



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Access Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, April 5, 2021

2:00 PM

via ZOOM

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A. Call To Order

Staff and Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Jane Betzig, Cindy Matulle, Angela Velasquez, and Mia Zong Vue.

Chair HOCHKAMMER called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. He requested AAA Manager BATTERMAN facilitate the meeting as he was having technical problems. Vice Chair MOHAN was also absent from the meeting. BATTERMAN asked Committee members if they had any objection to her facilitating the meeting and no objections were made.

Present 7 - BARBARA BOUSTEAD, JENNIFER BROWN, GERRY DERR, JON HOCHKAMMER, CAROL LORENZ, DIANNE LEIGH, and KATE MCGINNITY
Absent 2 - PAMELA FLAD, and SRIDEVI MOHAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-540](#) Minutes from March 1, 2021

Attachments: [2021_0301_AAA Access Committee Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 7 - BOUSTEAD, BROWN, DERR, HOCHKAMMER, LORENZ, LEIGH and MCGINNITY

Absent: 2 - FLAD and MOHAN

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

Present 8 - BARBARA BOUSTEAD, JENNIFER BROWN, GERRY DERR, JON HOCHKAMMER, CAROL LORENZ, SRIDEVI MOHAN, DIANNE LEIGH, and KATE MCGINNITY
Absent 1 - PAMELA FLAD

1. Older Adults Transportation Program Annual Update (Jane Betzig)

Dane County Transportation Manager Jane Betzig updated the committee on changes in transportation needs from 2019 to 2020 during COVID-19. RSVP program provided the most transportation to older adults. Biggest change in 2020 with COVID-19 was providing rides for medical appointments. Concern about driver and rider safety closed down this service and transferred the ride program to the Dane County Transportation Call Center. Meal delivery was the majority of rides tallied for 2020.

Comparison in service calls from 2019 to 2020

- 2019- 110,000 Rides that included meals and medical appointments.
- 2020- 88,000 Rides that included meals and medical appointments.

- 2019- 92,000 Meals delivered
- 2020- 85,000 Meals delivered

Group Access Service (GAS) is a program where groups of people can be transported to the store or a medical facility. This service took the largest reduction in providing rides for people but had an increase of 9,200 deliveries for meals. Most individual rides were stopped because of social distancing.

Dane County Transportation Call Center had an increase of 2,500 calls in 2020 and 2,400 rides were provided to medical appointments in 2020 compared to 2,000 in 2019.

Federal government has funding available for transportation but is unknown how much funding will go to Dane County. A \$100,000 Dane County grant application can be filled out by any department for this transportation money.

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

General discussion of Committee Members.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2020 AAA Annual Report

AAA Manager BATTERMAN stated the report would be presented at the next meeting in May 2021.

2. Chair & Staff Reports

Batterman reported on new Federal funding AAA programs will be receiving. The American Rescue Plan allows for services being funded by the Older Americans Act to receive additional money. President Biden's proposed bill will allocate \$50 million to AAA's to assist with COVID-19 vaccines. Transportation is included in this bill but is not finalized on distribution. Governor Evers recently awarded \$6.2 million in grants to help agencies throughout the State working with people of color to get vaccinated. The breakdown data collected from Dane County on who has started the vaccine process to date includes.

- 40.5%-American Indian people received one dose
- 37.4%-White people received one dose
- 22.6%-Asian Americans received one dose
- 14.9%-African American received one dose

Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Networks' Annual Aging Advocacy Day will be May 10 & 12, 2021 via virtual. Meetings with elected state officials will be part of the process. Batterman encouraged all AAA Board and Committee members to attend to advocate for older adults in Dane County.

Batterman expressed great concern over the proposed voting bills not only in Wisconsin but across the country. They will impact older adult's ability to vote.

AAA Aging Specialist Angela Velasquez congratulated AAA Caregiver Specialist Jane De Broux on being awarded the State of Wisconsin's Bureau on Aging and Disability Resources first Aging Innovation Award. This award recognizes aging network professionals for groundbreaking work during the COVID-19 pandemic. De Broux accepted the award during a virtual meeting with aging network staff from around the state. VELASQUEZ nominated De Broux for her efforts in making telehealth music therapy available to caregivers via National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) grants. The funding allows caregivers to establish virtual sessions with a professional music therapist over the course of several months. The introduction of telehealth virtual music therapy has significantly impacted the lives of caregivers and their care recipients during the pandemic.

VELASQUEZ shared the Focal Point Directors report older adults are getting impatient and want full access to programs and services since they have been vaccinated. Velasquez feels appropriate measures have been taken to keep older adults safe and opening too soon could set us back.

LEIGH asked if additional funding for housing to help pay rent and utilities would be available. Batterman reported there is short-term housing money available due to new COVID-19 funding. She will contact Casey Becker to provide an update on housing resources for older adults.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Monday, 3 May 2021, 2 pm via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 8 - BOUSTEAD, BROWN, DERR, HOCHKAMMER, LORENZ, MOHAN, LEIGH and MCGINNITY

Absent: 1 - FLAD

Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III