



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

9:00 AM

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

AAA/ADRC-Room 108

A. Call To Order

Chair Van Rooy called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Gail Bliss, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez

Present 9 - ROB GUNDERMANN , MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, PAUL KUSUDA,
ESTHER OLSON, PAUL VAN ROOY, DIANE WALDER, JILL MCHONE, and
NIKOLE CHAPMAN

Absent 2 - THOMAS FRAZIER, and MARY PIKE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) MINUTES FROM MAY 27, 2015
[MIN-138](#)

Attachments: [2015_0527_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

KAUD moved, OLSON seconded, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, KUSUDA, OLSON, VAN ROOY,
WALDER, MCHONE and CHAPMAN

Absent: 2 - FRAZIER and PIKE

C. Action Items

STATE & COUNTY BUDGET ADVOCACY EFFORTS

[2015](#) SENIOR ADVOCACY 2016 AAA BUDGET
[ACT-155](#)

Attachments: [Senior Advocacy--2016 AAA Budget](#)

[2015](#) CAREGIVER HISTORICAL FUNDING 2008-2015
[ACT-158](#)

Attachments: [Caregiver Historical funding 2008-2015](#)

[2015](#)
[ACT-162](#) CASE MANAGEMENT FUNDING 2008-2015

Attachments: [Case Management Historical Funding 2008-2015](#)

[2015](#)
[ACT-160](#) ACS GROWTH CHARTS 062315

Attachments: [ACS Growth Charts 062315](#)

[2015](#)
[ACT-161](#) SITE MANAGEMENT FUNDING TRENDS 062315

Attachments: [Site Management Funding Trends 062315](#)

Batterman presented an overview of data requested by the Committee pertaining to four areas of AAA-identified increased funding needs in 2016: Bilingual Case Management, Case Management, a Mental Health Consultant to serve Case Managers, and Senior Nutrition Site Management. At its 1 June meeting, the AAA Board requested that the Committee consider an increase in funding for the Caregiver Support Program. The handouts included a brief historical narrative about the programs, need for the funds request, recommended funding increase, projected outcome, and trend charts to support understanding the Committee's advocacy efforts.

The Committee recommends advocating for a total of \$214,101 in increased funding for 2016.

Batterman reminded the Committee that the County Executive instructed agencies not to submit increased GPR funding requests in 2016 budget proposals. Any additional funding must be sought through advocacy efforts. Additionally, the State anticipates 2016 funding through the Older Americans Act will remain flat.

Several Committee members commented that the data, requested at the 27 May meeting, was very helpful. Kusuda requested visual changes in the trend data charts. Gundermann asked that Case Management funding data be extended back three years to 2005 to provide 10 years of information. Beil suggested including statistical information about how the Bilingual Case Management funding request aligns with the County's Race to Equity project.

McHone asked that the data be shared with Focal Point Directors. Gundermann requested that a survey be created to solicit Executive Directors' input on which programs have the greatest need for additional funding. Walder asked that anecdotes be obtained that detail the impact increased funding would have on seniors in an attempt to produce more client-centered outcomes.

OLSON moved, JOSEPHSON seconded, to accept the report, implement the Committee members' requests, and solicit input from Focal Point Directors prior to the 22 July Committee meeting, at which time the Committee plans to prioritize the five programs for an advocacy recommendation to the Board. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, KUSUDA, OLSON, VAN ROOY, WALDER, MCHONE and CHAPMAN

Absent: 2 - FRAZIER and PIKE

D. Presentations

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

League of Women Voters (LWV) of Dane County volunteer Gail Bliss reported that LWV is working with several organizations to help people prepare for the implementation of the State Voter ID Law, which takes effect with the February 2016 primary election.

Bliss distributed posters and flyers for use at Senior Focal Points, including one flyer specifically designed for seniors. She shared that seniors have the option of designating themselves an Indefinitely Confined Voter, in which case they need not produce a photo ID to have a ballot mailed to them for completion in the witness of a legal voter. This may be a good option for seniors who do not possess proper ID and would have difficulty obtaining one.

Walder asked what options were available to nursing home residents. Bliss stated there is a new state requirement that if a certain number of facility residents request absentee ballots, the municipal clerk must send an election official to the facility to administer the vote. Olson inquired if nursing home administrators were aware of this requirement. Walder said she would inquire if the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program could forward information about the requirement to all state facilities.

Bliss stated LWV is eager to assist seniors in obtaining a proper ID and will visit the Department of Motor Vehicles with individuals to help facilitate the process and obtain information about the functionality of the process. At present, LWV is having difficulty finding people seeking that assistance. Batterman will inform the Focal Points about LWV's offer to help facilitate Voter ID procurement.

Bliss has been in touch with Dane County Caregiver Coordinator Kira Stewart about including Voter ID Law information in the monthly newsletter. Olson suggested that information be offered to Focal Points for use in their publications.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

No report.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[2015](#) STATE BUDGET BILL SNAPSHOT 062415
[RPT-258](#)

Attachments: [State Budget Bill Snapshot 062415](#)

Beil distributed a summary of actions before the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee and reiterated the State is estimating no new revenue for the 2016-18 biennium.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported WAAN is continuing its work related to state budget issues.

4. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Velasquez distributed invitations and application forms for AAA-sponsored Senior Advocacy Training sessions on 4, 11 and 18 August at AAA/ADRC, and on 16 September at the Dane County Budget Hearing at Alliant Energy Center, and asked Committee members to encourage attendance. Velasquez shared the story of a past attendee interested in advocating for the inclusion of dental coverage in Medicare who conducted her own listening session on the topic and later was asked to share her input with a federal committee.

Batterman said Request for Proposals for the Mental Health Consultant were being scored, and that work was continuing on the 2016 AAA budget proposal. The first Advisory Council meeting for AAA Area Plan 2016-18 is Thursday, 25 June, at which time workgroups will form to begin creating goals in five focus areas: Healthy Aging, Dementia Services, Elder Justice, Elder Nutrition and Caregiver Support.

Batterman's attempts to contact Wisconsin AARP President Sam Wilson to extend an invitation to attend a Committee meeting have been unsuccessful.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2015, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Olson stated administrative offices are operational in Belleville Senior Center's new facility, and that the two meal sites would transition to the new building in the coming weeks.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Batterman introduced Nikole Chapman, Lead Case Manager for East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging, who replaced Laura LaFleur on the Committee. Chapman, a certified social worker who has been with EMMCA for one year and has more than 20 years of human services experience, said she is excited to be a Committee member.

I. Adjournment

KAUD moved, JOSEPHSON seconded, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, Clerk Typist.