

Access to High Quality Health Care

- **Dental Access:** Support policies and/or legislation that would ensure access to dental care for all residents including those on Medical Assistance.
- **Medicaid Expansion:** Support implementation of the Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). ~~Allow Wisconsin to use the Medicaid option to close the gap in BadgerCare for childless adults. If WI closes the gap, full federal funding will be available for three years 2014-2016, followed by gradual reductions to 90% by 2020. ACA creates other innovative benefits and programs that states and counties will help to implement.~~ Accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to quality and affordable health coverage.
- **Key Funding Streams:** Support Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in key funding areas from the state including Youth Aids, ~~Community Aids, COP and CIP~~ Basic Community Aids, Children and Families Allocation, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Income Maintenance, Children's Community Options Program and Children's Long Term Support Program.

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Economic Assistance

- **Income Maintenance Programs:** Support funding levels and legislation that provide sufficient resources to administer non-cash benefit programs such as Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Child Care and issue benefits to all eligible people. Oppose changes to the eligibility/enrollment process and services funded under Medicaid and Income Maintenance.
- **W-2 Funding:** Support funding to pay all W-2 cash benefits and administrative expenses.
- **Childcare:** Support sufficient funding for childcare. Expand eligibility to include childcare support for low-income individuals pursuing higher education leading to employment.
- **Property Tax Exemptions Low Income Housing:** Clarify 70.11 Wis. Stats. to define "maintenance" as "repair and maintenance of property, capital replacements, insurance premiums, project management, debt retirement, project-related reserves, general administrative expenses, resident services, utilities, financing costs, preservation expenses and similar project-related expenses."
- **Centralization of Economic Support Programs:** Oppose initiatives to remove income maintenance administration from counties and create a centralized income maintenance unit.
- **Medicaid Funding:** Support enabling counties to accept/administer Medicaid funding at the county level.
- **Drug Testing:** Oppose legislation that would enact drug testing as a requirement for public benefits. Also oppose drug testing of youth in our public schools.

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Commented [WD3]: What does this mean? Would the county provide the non-federal share for all MA services provided in the County?

Services for Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill

- **Birth to Three:** Support additional financial support from the state for this program. Support a modification of State Statutes to require health insurers to make third party payments to defray the cost of Birth to Three care for families that have private health insurance policies.
- **Community Support Program (CSP):** Continue program. Have additional state funding to help reduce county costs and serve those whom can benefit from the program.
- **RSVP Services:** Support increased funding for the RSVP Program
- **Seniorcare and BadgerCare:** Maintain Seniorcare and BadgerCare continuing programs.
- **Handicap Access:** Support "visit ability" legislation to allow handicap access devices in new homes or eliminate barriers in older homes.
- **Long Term Care Reform:** Plans developed by the state in the area of long term care need to protect quality and availability of services to consumers and maintain control by the county of programs or relieve the county of financial aid and/or legal obligations for the programs and participants if the county is not involved with these programs in the future. The required county contribution towards LTC should be equitably negotiated. Support adequate funding for the start-up and ongoing funding of ADRCs. Amend Chapter 55 to delineate state and county responsibilities.

Commented [WD4]: Would the committee like to break these up? Issues overlap, but AAA Advocacy Cmte supports separating.

Commented [WD5]: DHS says this is actually a federal regulation that allows families to decline the ability for the county to bill their insurance.

Commented [WD6]: Suggested edit per AAA Board rec on 6/4/18.

- **Equitable Funding for Long Term Care:** Extend higher federal MA reimbursement rates under the federal stimulus package to current county administered long term care MA waiver programs where county revenues comprise the non-federal match. Support freezing further county participation in Family Care until the State can fully fund county program start up costs and find more equitable ways of funding Family Care without penalizing counties, such as Dane, for the substantial financial commitment and innovative approaches already taken to meet long term care needs of its residents.”
- **Employment Services for Older Adults:** Extend the use of state and county funds to encourage the business community and technical colleges to create and support retraining and placement of older adults entering/re-entering employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.
- **Family Caregivers:** Provide financial support and tax credits to family caregivers.
- **Dementia Patient Rights:** Oppose involuntary psychotropic drug administration in Chapters 51 and 55.
- **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS):** Support continued full funding of the state match.
- **InvestaCare (Long Term Care Investment Fund):** Support legislation to establish a long term care investment savings program for individuals 18 years and older to meet future long term care needs through financial contributions.
- **Family Care/IRIS:** Oppose changes that weaken the Family Care, ~~and IRIS, and Partnership~~ programs, ~~eliminate CIP/COP waivers, propose negative changes to the Family Support program/Medicaid Personal Care Services, and weaken~~ or privatize Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). Such changes will create dire consequences for people with developmental/physical disabilities, including children and their families and older adults in Dane County.
- **Mental Health and Drug Addiction Treatment:** Urge the state of Wisconsin to require increased insurance coverage and MA reimbursement rates in addition to ~~adequate~~ statewide funding for mental health services and drug addiction treatment programs.
- **Winnebago Mental Health Transfers:** Urge DHS to rescind its requirement to transfer ~~detained~~ mental health patients to Winnebago Mental Health Institute instead of Mendota.
- **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation:** Currently Medical Transportation Management Inc. (MTM) is contracted by the state of Wisconsin to provide rides for Medicaid eligible individuals to gain access to medical appointments. Contract provisions are skewed to reward MTM for denying rides instead of providing rides. Ongoing complaints about the quality of service suggest little accountability or oversight creating greater problems for the “transportation disadvantaged.” Support entities or other actions that will hold MTM accountable, improve oversight of the program, ensure quality, consistent services, resolve complaints and provide incentives for giving not denying rides.
- **DW SUGGESTION: Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention and enforcement programs related to elder abuse and neglect.
- **DHS SUGGESTION:** Support the state in its pursuit to change the “IMD exclusion” that ultimately requires counties to fund institutional stays for patients covered by Medicaid.
- **Per AAA Bd Recs 6/4/18, ADD THE FOLLOWING:**
- Oppose decreases and support increases of quality programs and services affecting older adults in proportion to the population growth.
- Oppose the reduction of educational and licensure requirements for health care professionals.
- Oppose funding allocation and distribution methods that disadvantage Dane County.

