

# AAA Committee Recommendation Report

## Report to the AAA Board

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From: ☐ Access Committee ☒ Legislative/Advocacy Committee ☐ Nutrition/Wellness Committee

### History/Related Actions

At the 9/26/18 Legislative/Advocacy Committee meeting, advocacy supporting Federal and State Programs was discussed and resulted in the following recommendation:

*Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA) Executive Director Betsy Abramson stated the organization strongly supports the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's plan to ask the State Legislature for a permanent appropriation of \$600,000 to support programs and activities that promote healthy aging – an area that historically has been underfunded nationally and in Wisconsin. If chosen as the administrator of the initiative, WIHA would provide standardized instructor recruitment materials, instructor training, technical assistance and support, and the collection and analysis of program data. All local leaders would work under WIHA's program licenses and supervision. Abramson stated the \$600,000 would be split evenly each year between WIHA's administration of the healthy aging programs and min-grants to local entities that deliver healthy aging education. WIHA, a private non-profit, does not receive yearly funding from the Wisconsin Bureau of Disability Resources. Schmidlkofer stated current efforts to help seniors age in place are focused on addressing health problems when they occur and stated it would be more cost-effective to focus on prevention and improvement of quality of life long before health problems arise.*

*A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by KAUD, to recommend that the AAA Board support the WAAN position to seek permanent funding and establish a statewide center of expertise related to health promotion and preventative activities for older people in Wisconsin. The motion carried by the following vote:*

<i>Ayes</i>	<i>8</i>	BUNCK, DAVIS, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, MARTIN, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER
<i>Absent</i>	<i>1</i>	FRAZIER

### Financial/Budget/Other Resource Implications (if any)

None to Dane County

### Recommendations

To support the WAAN position to seek permanent funding and establish a statewide center of expertise related to health promotion and preventative activities for older people in Wisconsin as recommended by the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee.

### Attachments