



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, June 26, 2019

9:00 AM

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

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#### A. Call To Order

*Staff and Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Marcia Hendrickson, Gretchen Schadeberg, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez*

**Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:05 p.m.**

**Present** 7 - FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, ANNA LEZOTTE, and CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN  
**Absent** 2 - KARI DAVIS, and THOMAS FRAZIER

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)  
[MIN-096](#) MINUTES FROM MAY 22, 2019

**Attachments:** [2019\\_0522\\_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

**A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by KRETSCHMAN, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK, LEZOTTE and KRETSCHMAN  
**Absent:** 2 - DAVIS and FRAZIER

#### C. Action Items

## 1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

*AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman stated planning continues for an event at the State Capitol with the intent of educating state lawmakers about the impact of the Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) Program. Batterman is coordinating with Daniel Idzikowski, Program & Policy Coordinator at Milwaukee County Department on Aging, and Representative Gary Hebl, Assembly District 46, has offered to host the event. A date hasn't been determined. The effort was spawned by Batterman's realization during Aging Advocacy Day in May that state lawmakers and staff appeared to possess little knowledge about the EBS Program when participants shared the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's issue brief calling for the doubling of funding to ensure continued access to legal advocacy services for Wisconsin's fastest-growing population.*

**This was not acted on**

### D. Presentations

*None.*

### E. Reports to Committee

#### 1. SENIOR ADVOCACY TRAINING

*Olson reported planning continues for Senior Advocacy Training on 8 August 2019. A change in format will provide a one-day, invitation-only session targeting Focal Point Directors and Focal Point Board Members with the goal that these stakeholders become more active in vital future advocacy efforts. NewBridge Madison Executive Director Marcia Hendrickson and members of the organization's Advocacy Board will present at the event.*

*Davis arrived at 9:17 a.m.*

**Present** 8 - FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, ANNA LEZOTTE, and CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN

**Absent** 1 - THOMAS FRAZIER

#### 2. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

*Olson reported Board members received a draft of the executive summary of three public hearings conducted in May to listen to county residents' experiences with the ADRC, Partnership, Family Care and IRIS, as well as to learn about unmet needs of older adults and people with disabilities. Batterman will share the full report with Committee members upon its release.*

#### 3. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*Batterman reported Dane County Legislative Liaison Carrie Springer is providing information to update the Dane County Legislative Directory. Batterman plans to provide an update on the status of the Committee's proposed changes to the Dane County Legislative Agenda at the July meeting.*

#### 4. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

*Olson reported a meeting was not held in June. The next meeting is on 11 July 2019. A reception will be held following the meeting to honor Tom Frazier for his decades of service to older adults. Frazier is resigning from the body due to a move out of state.*

#### 5. STATE'S AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

*Olson reported the next meeting is on 1 August 2019.*

#### 6. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

*Batterman and AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez were scheduled to deliver a 20-minute presentation about senior services to the Dane County Board of Supervisors Health & Human Needs Committee on 27 June 2019; however, the meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.*

*Batterman reported the AAA Board is receiving more educational presentations during meetings and recommended that Committee members look for informational attachments when the meeting minutes are distributed.*

*Dane County Adult Protective Services Manager Beth Freeman, Faisal Kaud, and Batterman recently served on a City of Madison RFP review panel for South East Asian case management services and senior activities. Their recommendation was forwarded to the city's Committee on Aging.*

*Velasquez reported AAA staff met in May with Cindy Ofstead, Wisconsin Department of Health Services Aging Director, as part of a continuing effort to advocate for change in the formula used to distribute Older Americans Act funding to counties. AAA staff believe the current funding formula places Dane County at a disadvantage. Ofstead shared details of the state's most recent proposed changes to the funding formula. If approved by the Administration for Community Living, Dane County would see increased nutrition funding – likely in 2021 at the earliest.*

*Batterman and Velasquez are awaiting population data for use in the case management and nutrition funding formulas for 2020 budgeting purposes. Staff have been alerted there will be no new Older Americans Act funding in the 2020 budget.*

*Batterman introduced Gretchen Schadeberg, a former AAA student intern recently hired as a case manager by NewBridge Madison.*

#### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2019, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

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

*None.*

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*Olson reminded committee members to RSVP for the "Celebrating Tom Frazier" event following the Committee meeting on 24 July.*

## I. Adjournment

**A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by BUNCK, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK, LEZOTTE and KRETSCHMAN

**Absent:** 1 - FRAZIER

*This meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.*