



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

9:00 AM

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

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A. Call To Order

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Katie Brietzman, Sonya Lindquist, Julie Schubach, Howard Thomas, Glen Thommesen, and Angela Velasquez

Present 8 - THOMAS FRAZIER, MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON,
JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and TED BUNCK

Absent 1 - STEVE STOCKER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) MINUTES FROM APRIL 26, 2017
[MIN-058](#)

Attachments: [2017_0426_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg Minutes](#)

A motion was made by JOSEPHSON, seconded by MCHONE, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER
and BUNCK

Absent: 1 - STOCKER

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

Batterman outlined areas of concern to senior adults in President Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal, including a \$49 million cut (15 percent) to transportation funding and the elimination of the following: State Health Insurance Assistance Program, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Senior Corps Program, Community Services Block Grant, Social Services Block Grant, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and Prevention and Public Health Fund. In addition, deep cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program would increase the burden on the Senior Nutrition Program.

A motion was made by FRAZIER, seconded by KAUD, to recommend the AAA Board approve a letter to the state's congressional delegation stating that it is beyond comprehension that cuts are being considered to so many programs that are vital to helping seniors remain in their homes as long as possible. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS,
SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 1 - STOCKER

2. 2018 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES

[2017
ACT-129](#)

DANE COUNTY 2018 BUDGET PRIORITIES: DRAFT 5F

Attachments: [2018 AAA Budget Priorities DRAFT #5f](#)

A motion was made by FRAZIER, seconded by KAUD, to recommend the AAA Board endorse a letter to Dane County Human Services Director Lynn Green and Dane County Executive Joe Parisi sharing the Focal Point Directors' consensus that a critical need exists for a Mental Health Services program that serves all senior adults with chronic mental health issues, not just those who qualify for Medicare. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS,
SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 1 - STOCKER

Batterman stated Case Management Services replaced Specialized Transportation as the number two priority after Focal Point Directors changed the focus to seeking funds for an additional full-time case manager at South Madison Coalition of the Elderly to address a longstanding wait list.

The Specialized Transportation priority was modified to seek \$20,800 to fund ten additional hours per week of elderly group transportation outside of Senior Nutrition Program hours. The funding would be directed to Focal Points with high ridership and long wait times.

Velasquez stressed the need for additional Senior Nutrition Program catering funding to avoid institution of wait lists and reduction of frequency of meals. In 2017, a need for 13,700 more meals than currently budgeted is projected due to the major increase in utilization in rural areas, a trend projected to continue in 2018.

A motion was made by FRAZIER, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, to recommend the AAA Board adopt Draft 5f of the Dane County 2018 AAA Budget Priorities with the funding request amount for Mental Health Services added to the document. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 1 - STOCKER

D. Presentations

2017 AGING ADVOCACY DAY

Olson reported more than 200 people participated in the second Senior Advocacy Day held on 17 May 2017 at the State Capitol. Fifty people participated in 2016. Citizens and aging professionals met with legislators and their staff members to advocate for four issues: increasing the Medicaid Personal Care rate to 15 percent in 2018, maintaining and expanding funding for the Dementia Care Specialist Program to provide services statewide, establishing permanent annual funding for Healthy Aging Grants to maintain and expand evidence-based programs statewide, and increasing Specialized Transportation funding 3.75 percent each budget year to keep pace with the increasing service demands of a growing senior population.

Batterman encouraged committee members and Focal Point personnel to participate in Aging Advocacy Day next year.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

Frazier reported the Board conducted two public hearings on 15 May at which citizens and aging professionals testified about issues related to publicly- and privately-funded long-term care. Approximately 50 people attended. The Board will produce a report for distribution to the Dane County Board of Supervisors and state officials. Written statements from those unable to have attended the hearings will be accepted until 1 June 2017.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dane County Lobbyist Beil reported the Joint Finance Committee will consider Governor Walker's proposal to eliminate funding for Dementia Care Specialists in the 2017-2019 state budget on 25 May. There has been talk that if the positions are maintained, counties with populations in excess of 150,000 would be required to pay 20 percent or \$20,000 of the cost of the positions.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

No report.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Batterman stated the AAA Board will consider the appointment of Julie Schubach, Lead Case Manager for East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging, to the Committee during its June meeting. Schubach would replace Steve Stocker, who tendered his resignation. Batterman reported the AAA Access Committee and AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee have opted to keep membership at nine and suggested this Committee might consider doing the same due to a lack of candidates requesting to serve. There was no opposition to a nine-member Committee.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

No report.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2017, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

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 FRAZIER, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk Typist III.