Commented [WD7]: Per AAA Board rec on 6/4/18.

Commented [WD8]: Fyi – Badger Prairie advocates FOR the ability to use these drugs in certain cases in order to successfully take care of and treat a resident. If BP cannot care for one of these residents, he/she may end up being discharged to Winnebago. AAA Advocacy Committee would like to keep the language to protect the rights of older adults.

Commented [WD9]: Suggested edits per AAA Board recs on 6/4/18.

Commented [WD10]: Explanatory language unnecessary.

Commented [WD11]: ADD “and sustainable” Per DHS, the state has passed through a lot of federal money for substance use treatment, but it is only for months at a time, making it difficult to establish and sustain the programs.

Commented [WD12]: DHS suggests modifying the language to acknowledge some patients, such as forensic and geriatric patients are detained at Mendota.

Commented [WD13]: Suggest reworking this provision because Logisticare has taken over the contract.

Commented [WD14]: Split language from the children and families section to place here. Also added “enforcement” because the AG Taskforce on Elder Abuse released a number of bills that DHS Supports. AAA Advocacy Cmte supports this change.

Services for Children, Youth, and Families

- **Career Development for Youth:** Support funding to provide educational, work skill development, transportation and mentoring services for youth or young adults who are at risk of dropping out, have dropped out of high school or who are unemployed post high school and lack the knowledge and skills necessary to secure and maintain gainful employment.
- **Early Childhood Initiative:** Support legislation to continue funding for the Early Childhood

Initiative programs.

- **Apprenticeship/Internships:** Provide incentives for the business community and technical college system to create and support apprenticeship/internship opportunities to young adults. Expedite entry and graduation from the programs to meet increasing demands to fill vacancies created by an aging workforce.
- **Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention programs including delinquency, child abuse/neglect, ~~and elder/abuse/neglect.~~
- **Relative Caregivers:** Support legislation/policies that provide additional State support to relatives who take care of non-custodial children.
- **Kinship Care:** Support funding to meet needs of all that are eligible.
- **Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR):** Eliminate WIMCR program or fully reimburse counties for the revenues they would have received under the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB) and Community Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (CBMAC) programs which were impacted by the creation of WIMCR.
- **Family Child Care:** Support legislation to extend the state rules governing foster care background checks to family day care providers.
- **At-Risk Youth Report to School Board:** Develop a program for newly released at-risk students to interact with/give progress reports to school boards.
- **Law Enforcement Role in Child Abuse & Neglect:** Oppose legislation that usurps the authority of county Child Protective Services (CPS) by reporting all child abuse and neglect cases to law enforcement in lieu of CPS, increases penalties and changes the neglect definition to target low income and marginalized communities.
- **Child Support:** Request the Legislature designate additional state monies to the Wisconsin County Child Support Program ~~in order to continue to provide to maintain~~ the current high level of service.

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Commented [WD16]: What is the background for this provision? Per DHS, eliminating WIMCR would cause Dane Co. to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars. WI DHS is currently making changes to allow counties to get their full share of the federal payment relative to their costs.

Youth Justice

- **Juvenile Youth Justice:** Support continued funding for early intervention and intensive treatment programs. ~~Support continued improvements to the youth justice and juvenile corrections systems and ensure Dane County is able to successfully operate a secured residential care center for children and youth.~~
- **Youth Aids:** Support legislation to increase state funding for out-of-home care costs for ~~juvenile youth~~ offenders now paid for by Dane County. Limit increases in state rates for out of home placements for ~~juveniles-youth~~ (including corrections, child caring institutions and residential care facilities) to no more than the increase in Youth Aids.
- **17 Year Olds:** Remove 17 year olds from the adult correctional system and return them to Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Corrections.
- **Countywide Youth Collaboration:** Create two pilot programs funded at \$100,000 ~~each~~ to foster countywide collaborative actions with School Districts, Law Enforcement Task Forces (drug, gang,...). County Human Services, Sheriff, District Attorney, Community Youth Service Organizations and target services for all students, ~~including parole activities.~~
- **Youth Programs:** Support continuation and expansions of programs focusing on prevention of delinquency, alcohol and other drug use, child abuse and neglect and domestic violence. Support increased funding and support for youth after school programs, especially at the middle school level.
- **Youth Courts:** Support and fund Youth Courts in Wisconsin High Schools.

