

DANE COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING BOARD

ACCESS COMMITTEE

DESCRIPTION

The AAA Board Chair shall appoint all members of the Access Committee. At-large member appointments must be approved by the AAA Board. At least two (2) members of the Committee shall be members of the AAA Board. All Committee members must be residents of Dane County, and a majority must be 60 years of age or older. Committee members shall serve three (3)-year terms. A Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Committee and have voting rights.

The Access Committee establishes procedures and guidelines on issues of access such as guardianship, elder abuse and neglect, adults at risk, case management, diversity and inclusion of marginalized older adults, mental health resources, transportation, benefits counseling, volunteers, and caregiver issues. Recommendations and position statements of the Access Committee shall be submitted to the AAA Board for further action. The Access Committee shall:

1. Perform studies, develop issue papers, and make recommendations to the AAA Board on prevention and other issues and trends related to older adults.
2. In conjunction with AAA staff, develop, review, and update standards for all case managers serving older adults.
3. Monitor the Dane County Case Management Program by reviewing quarterly service reports and an annual updates.
4. Monitor the Older Adult Mental Health Program by reviewing quarterly service reports and annual updates.
5. Participate in research, review and update by AAA staff of the case management formula regarding factors and weights considered to be primary indicators of greatest economic and social issues of elderly persons.
6. Advocate for older adults, including those with disabilities, to enable them to maintain full potential, enhance quality of life, and affirm the dignity and value of older adults by supporting their choices for living in their own community in as dictated by the Aging Plan Work Plan for 2025-2027 as well as by attending advocacy day and supporting other advocacy efforts of AAA.
7. Monitor senior service programs funded by AAA including the Diversity and Inclusion Program, Elder Benefit Specialist Program, Grandparents & Other Relatives as Parents Caregiver Program, National Family Caregiver Support Program, and Volunteer Services delete and receive an annual update via program staff and / or reports.
8. Monitor grant-funded programs administered by AAA, including Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act (MIPPA) and State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and receive an annual update. Is this really necessary I don't think we monitor this program per se?
9. Advocate for the Elder Abuse Program, Adult and Volunteer Guardianship Programs, Rep/Payee Program, Senior Transportation Services, and Victims of Crime Advocates Program as dictated by Aging Plan Work Plan via attending advocacy day and supporting other advocacy efforts of AAA and receive an annual update.
10. Participate in activities of ADRC and other committees and groups working toward common goals.
11. Along with AAA staff participate in (and conduct if necessary) listening sessions at various sites in Dane County to ascertain needs of focal points and older adults specific to each area.

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12. *Along with AAA staff participate in (and conduct if necessary)* listening sessions with various service providers to ascertain issues affecting older adults.

13. Regularly monitor growth and trends in aging population statistics.

14. Participate in planning, research, review and execution of Area Aging Plan as decided by staff, committees and Board of AAA.

15. Review committee description annually.

Approved as amended: 5/24/05

Approved by Access Committee: 4/23/13, 11/3/14, 11/30/15, 1/9/17, 11/6/17, 12/17/18, 12/2/19, 12/7/20, 1/3/22 & 3/6/23

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