



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 24, 2019

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC
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A. Call To Order

Staff & Guests present: Marcia Hendrickson, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez

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

Present 8 - FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, ANNA LEZOTTE, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, and THOMAS FRAZIER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) MINUTES FROM JUNE 26, 2019
[MIN-126](#)

Attachments: [2019_0626_Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

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

Ayes: 8 - KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK, LEZOTTE, KRETSCHMAN and FRAZIER

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

This was not acted on

2. WISCONSIN POVERTY REPORT SUMMARY: 2017

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[ACT-102](#)

WISCONSIN POVERTY REPORT SUMMARY: 2017

Attachments: [Wisconsin Poverty Report Summary](#)

A motion was made by FRAZIER, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, to recommend that the AAA Board send a copy of the Wisconsin Poverty Report Summary to elected officials from Dane County along with a letter that highlights the troubling trend of increased poverty among seniors, the causes for the increasing rates, an analysis of which senior programs are currently underfunded, and a request that a public hearing concerning the report be conducted by the State Legislature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK, LEZOTTE, KRETSCHMAN and FRAZIER

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2019 SENIOR ADVOCACY TRAINING

Olson was unable to schedule a member of the Dane County Board's Health & Human Services Committee to participate in the Dane County Board & Committees Panel agenda item for the training on 8 August 2019. Patrick Miles of the Dane County Board's Personnel & Finance Committee will lead the discussion. Six of the 12 Dane County Focal Points have registered to participate. NewBridge Madison Executive Director Marcia Hendrickson and McHone will contact directors of Focal Points that have not registered to stress the importance that a staff member and member of the Focal Point board participate. Several Committee members expressed disappointment that only six Focal Points had responded to date.

2. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

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[RPT-149](#)

ADRC PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS SUMMARY REPORT

Attachments: [ADRC Public Listening Sessions Summary Report](#)

Olson entertained questions about the ADRC Public Listening Sessions Summary Report and stated there was a consensus among ADRC Governing Board Members that it makes sense to team with the AAA Board and its subcommittees to conduct future joint public listening sessions.

3. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No report.

4. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported the next meeting is on 1 August 2019 at the ADRC.

5. STATE'S AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Olson reported the next meeting is on 1 August 2019 in the Green Bay area, and provided agenda highlights.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez reported Kari Davis resigned from the Committee last week after resigning from her case manager position at NewBridge Madison. Velasquez read a message from Davis to Committee members. Frazier's resignation, which he announced in June, is effective following today's meeting.

7. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

[2019
RPT-148](#)

2019 AARP ANDRUS AWARD

Attachments: [2019 AARP Andrus Award for Community Service](#)

Velasquez reported AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman took the lead in preparing the joint nomination of Frazier for the Andrus Award for Community Service by AAA, the ADRC and WAAN.

Velasquez reported Dane County Department of Human Services Director Shawn Tessmann is expected to release the department's proposed 2020 budget on 20 August 2019.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2019, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Hendrickson shared she was impressed with the NewBridge Madison staff response to the challenges presented after two fires in the downtown area on the morning of 19 July 2019 created widespread power outages and made travel on the isthmus difficult. The phones were not operational in any of the four NewBridge offices, yet case managers performed welfare checks on the hottest day of the summer. Senior Nutrition Program staff overcame several challenges to make certain every meal site in the city was operational.

Velasquez lauded NewBridge personnel, especially those affiliated with the Senior Nutrition Program, and Goodman Community Center's catering division for delivering meals despite a lack of power. Velasquez sent a note of gratitude to those who made sure services continued, with copies to Tessmann and DCDHS Adult Community Services Division Administrator Todd Campbell.

Committee members requested AAA staff to provide a report detailing how Dane County employees and POS contractors reacted to the emergency conditions so the information can be shared with Dane County elected officials and the entire county aging network. Hendrickson stated NewBridge would send a letter detailing the organization's emergency response activities to local newspapers.

I. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 8 - KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK, LEZOTTE, KRETSCHMAN and FRAZIER

This meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.