



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, June 7, 2021

3:45 PM

Via Zoom

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A. Call To Order

Staff and Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Todd Campbell, Jim Krueger, Laura Langer, Cindy Matulle, Carrie Springer, Angela Velasquez, and Kenton Zink.

Chair RATCLIFF called the meeting to order at 3:49 pm.

- Present** 6 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, TED BUNCK, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, and Supervisor LARRY PALM
- Absent** 5 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, BILL CLAUSIUS, PAMELA FLAD, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, and SRIDEVI MOHAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes from May 3, 2021
[MIN-093](#)

Attachments: [2021_0503_AAA Board Minutes](#)

A motion was made by MCGINNITY, seconded by BARMAN-PAULSON, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 6 - BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM
- Absent:** 5 - ASHBAUGH, CLAUSIUS, FLAD, KRETSCHMAN and MOHAN

C. Action Items

1. July Meeting

Board members agreed to cancel the July 6, 2021 meeting unless an urgent matter comes up.

D. Presentations

WAAN's 2021 Aging Advocacy Online Event

1. [2021](#) WAAN's 2021 Aging Advocacy Online Event
[PRES-086](#)

Attachments: [Aging Advocacy Online-2021_Participant Packet](#)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman and Elder Benefit Specialist Kenton Zink presented on this annual event with state legislators—which was offered online this year due to the pandemic. Batterman helped create a video on effective advocacy techniques which was used to train community members participating in the legislator visits. Batterman and Zink hosted virtual visits for the following elected officials: Senate District 16/Melissa Agard, Assembly District 16/Gary Hebl & Assembly District 46/Jimmy Anderson (Batterman) and Senate Districts 26 & 27/Kelda Roys & Jon Erpenbach, Assembly District 76/Francesca Hong, Assembly District 77/Sheila Stubbs, Assembly District 78/Lisa Subeck, Assembly District 79/Dianne Hesselbein, Assembly District 80/Sondy Pope & Assembly District 81/Dave Considine (Zink). 15 Dane County residents attended—which is below the goal of 40 established by the AAA Board.

2. Budget Bills Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported on Wisconsin budget bills which are focusing on elections/voting. All of the bills being presented are making it harder for not only older adults but everyone to cast votes. Many of the bills being voted on affect veteran's as they generally live in homes, facilities, and other places that are being targeted. It is expected the Governor will veto the elections based bills.

The following are some of the bills that are being voted on by the Senate:

- *AB-198 & SB-212—Prohibits fixing minor errors on ballots (missing zip code) instead making the ballot invalid unless mailed back and fixed by the voter.*
- *SB-204—Bans clerks from using the envelope as address on the ballot. Will also require a submission of valid ID everyone for each vote.*
- *SB-205—Relates to absentee voting in certain residential care facilities and retirement homes. Clerks would need to contact each resident in every facility about absentee voting.*
- *SB-206—Older adults would not be able to automatically receive absentee ballots for those who are indefinitely confined.*
- *SB-209—Prohibits the use of any other drop box for the delivery of an absentee ballot. The only drop box allowed is permanently attached to the clerk's office.*
- *SB-211—Absentee ballot restrictions making it harder to get a ballot.*

House bills in regards to elder crime have passed for higher penalties to be applied. Financial exploitation was a bill that passed but both the Assembly and Senate are trying to establish a definition of what is a vulnerable adult.

E. Reports to Board

1. State and Federal Report

Laura Langer of the WI Bureau of Aging reported the State Office on Aging expects to allocate funds from ARPA in late June or July. This funding is approximately three times the allocation a County would get for an entire year. The funding will be allowed to be spent out thru 2024. The State Office on Aging expects to provide additional guidance with these funds about how and when to spend county, state, and federal funds. Aging Plans are ongoing and going well. There have been significant efforts to gather public input and aging units will soon be moving toward developing draft long-term goals for their aging plans in the near future. Some nutrition sites around the state (roughly 25%) are opening with caution. The Office on Aging has provided counties with reopening guidance which conveys an abundance of caution. Reopening is the local county decision as it is not within the states authority. State of Wisconsin staff will be returning to their offices but most staff will be working at home 2-3 days each week through the end of the year and possibly longer.

2. Board Member Reports

a. AAA Access Committee

AAA Staff presented the annual Elder Benefit Specialist Program overview and MIPPA/SHIP Grant update. 2021 Committee Work Plan goals for first quarter were all met. Batterman reported on the draft 2022 AAA Budget Priorities.

b. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee

The Diversity Work Group has been working diligently making contact with community businesses and organizations working with People of Color and LGBTQIA+ to serve on the AAA Board and Committees. Batterman sent an email to all committee members asking them to review the list and contact anyone they have worked with in the past.

c. AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee

BARMAN-PAULSON reported Bill Clausius is the new Chair of the AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee. Madison meal sites are having issues securing locations as businesses and restaurants reopen. Madison meal sites that are impacted are: Meadowridge (potentially decreasing to one day a week); Lussier (may not have a space until the fall; and Festival Foods (no longer has its salad bar and mezzanine open). It is also unknown if Cuco's Mexican restaurant will be reopening because of staffing issues. Cranberry Creek is closed to on-site dining except for catering and private events only. New meal site option is Hy-Vee on the west and eastside of Madison along with Fitchburg. They have plans to build two more stores in Sun Prairie and Waunakee that we could add as future restaurant meal sites. The sites will be open every Wednesday from 10am-1pm starting July 7th. The number of home-delivered meals served is down slightly but new meal contracts went up 5-10% (\$240,000) across all catering budgets. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) should be granting us \$800,000 to use through December 2024 to help with the nutrition budget. Wisconsin Dept of Agriculture will awarding us more money with more meals we offer. The federal government is revising their meals program formula which should benefit Dane County with more funding.

d. Dane County Health & Human Needs Committee

PALM reported the recent meeting was focused on Child Protective Services data and program updates.

e. Dane County Specialized Transportation Commission

No Report.

3. 2022 AAA Budget Priorities

[2021
RPT-207](#)

2022 AAA Budget Priorities

Attachments: [2022 AAA Budget Priorities Draft 1](#)

Batterman presented the draft priorities for the next budget. Two areas are rolling over as they did not receive the requested additional funding this year: Case Management and Nutrition Site Management. Two additional budget priorities include Mental Health Resources for Older Adults and Diversity & Inclusion: SE Asian Program.

4. Diversity Work Group

(Discussed earlier in the meeting.)

5. Chair & Staff Reports

Chair RATCLIFF would like to review the amount of emails Board members are receiving to find a better way streamlining information. Batterman and Ratcliff will work on a plan.

Batterman reported the 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan is progressing and the online survey is available for members of the public to complete. AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez reported if anyone has connections to groups outside of senior centers to contact her to set up a virtual or in-person Focus Group to discuss and complete the survey. Attendees receive a \$10 gift card to Kwik Trip.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, 2 August 2021, 3:45 pm via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 6 - BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM

Absent: 5 - ASHBAUGH, CLAUSIUS, FLAD, KRETSCHMAN and MOHAN

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.