



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, March 24, 2021

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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A. Call To Order

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

Registered Attendee: Jim Krueger

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

Present 6 - JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 3 - TED BUNCK, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, and MAI ZONG VUE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-517](#) Minutes from February 24, 2021

Attachments: [2021 0224 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Agenda](#)

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

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

Absent: 3 - BUNCK, KRETSCHMAN and VUE

C. Action Items

1. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

[2020](#)
[ACT-386](#) Broadband Report

Attachments: [Broadband report Aug 2020 -present](#)

OLSON reported she is still monitoring the Governor's Broadband Task Force. A full report is due June 2021 to Governor Evers and the state Legislature. OLSON expressed concerns the focus has been on schools and education with no mention of older adults. AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman and KAUD thanked OLSON for her work monitoring the task force.

D. Presentations

The Uncomfortable Truth Series Discussion: Part 5: LGBTQ+ People & Part 6: Moving Forward—Integration and Continued Growth

General discussion by Committee members.

Present 7 - JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and MAI ZONG VUE

Absent 2 - TED BUNCK, and CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2021 WAAN Aging Advocacy Day

OLSON shared there is talk about offering virtual sessions but nothing is scheduled yet.

2. ADRC Governing Board

No report.

3. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

[2020](#) American Rescue Plan
[RPT-853](#)

Attachments: [ARP final-summary](#)

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act passed and was signed into law by President Biden. Programs that get federal funding will receive guidelines how the money will be distributed. County programs and departments will be impacted on this additional funding. The senior nutrition program is one of those to receive this benefit.

The State budget is in full swing and weekly seminars are happening; Joint Finance Committee is hosting three listening sessions in person and one virtually. Many bills are proposed which will be barriers to voting for older adults.

4. Diversity Work Group

A lengthy discussion about the work that has been done so far. KAUD shared two lists of groups in which the committees could invite for recruitment to the work group, AAA Board and Committees. KAUD requested Committee members help with the efforts of contacting the long list of businesses and people. BATTERMAN assured KAUD that AAA staff would assist with getting letters/emails out for recruitment. BATTERMAN shared there are several openings on the AAA Board and Committees that will need to be filled in the coming months.

5. State's Aging Advisory Council

Olson stated the meeting is March 25, 2021 and will send out updates.

6. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

BATTERMAN discussed the priorities of the 2021-2023 state budget which includes an increase in funding for ADRC and EBS programs. Other areas of importance are direct caregiving, family caregivers, and broadband.

Motion made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by CASTANEDA to recommend the AAA Board endorse the Governor's proposed 2021-2023 budget as impacted by Dane County older adults

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

Absent: 2 - BUNCK and KRETSCHMAN

[2020](#)
[RPT-854](#) 2021-23 State Budget Summary for Aging Advocates 2-24-21

Attachments: [2021-23 State Budget Summary for Aging Advocates 2-24-21](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-855](#) Crosswalk WAAN 2021-2023 Policy & Budget Priorities & Governor's Budget

Attachments: [Crosswalk WAAN-2021-2023 Policy and Budget Priorities Governors Budget](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-856](#) Voting Bills Summary

Attachments: [Voting Bills Summary 3-03-21](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-857](#) WAAN Supports Governor Ever's Caregiver Budget Recommendations 2-9-21

Attachments: [WAAN Supports Gov Evers' Caregiver Budget Recommendations 2-09-21](#)

7. Chair & Staff Reports

Batterman shared the efforts Dane County is doing to ensure older adults receive COVID-19 vaccines. Over 500 rides have been requested for older adults and their caregivers for vaccines. ADRC is in the process of receiving a grant for homebound disabled adults, older adults, and their caregivers to be vaccinated in their homes. UW Health Home Care Direct will be contracted to give the vaccines, coordinate geographic areas of the homebound needing vaccines as there is a limited time the vaccine is effective once a vial is opened, and monitor individuals after getting a vaccine.

Batterman has been working with PHMDC Epidemiologist & AAA Board member Sridevi Mohan to provide guidance on reconstitution plans for older adult programs and services. Batterman is continuing to send daily emails of aging network updates related to COVID-19.

2021 Welcome to Medicare Seminars will be offered by EBS staff every other month. Over twenty people attended the 3/20/21 seminar which was held virtually through Zoom.

All AAA staff are in various stages of being vaccinated from one vaccine to both vaccines and the 14 day waiting period. There are no plans to hold in person AAA Board or Committee meetings at this time.

AAA Aging Specialist Angela Velasquez reported older adults are eagerly waiting for congregate meals to be offered. There is much concern that only 15% of the total Dane County population is vaccinated. Congregate meals are a high risk since masks will need to be removed in order to eat. Velasquez is working closely with DHS and PHMDC to provide guidance supporting the nutrition program. It is recommended to continue offering carryout, drive-through, and home-delivered meals and delay offering congregate meals until more community members are vaccinated.

Focal Points are receiving a lot of pressure to fully open programs and services while maintaining safe environments for staff and older adults during the pandemic. Committee members directed AAA staff to draft a letter for the AAA Board to sign, encouraging older adults to follow guidance provided by DHS, PHMDC, and AAA staff.

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by KAUD, to request the AAA Board encourage older adults of the importance of maintaining COVID-19 safety. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - BUNCK and KRETSCHMAN

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday 28 April 2021, 9am via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

AAA Clerk Cindy Matulle commented on the safety of the public in general. A family member was not informed about a second COVID-19 outbreak at their place of employment. Face-to-face work site meetings occurred being a caregiver for family members and lack of communication of another outbreak has put her family in danger of being infected with COVID-19. She stated the safety of all individuals whether vaccinated or not should be considered as COVID-19 outbreaks are still happening around the state.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjournment

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

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

Absent: 2 - BUNCK and KRETSCHMAN

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