



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, April 24, 2019

9:00 AM

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

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A. Call To Order

Staff and guests present: Cheryl Batterman and Howard Thomas

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Present 6 - ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, ANNA LEZOTTE, and CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN

Absent 3 - FAISAL KAUD, TED BUNCK, and THOMAS FRAZIER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)
[MIN-004](#)

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Attachments: [2019_0227_AAA_Leg-Adv_Committee_Mtg](#)

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

Ayes: 6 - OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER, LEZOTTE and KRETSCHMAN

Absent: 3 - KAUD, BUNCK and FRAZIER

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman stated Elder Benefit Specialists Leilani Amundson and Tiffany Scully authored the recently released Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network issue brief calling for state lawmakers to double funding for the EBS program to ensure continued access to legal advocacy services for Wisconsin's fastest-growing population. Batterman suggested the committee host an open house and invite lawmakers to meet EBS staff and learn more about this valuable service. Committee members were in consensus in support of an open house. Batterman will begin planning the event.

This Action Item was not acted on

2. 2020 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES

[2019
ACT-007](#)

2020 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES DRAFT 042419

Attachments: [2020 AAA Budget Priorities DRAFT 042419](#)

Batterman distributed an updated draft of 2020 AAA Budget Priorities with background provided by DCDHS staff and POS agency personnel, provided an overview of the document, and answered committee members' questions.

McHone has facilitated several meetings with stakeholders to craft a Mental Health Services priority to serve Medicaid-ineligible seniors with mental health needs – a population that is consuming an inordinate amount of case managers' time and isn't receiving the help it needs. The Mental Health Services priority will be added to the AAA Budget Priorities Draft prior to the May meeting. Dane County Department of Human Services Adult Community Services Division Administrator Todd Campbell, who is coordinating the county's assessment of overall mental health services being conducted by Public Consulting Group, plans to attend the May meeting to provide an update on the process.

This Action Item was not acted on

3. 2019 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

[2019
ACT-008](#)

2019 LEG-ADV COMMITTEE WORK PLAN DRAFT

Attachments: [2019 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by DAVIS, to approve the 2019 Legislative/Advocacy Committee Work Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER, LEZOTTE and KRETSCHMAN

Absent: 3 - KAUD, BUNCK and FRAZIER

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

Olson reported the ADRC Board will conduct information gathering sessions on 1 May in Cross Plains, 29 May at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, and 31 May at DeForest Area Community & Senior Center for the purposes of listening to county residents' experiences with the ADRC, Partnership, Family Care and IRIS, as well as to learn about unmet needs for older adults and people with disabilities.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Batterman reported Carrie Springer will begin her duties as Dane County Legislative Liaison in early May. Batterman will invite Springer to attend Legislative/Advocacy Committee meetings, as her predecessors did.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson encouraged committee members to attend WAAN's Aging Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on 14 May 2019. Batterman will send the organization's updated issue briefs to committee members via email. Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator Janet Zander met recently with Andrea Palm, who in January was appointed to head the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, to share the organization's priorities. Schmidtkofer reported WAAN members voted to support Medicare expansion in Wisconsin during the April meeting.

4. STATE'S AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Olson reported the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources is seeking ways that Area Agencies on Aging and Aging & Disability Resource Centers can interact to better serve consumers.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Olson reported a change in format for the annual Senior Advocacy Training that provides a one-day, invitational-only format targeting Focal Point Directors and Focal Point Board Members with the goal that these stakeholders become more active in vital advocacy efforts. The tentative date is 8 August 2019.

Batterman reported Elder Benefit Specialist Tiffany Scully attended Governor Tony Evers' recent news conference announcing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services had notified the Wisconsin Department of Health Services that it approved a 10-year extension for the popular SeniorCare prescription drug program. Frazier also attended.

Batterman reported Senior Nutrition Program dietitian Mary Browning retired in March after serving Dane County seniors for 21 years. Alyce Reichenbacher has been hired full time to fill two part-time openings: Dietitian and Healthy Aging Coordinator for evidence-based health promotion classes such as Healthy Living with Diabetes, Healthy Living with Chronic Pain, Living Well, and Powerful Tools for Caregivers. Reichenbacher, who will be employed by NewBridge Madison and work in the AAA office on a contract basis, will begin her duties on 25 April 2019.

Batterman recently forwarded committee members the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging's priorities for the 2020 federal budget. She will provide periodic updates.

Batterman distributed to the 2018 AAA Annual Report and offered committee members copies of the 2019-2021 County Aging Plan.

Kretschman departed at 10:45 am. Davis departed at 10:51 am.

Present 4 - ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and ANNA LEZOTTE

Absent 5 - FAISAL KAUD, KARI DAVIS, TED BUNCK, THOMAS FRAZIER, and CAROLE L.
KRETSCHMAN

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2019, 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

Hearing no objection, Chair Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.