



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

9:00 AM

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

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A. Call To Order

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Gretchen Stutz, and Angela Velasquez

Present 10 - THOMAS FRAZIER, ROB GUNDERMANN, MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, MARY PIKE, JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and TED BUNCK

Absent 1 - STEVE STOCKER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2016](#) MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2016
[MIN-481](#)

Attachments: [12-14-16 Legislative Advocacy Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 10 - FRAZIER, GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, PIKE, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 1 - STOCKER

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL PROGRAMS

[2016](#) ADVOCACY ALERT - SAVE MEDICARE
[ACT-597](#)

Attachments: [WAAN-Medicare-Action-Alert January-2017 Revised](#)

[2016](#)
[ACT-598](#)

MEDICAID BLOCK GRANTS: A FOOLISH BARGAIN

Attachments: [MEDICAID BLOCK GRANTS A FOOLISH BARGAIN](#)

Committee members discussed proposed changes to several federally/state-funded programs that will adversely affect senior adults in Dane County.

- Medicare: Dane and Milwaukee Counties held advocacy sessions ("Save Medicare"). Additional advocacy workshops are planned throughout the state by Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR).
- Affordable Care Act: Several Committee members expressed concern that selecting, changing/deleting certain aspects of the national plan could result in insurance companies dropping out, resulting in costs of those remaining in the plan to increase dramatically.
- Older Americans Act: Committee members are concerned funding for this program will be reduced, resulting in negatively impacting vital senior programs and services.
- Dementia Care Specialists: This program is not included in the Governor's proposed 2018-2019 state budget despite being recommended by the 2015 Assembly Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia. Gundermann announced Task Force Chair and Representative Rohrkaste is meeting with the Governor to discuss the future of this program; however, Gundermann feels there is not enough support from the GOP and will not lobby for the program's inclusion in the 2018 state budget.

Frazier volunteered to work with AAA staff in drafting a letter to be signed by the AAA Board identifying concerns of the proposed Medicaid block grants by the federal government.

A motion was made by FRAZIER, seconded by KAUD, to recommend the AAA Board submit a letter to Senators Baldwin and Johnson and Representative Pocan identifying concerns of the proposed Medicaid block grants by the federal government. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - FRAZIER, GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, PIKE, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 1 - STOCKER

Schmidkofer volunteered to work with AAA staff in drafting a letter to be signed by the AAA Board opposing funding cuts to the Older American Act by the federal government.

FRAZIER moved, SCHMIDLEKOFER seconded, to recommend the AAA Board submit a letter to Senators Baldwin and Johnson and Representative Pocan opposing funding cuts to the Older American Act by the federal government. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - FRAZIER, GUNDERMANN, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, PIKE, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 1 - STOCKER

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

Frazier reported the ADRC Board with be joining the Health & Human Needs Committee, AAA Board, and Long-Term Care Committee for bi-monthly meetings to receive updates on Dane County's transition to Family Care.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[2016
RPT-705](#)

SNAPSHOT OF NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACTIVITIES

Attachments: [Snapshot of New Legislative Session Activities 011117](#)

Dane County Lobbyist Beil distributed and discussed a summary of State Legislative Session Activities. She reported transportation will be the biggest item in the budget, as well as increased funding for Broadband for rural locations.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

None.

4. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

[2016
RPT-706](#)

DANE COUNTY AAA BUDGET PROCESS

Attachments: [Dane County AAA Budget Process 022117](#)

Batterman distributed a flow chart depicting the AAA budget process. The Focal Point Directors are drafting 2018 AAA Budget Priorities to be presented at next month's Committee meeting. The AODA program contracted with Family Service Madison has ended; as a result, funding was reallocated for evidence-based programming. AAA is now a member of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a).

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 22 March 2017, 9am @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjourn

FRAZIER moved, Kaud seconded, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Batterman