: [2014_1022_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg.pdf](#)

**Please note that Pike was not present for the vote.*

KAUD moved to approve the minutes with the removal of "&" from Wisconsin Aging & Advocacy Network, seconded by JOSEPHSON. The minutes were approved by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 8 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, KUSUDA, OLSON, THOMPSON, VAN ROOY and WALDER
- Absent:** 3 - FRAZIER, LAFLEUR and PIKE

D. Action Items

1. COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTION

2014 COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTION
ACT-288

Attachments: [Legislative Advocacy Committee Job Description 2014 DRAFT.pdf](#)

Batterman recommended making changes to the Legislative/Advocacy Committee Job Description to align with recently revised AAA Board Bylaws. She also suggested including adding the following as the introductory sentences: "The Legislative/Advocacy Committee submits position statements to the AAA Board for approval. Those positions establish the basis for action on public policy issues."

**Note: Pike was not present for the vote.*

OLSON moved, seconded by GUNDERMANN, to accept the proposed revisions. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, KUSUDA, OLSON, THOMPSON,
VAN ROOY and WALDER

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, LAFLEUR and PIKE

2. WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING CONTACT REP

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator Janet Zander requested a Committee contact for state-wide efforts associated with the 2015 White House Conference on Aging. This topic will be discussed at the next Wisconsin Aging/Advocacy Network and clarification will be provided.

No action taken.

E. Presentations

NONE.

F. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

No report. ADRC Governing Board meets this afternoon.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2014 WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL ARTICLE RE: BUDGET
RPT-530 APPROVAL

Attachments: [WI State Journal Article Regarding the Budget Approval.pdf](#)

2014 2015 WI STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS W/ PHOTOS
RPT-531

Attachments: [2015 WI State Assembly Members-PHOTOS.pdf](#)

2014 CONTACT INFO FOR GOVERNOR, SENATORS, &
RPT-532 REPRESENTATIVES

Attachments: [Contact Info for Governor-Senators-Representatives.pdf](#)

Beil distributed and discussed three handouts. Dane County Health and Human Needs Committee approved the addition to the 2015-2017 Legislative Agenda proposed by this Committee and approved by the AAA Board. The County Board is expected to vote on this by January 2015. The new Congressional members will take office in January, and two issues high on their agenda will include Medicare and Social Security changes.

3. WISCONSIN AGING & ADVOCACY NETWORK

Thompson reported WAAN will be discussing a proposal from Visitable Wisconsin to endorse the idea of requiring new home construction to follow minimum accessibility standards.

4. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Velasquez submitted a Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) grant application to DHS. The grant is awarded every three years to ten to 11 areas throughout the state. Funding would go toward outreach and training. If awarded, this grant will fund a ten-hour per week staff position. The outreach focus will be on low-income and minority seniors living in Dane County.

Batterman and Velasquez met recently with Care Wisconsin CEO Karen Musser. Two areas of concern reported by Focal Points include communication with case management staff and reimbursement of nutrition meals for Care Wisconsin clients. Musser will discuss the concerns with her staff and reconnect with Batterman and Velasquez. Starting in November, ADRC staff began enrolling seniors in partnership programs—which include Care Wisconsin and iCare in Dane County.

Batterman is reformatting and updating the AAA website to make it more user-friendly.

Batterman invited Committee members to attend the next AAA Board meeting (Monday, 1 December, 3:45 pm). Bureau of Aging & Disability/Office on Aging Supervisor Jim Schmidkofer will be honored in advance of his retirement.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2014, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE

I. Adjournment

OLSON moved to adjourn, GUNDERMANN seconded. This meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

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