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Public Health Services

- **Response to Local Public Health Emergencies:** Support legislation that recognizes the critical role of local Public Health Departments in responding to public health emergencies and provides adequate funding to respond to all threats to public health.

- **Public Health Prevention:** Support initiatives that maintain the integrity and effectiveness of public health prevention services, effective public health prevention services, health promotion efforts, health and racial equity, and conditions that lead to optimal health outcomes.
- **Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease:** Support the WI Department of Health and Family Services in its efforts to amend the administrative code to include Creutzfeldt Jakob disease as a reportable disease.
- **Medical Marijuana:** Support legislation allowing residents with debilitating medical conditions to acquire and possess marijuana for medical purposes if supported by their physician. Dane County voters approved this item in 11/2/10 general election, 75.49% yes and 24.50% no.
- **Women's Health Care:** Repeal all state laws that prohibit women from having access to safe and legal abortions, that don't protect women's health and don't ensure a woman's dignity, equality and autonomy.
- **Support Wisconsin Well Woman Program:** The Wisconsin Well Women Program pays for preventive health screening services (Mammograms, Pap Smears.....) for women with little or no health insurance coverage. Support maintaining the program and oppose any cuts or elimination.
- **Dangerous Animals and Vicious Dog Ordinance:** Amend state law to allow counties to enact stricter ordinances to regulate dangerous animals and vicious dogs having countywide applicability.
- **Reduce Holding Period for Unclaimed Animals from 7 to 3 Days:** Change state law to reduce the unclaimed animal holding period from 7 to 3 days. This would shorten the County/Humane Society holding contract and allow the Dane County Humane Society to place an animal up for adoption much sooner.

Commented [WD19]: Per Bd on Public Health rec.

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Housing

- **Homeless Services:** Provide additional State funding for services to assist individuals, unaccompanied youth and families who are homeless.
- **Manufactured Housing:** Support legislation to amend state statutes to require adequate notice to residents when mobile home parks are closing, require storm cellars/secure areas in manufactured housing communities, encourage WHEDA to provide funding/financing for the purchase of housing on leased land, remove any barriers to long term leases, allow the purchase of communities by residents and the development of co-operative housing for manufactured housing communities.
- **Restrictions on Local Fair Housing Ordinances:** Oppose legislation that impinges on the rights of tenants by allowing landlords to discriminate based on a tenant's income, occupation, rental history, credit information, arrest/conviction history and Social Security number.
- **Landlord Regulation:** Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government ordinances that place limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance). Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions and amends/creates new provisions that benefit landlords including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of medical/personal items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011-2012 budget bill provision which deletes landlord foreclosure notice. Repeal 2013 WI Act 76 (Prohibit Local Landlord Ordinances).
- **Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** Support enabling legislation to allow Dane County to create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- **Tenants' Rights:** Oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from enacting/enforcing ordinances that regulate landlord/tenant relations which enhance fairness in landlord/tenant relations, foster responsible property ownership and protect the safety & stability of neighborhoods.

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Veterans Services

- **Armed Forces:** Support the Dane County soldiers who are presently serving. Support protecting families and jobs rather than utilizing precious resources and funds to wage a war.
- **VFW Halls:** Support a property tax exemption for chartered veterans' organizations.
- **Property Tax Credit:** ~~Eliminate the 65-year-old age limit, drop the disability rating from 100% to 30% or greater, and allow 10 consecutive years of Wisconsin residency after separation (this expands eligibility to veteran applicants whose home of record was not Wisconsin).~~
- **Trust Fund:** Support an increase from state GPR to help stabilize the Trust Fund so veterans will no longer pay for their own benefits and programs. The Trust Fund is financed through veteran programs such as personal and home loans.
- **Wisconsin GI Bill:** Fully fund the Wisconsin GI Bill without any limitations on eligibility.
- **State Funding for the Veterans Trust Fund:** Support increased funding in the State budget bill to insure solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund including but not limited to, the exploration of permanent state funding for the WI Dept. of Veteran Affairs and the veteran programs/benefits that the Department oversees.
- **Ending Veteran Homelessness:** Support ending veteran homelessness by maximizing state and federal resources and streamlining local housing processes.
- **Mass Transit for Disabled Veterans:** Support fully funding bus passes and other mass transit costs for all service-connected disabled veterans in all Wisconsin locations and transit programs.
- **County Veterans Offices:** Oppose legislation that cuts/restructures CVSO funding, reduces veteran services or weakens the offices by regionalization
- **Veterans Administration:** Support and recognize the significance of the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital and area clinics in the lives of veterans and in the Dane County community and opposes the privatization of services that the Veterans Administration provides to millions of veterans nationally and thousands of Dane County residents jeopardizing their care.

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