



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, January 27, 2021

9:00 AM

via ZOOM

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A. Call To Order

Staff and Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Angela Velasquez, Cindy Matulle and Carrie Springer

Chair OLSON called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Present 6 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 3 - CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, ANNA LEZOTTE, and MAI ZONG VUE

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2020 MIN-395](#) Minutes from December 9, 2020

Attachments: [2020_1209 AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg Minutes](#)

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by MCHONE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, MCHONE, OLSON and SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 3 - KRETSCHMAN, LEZOTTE and VUE

C. Action Items

1. Diversity Work Group

Present 8 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and MAI ZONG VUE

Absent 1 - CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN

[2020 ACT-308](#) Diversity Work Group

Attachments: [AAA Diversity Work Group DRAFT](#)

KAUD requested the following changes:

** Changing #2 & #3 community to communities.*

KAUD would also like to get the group started and make changes to defining the work group as the members are selected.

Discussion among the members as to what is wanted and what are members going to do within this work group.

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, that the Action Item be approved as discussed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and VUE

Absent: 1 - KRETSCHMAN

2. Committee Description

[2020](#)
[ACT-309](#) Committee Description

Attachments: [Legislative Advocacy Committee Description DRAFT](#)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman recommended changing "position" to "positions."

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by MCHONE, that the Action Item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON,
SCHMIDLKOFER and VUE

Absent: 1 - KRETSCHMAN

3. 2021 Committee Work Plan

[2020](#)
[ACT-310](#) 2021 Committee Work Plan

Attachments: [2021 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan DRAFT](#)

BATTERMAN discussed the work plan and answered Committee member's questions.

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by MCHONE, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON,
SCHMIDLKOFER and VUE

Absent: 1 - KRETSCHMAN

4. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

OLSON stated she is monitoring the programs but right now no actions are being taken.

D. Presentations

1. The Uncomfortable Truth Series Discussion: Part 1: Laying the Foundation & Part 2: A Systemic View of Black & African American People in the U.S.

Committee members discussed their thoughts on the first two parts of the video series. Personal experiences were shared in which racism was present.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2020 Committee Work Plan: QTRs 3 & 4

[2020
RPT-664](#)

2020 Committee Work Plan: QTRs 3 & 4

Attachments: [2020 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan QTRs 34](#)

BATTERMAN shared the work plan, noting many strategies were cancelled due to COVID-19.

2. 2021 Aging Advocacy Day

OLSON reported a lot of discussion but nothing is set up yet.

3. 2022 AAA Budget Priorities

BATTERMAN stated discussions with POS agencies will be extremely important this year as the 2022 budget is expected to be extremely tight.

AAA Aging Program Specialist, Angela Velasquez expressed concerns about funding for the meal program in 2022. In addition to the anticipated increase in the number of meals, catering costs are expected to also increase.

4. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON reported that Dane County Human Services Director Shawn Tessman spoke to the Board about the mission statement and strategies for the future. OLSON commented that she was very happy with the programing that TESSMAN was able to preserve for this fiscal year however the next coming years will be very difficult.

5. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported the state legislature is back in session. The Federal government is under new Administration and a top priority is vaccines. FEMA is being looked at to assist with distribution but at the moment there is not enough of the vaccine to get out to selected Tier 1a people.

6. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON advised the Council is still trying to meet quarterly with a meeting in February 2021.

7. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

None

8. Chair & Staff Reports

BATTERMAN reported on her efforts to email daily COVID-19: Dane County Aging Network Status reports. There is much concern to fund and coordinate rides for older adults to obtain vaccines throughout Dane County. The DCDHS Transportation Call Center does not have funding or staffing to handle these additional transportation requests. RSVP started a pilot program to train 10 volunteer drivers to help with this and are in the process of bringing on 10 more to help fill the need. BATTERMAN is discussing transportation needs with ACS Administrator Todd Campbell and Transportation Coordinator Jane Betzig to find an immediate solution. The Cultural Diversity program has limited funding to help with vaccine transportation costs for African American, Black, and Latinx older adults living outside of Madison.

The Dane County three year aging plan's draft is due in June and will be taking a lot of time to put together the reporting requirements during a pandemic.

NewBridge hired a new Dietitian, Shannon Gabriel, who will be starting at AAA on February 1, 2021.

VELASQUEZ shared that by connecting with KinshipCare program in December, there has been an increase in grandparents of color receiving caregiver grants.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Present 7 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and MAI ZONG VUE
Absent 2 - CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, and ANNA LEZOTTE

Next Meeting: Wednesday 24 February 2021, 9am via ZOOM

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

OLSON provided an update on the State's Task Force on Broadband. The task force is recommending to fund access to broadband in rural areas with older adults. Teaching older adults how to use the internet will need to be looked at as well.

KAUD thanked VUE for joining the committee and welcomed her feedback.

I. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 11:08 am.

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by BUNCK, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and VUE

Absent: 2 - KRETSCHMAN and LEZOTTE

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