

DANE COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING BOARD

ACCESS COMMITTEE

DESCRIPTION

The AAA Board Chair shall appoint all members of the Access Committee. At-large member appointments must be approved by the AAA Board. At least two (2) members of the Committee shall be members of the AAA Board. All Committee members must be residents of Dane County, and a majority must be 60 years of age or older. Committee members shall serve three (3)-year terms. A Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Committee and have voting rights.

The Access Committee establishes procedures and guidelines on issues of access such as elder abuse and neglect, case management, transportation, benefits counseling, and caregiver issues. Recommendations and position statements of the Access Committee shall be submitted to the AAA Board for further action. The Access Committee shall:

1. Perform studies, develop issue papers, and make recommendations to the AAA Board on prevention and other issues and trends related to older adults.
2. Develop, review, and update minimum standards for all case managers serving older adults.
3. Research, review, and update the case management formula on factors and weights considered to be primary indicators of greatest economic and social issues of elderly persons.
4. Advocate for older adults, including those with disabilities, to enable them to maintain full potential, enhance quality of life, and affirm the dignity and value of older adults by supporting their choices for living in their own community.
5. Monitor senior service programs funded by AAA including Cultural Diversity Program, Elder Benefit Specialist Program, Grandparents & Other Relatives as Parents Caregiver Program, National Family Caregiver Support Program, Volunteer Services, and Volunteer Guardianship/Representative Payee Programs and receive periodic reports.
6. Monitor grant-funded programs administered by AAA, including Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act (MIPPA) and State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and receive periodic reports.
7. Advocate for the Elder Abuse Program, Senior Transportation Services, and Victims of Crime Advocates Program and receive periodic reports from staff.
8. Participate in activities of ADRC and other committees and groups working toward common goals.
9. Conduct listening sessions at various sites in Dane County to ascertain needs of focal points and seniors specific to each area.
10. Conduct listening sessions with various service providers to ascertain issues affecting older adults.
11. Regularly monitor growth and trends in aging population statistics.
12. Review committee description annually.

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