



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

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, July 28, 2021

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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Staff & Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman and Carrie Springer.

A. Call To Order

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

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes from June 23, 2021
[MIN-169](#)

Attachments: [2021_0623 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes](#)

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

- Ayes:** 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON and SCHMIDLKOFER
- Absent:** 2 - KRETSCHMAN and VUE

C. Action Items

1. Diversity Work Group

KAUD summarized his work in support of this project. Although only three community members have volunteered to serve on the Work Group, AAA Board, or Standing Committees, his efforts were commended by the Committee members. Despite encountering several limiting factors that impeded progress, KAUD contacted many community businesses and churches serving older adults of color and identify as LGBTQIA+ and successfully educated them about the Work Group, AAA Board, and Standing Committees. AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman reported there are still three positions on the AAA Board that need immediate replacements. Committee members discussed new ideas to help recruit applicants. One idea is to create separate brochures for the AAA Board and Standing Committees—identifying recent successes.

- 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

[2021](#) Diversity Work Group Status Report 052521-071921
[ACT-121](#)

Attachments: [Diversity Work Group Status Report 052521-071921](#)

2. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

Committee members noted a Letter to the Editor supporting voting rights was submitted by the AAA Board and was printed in the electronic version of a local newspaper. BUNCK also submitted a letter which highlighted the importance of voting rights for veterans.

OLSON reported the Governor's Task Force on Broadband Access completed their work and submitted their final report. The report is found at <https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/BroadbandGovernorsTaskForce.aspx> The National Association of Agencies on Aging submitted a request to Congress to remove or at a minimum reduce the required State match from 25% to 15% on OAA awards for ARPA COVID-19 funding. No action yet by Congress.

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported Joint Finance approved Act 57 (the Opioid settlement) giving 70% to Municipalities and Counties and the remaining 30% to DHS. The Governor vetoed Legislature's redistricting bills which would have delayed redistricting to 2023, Legislature is now in recess until fall session starts.

3. 2022 AAA Budget Priorities

Present 6 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 3 - FAISAL KAUD, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, and MAI ZONG VUE

[2021](#)
[ACT-087](#) 2022 AAA Budget Priorities

Attachments: [2022 AAA Budget Priorities Draft 2](#)

Batterman reported the Senior Focal Point Directors ranked the priorities in the following order:

- #1 Case Management Services*
- #2 Nutrition: Site Management*
- #3 Mental Health Resource Program*
- #4 Diversity & Inclusion: SE Asian Program*

Motion made by LEZOTTE, seconded by MCHONE, to approve the 2022 AAA Budget Priorities in this order.

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2021 Committee Work Plan: QTR2

[2021
RPT-268](#)

2021 AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Work Plan: QTR2

Attachments: [2021 Leg-Adv Comm Work Plan QTR 2](#)

Due to technical difficulties, this topic was delayed until the next meeting.

2. 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan

Due to technical difficulties, this topic was delayed until the next meeting.

3. 2021 Senior Advocacy Training

OLSON announced the training was cancelled due to low registrations.

4. ADRC Governing Board

No report.

5. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

No additional report.

6. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON reported DHS is using federal funds to hire several new staff: Wisconsin Population Health project, State plan analyst, and a replacement for Doreen Getch in APP who went to SWAAR. An update was provided on the 2022 State Budget: 18 new Dementia Care Specialists and 7 tribal positions and \$250K for Alzheimer's support. The Federal American Rescue Plan Act will fund 5 program specialists for 2 years under Public Health. The State Aging Plan draft is due 3/31/22. State staff are returning to offices.

7. Wisconsin Aging Advisory Network

No report.

8. Chair & Staff Reports

OLSON reported the new Seniors in Charge group is holding its first meeting on 8/18/21.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 25 August 2021, 9 am 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 SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by CASTANEDA, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 3 - KAUD, KRETSCHMAN and VUE

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Batterman, AAA Manager.