



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

9:00 AM

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

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A. Call To Order

Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Jim Krueger, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Present 10 - THOMAS FRAZIER, MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, JULIE SCHUBACH, and PEG MARTIN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) MINUTES FROM JANUARY 24, 2018
[MIN-521](#)

Attachments: [2018_0124_Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

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

Ayes: 10 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK, SCHUBACH and MARTIN

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL PROGRAMS

[2017](#) ALZHEIMER/DEMENTIA AWARENESS GRANTS MEMO
[ACT-687](#)

Attachments: [Alzheimer Awareness Grant Memo 030218](#)

[2017](#) N4A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: PRESIDENT'S BUDGET
[ACT-683](#)

Attachments: [n4a Legislative Update 2 20 18 President Budget JVL](#)

[2017](#)
[ACT-684](#)

N4A FY 2019 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Attachments: [n4a FY 2019 Presidents Budget Approps 2.15.18](#)

[2017](#)
[ACT-685](#)

NCOA FY19 PRESIDENT'S REQUEST

Attachments: [NCOA_FY19-President-Request](#)

[2017](#)
[ACT-686](#)

WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY19 BUDGET REQUEST MEANS
FOR SENIORS

Attachments: [Straight Talk for Seniors@ What the Administration's FY19 Budget Request Means for Seniors _ NCOA](#)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman distributed the AAA Board letter endorsing AB 632/SB 527, which would require the Department of Health Services to award grants of up to \$500,000 GPR in FY 2018 to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in rural and underserved urban areas. The Committee will determine at a later date if it will request that the other dementia-related bills it voted to endorse at the January meeting be added to Dane County's Legislative Agenda – a requirement for AAA Board advocacy.

Frazier stated it's imperative the AAA Board write to state lawmakers to voice its concerns with the President's FY 2019 Federal Budget Proposal. Of greatest concern is how the elimination of programs and major cuts to Medicare and Medicaid will adversely impact lower-income seniors.

A motion was made by FRAZIER, seconded by BUNCK, to recommend that the AAA Board write to Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson and Representative Mark Pocan to express its grave concerns regarding the proposed cuts in funding to programs affecting Seniors in the President's FY 2019 Federal Budget Proposal. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS,
SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK, SCHUBACH and MARTIN

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2019-2021 AAA AREA PLAN

Batterman reported the State delayed delivery of its AAA Area Plan template, originally slated for 15 February 2018, until 6 March 2018. Workgroups have been formed to establish yearly goals in five focus areas – Caregivers, Dementia, Elder Justice, Elder Nutrition, and Healthy Aging. The State has strengthened its directive to solicit feedback from seniors prior to establishing goals. The AAA Area Plan Advisory Council, a group of more than 30 individuals comprised of community members and aging network professionals, will meet today and workgroups that have not met will convene in March. The timeline for meeting Area Plan deadlines was approved by the AAA Board this month. New this year is the State's requirement to submit a draft plan during the summer for the purpose of receiving feedback. The final plan must be submitted by 31 December 2018.

2. 2019 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES

AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez reported the Elder Nutrition Workgroup has met three times and established its 2019 budget priority: the county-wide conversion to the Oliver Packaging System for home-delivered meals. The Oliver System uses biodegradable, recyclable cardboard trays that are sealed with film by machine. The system is an upgrade from the current aluminum trays, which are not microwavable, and is more environmentally friendly. One POS agency, the Waunakee School District, already is using the Oliver System for home-delivered meals in the Waunakee Senior Center service area and the remaining Focal Points are very supportive of the change. The unit cost is about eight cents higher than the current packaging for an annual cost increase of approximately \$10,000. Materials are purchased from Oliver, which leases the sealing machines at no cost. The Nutrition/Wellness Committee approved the Elder Nutrition Workgroup's recommendation at its meeting on 21 February 2018.

Batterman reported she met with Focal Point Directors and reached out to POS agencies to solicit feedback on 2019 budget priorities and presented the draft list to the Access Committee at its meeting on 13 February 2018. The four highest areas of increased funding identified were: Case Management, Dementia Crisis Worker, Nutrition, Senior Transportation, and Supportive Home Care.

Velasquez reported the Elder Nutrition Workgroup requests that advocacy be coordinated to compel the City of Madison to begin funding the Senior Nutrition Program sites hosted by the four Focal Points located in the city. All other municipalities in Dane County currently contribute. Kaud, a member of the Committee on Aging, suggested that AAA staff make a presentation to the body that details how Dane County's disproportionate funding of the city's Senior Nutrition Sites is impacting the program negatively as a whole.

3. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

ADRC Governing Board Chair Tom Frazier reported the process of transitioning more than 2,400 individuals who received services via Dane County's legacy waiver program to Family Care, Partnership or IRIS is more than 80 percent complete as the deadline of 1 April 2018 approaches.

Frazier reported there is not a waiting list for nursing home relocations. Individuals who believe they can live in the community are encouraged to contact the ADRC, which can link them to financial assistance. Also, individuals in assisted living facilities who previously have not been eligible for Partnership are now eligible. Frazier reported individuals who believe they might become financially eligible for Family Care, Partnership or IRIS in the future should contact the ADRC to be placed on the waiting list.

4. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Olson and McHone were among those who testified in favor of AB 596, which would authorize a long-term care savings program, during a recent Assembly Committee on Health hearing.

5. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

The organization will meet on 1 March 2018 at the AAA/ADRC. Olson reported planning is underway for the third annual Aging Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on 16 May 2018. Participants will stage at Bethel Lutheran Church and make the two-block walk to the Capitol to meet with lawmakers and their staff.

6. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Olson reported the State Aging Advisory Council seeks to increase membership in an attempt to better serve seniors. She will work with Batterman to identify individuals who might be willing to serve on the Council.

Batterman reported a consumer satisfaction survey is now part of the Caring for the Caregiver Grant process. A consumer satisfaction survey also is being created for the Elder Benefits Specialist program.

Batterman reported that Jonette Arms, who has served as Milwaukee County Department on Aging Assistant Director and Interim Director, is the new Executive Director of the ADRC of Central Wisconsin.

Batterman announced today's meeting is Schubach's last with the Committee prior to her family moving out of state and thanked her for serving.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

Frazier asked Batterman to check on the status of the Mental Health Task Force—as agreed to by County Executive Parisi.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Frazier reported he and Olson submitted a proposal to conduct a workshop focusing on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid at the 2018 Aging and Disability Network Conference scheduled for 12-14 September 2018 in Wisconsin Dells.

Frazier reported that AB 923 / SB 777, which sought to expand some of the powers that may be exercised by the county executive of a county with a population of 750,000 or more, failed. Frazier commended The League of Progressive Seniors for its successful grassroots advocacy against the measure.

North/Eastside Senior Coalition Executive Director Jim Krueger distributed a flyer promoting a Wisconsin Gubernatorial Candidate Forum it will host at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center on 19 March 2018 from 10:30-11:30 am, with lunch to follow. Five of the candidates in the Democratic primary race have pledged their participation. Krueger invited Committee members to attend and also requested sending Batterman or him questions they would like asked during the forum.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by KAUD, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK, SCHUBACH and MARTIN

This meeting ended at 10:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.