



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, July 25, 2018

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC
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A. Call To Order

Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Todd Campbell, Marcia Hendrickson, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez

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

Present 7 - MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, TED BUNCK, and PEG MARTIN

Absent 2 - THOMAS FRAZIER, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman introduced Todd Campbell, Adult Community Services Division Administrator for the Dane County Department of Human Services. Campbell is attending at the invitation of committee members, many of whom have not met him since his appointment last year.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)
[MIN-143](#)

MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2018

Attachments: [2018_0523_AAA_Leg-Adv_Committee_Mtg](#)

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

Ayes: 7 - JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 2 - FRAZIER and SCHMIDLKOFER

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

Batterman stated final 2018 state funding numbers were recently received and there is additional funding in some areas. Tentative 2019 funding levels also were received, but won't become final until the federal budget is approved. Staff members have submitted the proposed 2019 AAA budget to Campbell. DCDHS Director Lynn Green is expected to release the department budget on 20 August. A public hearing regarding the DCDHS budget is scheduled for 12 September at Madison Area Technical College.

This was not acted on

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2018 SENIOR ADVOCACY TRAINING

Chair Olson provided an overview of the scheduled speakers for sessions on 31 July, 7 August, and 14 August. The fourth session is attendance at the DCDHS budget hearing. Ten people have registered and three others have expressed interest. The goal is 20 participants.

2. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

No meetings were held in June or July.

3. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No report.

4. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Batterman reported the organization was pleased with the third Aging Advocacy Day at the State Capitol, which included more than 170 participants. There were many first-time participants and Bethel Lutheran Church, which is two blocks from the Capitol, worked well as a staging area. Fitchburg Senior Center Director Jill McHone asked the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers to consider funding transportation and/or overnight stays for directors and board members to encourage better representation from counties farther away from Madison. Among other items covered in the meeting on 26 June were: SeniorCare 10-year waiver, Wisconsin Institute of Healthy Aging's campaign promoting the positive impact of a positive approach to aging, and state budget concerns.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported that as part of the 2019 County Budget process, she created spreadsheets that allow the Focal Point staff to better understand proposed changes to case management contracts – a change McHone stated has been extremely helpful.

Batterman reported staff expect feedback soon from the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources on proposed goals in the 2019-2021 Dane County Aging Plan. Suggested changes to the goals will be made and the contextual data will be added prior to the solicitation of public feedback at two listening sessions and via an online survey.

AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez reported she submitted a proposal written in conjunction with DCDHS Adult Protective Services Manager Beth Freeman and AAA Board Member Srivevi Mohan for a \$1 million Administration for Community Living grant entitled “Alzheimer’s Disease Programs to States and Communities” on 11 July. The funding would enhance services to dementia-afflicted seniors who live alone, would facilitate earlier assessment and care-plan execution for developmentally disabled seniors, and would expand dementia crisis work in Dane County. Campbell, Batterman, and Olson commended Velasquez for spearheading the labor-intensive project. A letter will be sent to Wisconsin Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, and to District 2 Representative Mark Pocan, alerting them of the application and seeking their support in providing services to these populations.

Velasquez is conducting a literature review of high-level, evidenced-based programs addressing social isolation and loneliness among seniors, a proposed area of focus in the 2019-2021 Dane County Aging Plan.

Olson stated the State Aging Advisory Council, of which she and Bunck are members, is operating under a recently established set of bylaws written with the intention of reaching a much wider group of stakeholders – especially the state’s tribes and northern counties.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2018, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Marcia Hendrickson, South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Executive Director, stated the merger of the four Madison Focal Points is on schedule to launch on 1 January 2019. The new organization’s name is expected to be released soon and a marketing company has been hired. Legal documents will be filed with the State in October.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Kaud proposed the committee send a card to Frazier expressing members’ well-wishes. Committee members and staff signed the card at the conclusion of the meeting.

I. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 7 - JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 2 - FRAZIER and SCHMIDLKOFER

This meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.