



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?

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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Staff and Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Katie Gallagher, Jim Krueger, Cindy Matulle, Kathleen Pater, Melissa Ratcliff, and Carrie Springer.

A. Call To Order

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Present 6 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 3 - ANNA LEZOTTE, MAI ZONG VUE, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes from September 29, 2021
[MIN-394](#)

Attachments: [2021_0929 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes](#)

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by CASTANEDA, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, MCHONE, OLSON and SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 3 - LEZOTTE, VUE and RUTKOWSKI

C. Action Items

Present 9 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, MAI ZONG VUE, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

1. Diversity Work Group

KAUD reported three people to recruit POC is not enough when so much work is involved. The group is meeting with AAA Manager Batterman to discuss future needs.

No action taken.

2. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman updated the Committee on the State's Nutrition Program funding lapse. Letters were sent to the Bureau on Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) from the AAA Board and Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) asking for an explanation of the funding lapse, if the funding could be reinstated, and what steps are being taken to ensure this does not happen again. There has been no response to either letter as yet.

No action taken.

D. Presentations

Present 8 - JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, MAI ZONG VUE, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

Absent 1 - TED BUNCK

1. Mental Health Resources for Older Adults Program

NewBridge Associate Director Katie Gallagher reported the Mental Health Resources Program started accepting referrals in May 2021. The program offers support to Focal Point Case Managers and their clients. NewBridge Licensed Clinical Social Worker Kathleen Pater reported the program currently serves 25 older adults. Program staff work with Case Managers to connect clients with mental health specialists or therapy. Some initial trends noted include clients with depression, anxiety, and challenges connecting with doctors to get mental health medication started. Isolation and loneliness are two of the biggest problems leading to mental health issues. Working with clients, staff are helping to provide mental health diagnoses and screening for depression and early signs of dementia. Some clients are in need of assistance with returning to doctor appointments as many appointments have been missed with COVID-19. Staff is receiving online training to better help their clients. Unfortunately there is a nine month waiting list for mental health therapy. Lack of specialized care and HMO control is making waiting times longer for clients to receive services. Medical record requests have been taking a long time to process from the hospitals. NewBridge Executive Director Jim Krueger noted 50% of the clients live outside of Madison.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2021 Committee Work Plan: QTR 3

[2021
RPT-576](#)

2021 Committee Work Plan: QTR 3

Attachments: [2021 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan QTR 3](#)

BATTERMAN presented the completed work plan for third quarter.

2. 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan

[2021
RPT-572](#)

2022-2024 Aging Plan Timeline

Attachments: [2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan Timeline](#)

[2021
RPT-573](#)

2022-2024 Aging Plan Goals

Attachments: [2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan Goals Strategies](#)

[2021](#)
[RPT-574](#)

2022-2024 Aging Plan Public Hearing Notice

Attachments: [Public Hearing Notice Half page](#)

BATTERMAN updated the timeline and summarized feedback that has been received addressing the proposed goals. There will be a Public Hearing on December 14, 2021 at noon for public input to the draft Aging Plan, which will be posted on the AAA website. Committee members were encouraged to attend the Public Hearing.

3. 2022 AAA Budget Priorities

BATTERMAN reported the budget process is making its way through Personnel and Finance along with the County Board. All four AAA funding requests were included in the County Executive's proposed budget. The County Board is expected to vote on the final budget prior to Thanksgiving.

4. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON shared Che Steadman, Assistant Chief of Medical Affairs with the City of Madison Fire Department, presented on the pilot program Community Alternate Response Emergency Services (CARES). This program is staffed with community paramedics and master crisis worker and responds to mental health calls in place of police officers.

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5. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported the State Legislature is holding a public hearing about redistricting.

6. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON reported the Council meets in two weeks.

7. Wisconsin Aging Advisory Network

OLSON reported WAAN is meeting next week.

8. Chair & Staff Reports

BATTERMAN reported the Case Management surveys will be mailed out soon. 2022 AAA contracts are done and have been forwarded to Accounting.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 8 December 2021, 9 am via Zoom

Note: There is no meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by LEZOTTE, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:19 am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER, VUE and RUTKOWSKI

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.