



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Access Committee

Monday, July 11, 2016

2:30 PM

AAA/ADRC
2865 N. Sherman Ave., Room 109
Madison WI 53704

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A. Call To Order

Chair Hochkammer called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

*Staff & Guests Present: Leilani Amundson, Cheryl Batterman, Lynnan Osawa,
Tiffany Scully, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez*

Present 6 - ELAINE DESMIDT, JON HOCHKAMMER, PAUL H KUSUDA, GERRY DERR,
CHRIS JOHNSON, and ALYSSA BORDELEAU

Absent 2 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, and SRIDEVI MOHAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2016](#) MINUTES FROM MAY 2, 2016
[MIN-061](#)

Attachments: [2016 0502 AAA Access Committee Mtg](#)

**DERR moved, DESMIDT seconded, to approve the minutes. The minutes were
approved by the following vote:**

Ayes: 6 - DESMIDT, HOCHKAMMER, KUSUDA, DERR, JOHNSON and BORDELEAU

Absent: 2 - BARMAN-PAULSON and MOHAN

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

1. ELDER BENEFIT SPECIALIST PROGRAM UPDATE

[2016](#)
[RPT-203](#)

ELDER BENEFIT SPECIALIST COMPARISON REPORT 071116

Attachments: [Elder Benefit Specialist Comparison Report 071116](#)

Velasquez provided an overview of the nature and number of Elder Benefit Specialist cases in 2015, highlighting significant increases over 2014 in total cases and direct client-service hours. The case total increased as a result of adding a third EBS staff position in April 2015. Increasing direct client-service hours to between 40 and 50 percent of total EBS hours was a priority in 2015.

Velasquez stated that while health insurance-related benefits issues continue to generate the most cases, evictions and non-renewal of leases are rapidly-growing problems for Dane County seniors due to a tight housing market. The EBS program has worked on 18 housing-related cases since January. Housing cases tend to be more time consuming than others due to their complexity.

Elder Benefit Specialists Lynnan Osawa and Tiffany Scully shared examples of recent housing cases.

Batterman stated housing is a countywide problem, as seniors who are being driven from their homes in Madison often move to suburbs that do not provide either services they require or transportation options to connect them to services in Madison.

E. Reports to Committee

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Batterman reported the County Board appointed community members Ted Bunck, Peg Martin, and Steve Stocker to the AAA Board, and reappointed Paul H. Kusuda to a three-year term. It is anticipated the County Board will appoint four supervisors to the AAA Board. When the full AAA Board is seated, one of its eleven members will be appointed to fill the Access Committee's vacancy.

2. COMMITTEE WORK PLAN REPORT: QTR 2

[2016](#)
[RPT-180](#)

2016 ACCESS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN: QTR 2

Attachments: [2016 Access Comm Work Plan--QTR 2](#)

Batterman provided an overview of the Access Committee Work Plan for the second quarter.

3. RURAL LISTENING SESSION

Batterman will facilitate the scheduling of a consumer feedback session in conjunction with an Access Committee meeting at a rural Focal Point in October. The meeting will be conducted at lunchtime in an effort to attract a large consumer group.

4. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported the 2017 AAA Budget proposal has been submitted to the Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS). AAA staff are prohibited from sharing budget information until Director Lynn Green releases the full DCDHS budget in August.

Batterman reported AAA recently received additional 2016 state funds. Agencies eligible to receive the funds have been notified.

Velasquez reported Senior Nutrition Program diner donations are projected to increase between \$85,000 and \$90,000 over what is budgeted in 2016. The increase is attributed largely to the success of the My Meal--My Way program that allows senior diners to order off of a menu at three restaurants and pay by donation. Reservations are not required.

Batterman reported Velasquez will receive a Best Practices Award recognizing the successful implementation of the My Meal--My Way program during the Wisconsin Aging Network Conference in September. The program is being replicated around the state.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 1 AUGUST 2016, 2:30 PM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Velasquez introduced Elder Benefit Specialist Leilani Amundson, who joined the AAA staff on 5 July 2016. Amundson previously was employed by the Wisconsin Disability Determination Bureau.

I. Adjournment

DESMIDT moved, JOHNSON seconded, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, Clerk Typist.