



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, May 24, 2023

9:00 AM

This is a Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at 2865 N
Sherman Ave, Conference Room 109; Attend virtually
via Zoom.

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testimony.

The Wednesday May 24, 2023 AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

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Staff & Guests Present: Nathanael Brown, Cindy Matulle, Sridevi Mohan and Carrie Springer.

A. Call To Order

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Present 7 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and RICK ROSE

Absent 1 - DEANA ZENTNER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#)
[MIN-066](#) Legislative/Advocacy Minutes from April 26, 2023

Attachments: [2023_0426_AAA_Leg-Adv_Committee_Minutes](#)

[2023](#)
[RPT-067](#) Registration List for 4/26/23.

Attachments: [AAA_LegAdv_Reg_042623](#)

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

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and ROSE

Absent: 1 - ZENTNER

C. Action Items

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

SCHMIDLKOFER nominated Esther Olson for Chair. OLSON asked three times if there were any other nominations. Esther Olson voted in as Chair.

MCHONE nominated Anna Lezotte for Vice-Chair. OLSON asked three times if there were any other nominations. Anna Lezotte voted in as Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by BUNCK, to approve nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and ROSE

Absent: 1 - ZENTNER

2. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

OLSON reported that one main issue with Federal and State is voluntary driver reimbursement. Trying to reclass driver's so they are not like Uber drivers. WAAN is also working on getting this changed. This issue never made it to Congress floor for discussion.

D. Presentations

1. Transportation-Nathanael Brown, Dane County Transportation Coordinator

Nathanael Brown, Dane County Transportation Coordinator summarized call data from the past 3 years. Budget request of \$52,000 to continue a second bus for Fitchburg Senior Center as this was funded with ARPA money. Second budget request is \$50,000 for .50 FTE Mobility Specialist. Currently there are two staff members that make up the Transportation Department. If one of them is off there really isn't coverage to take in calls.

E. Reports to Committee

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

Absent 1 - RICK ROSE

1. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

OLSON reported bringing up transportation issues and how to resolve current trends. Seventy flyers were sent out looking to recruit more members.

2. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON reported no aging topics discussed. Public hearings are still a work in progress to get set up.

3. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported that over 500 bills were removed from the State budget right away. Medicaid was one item removed and will not be discussed this budget cycle. A lot of discussion about shared revenue and how it will look.

4. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON reported meeting in June and advocated for Social Security cap to end and the need for Nutrition/HDM funding/process.

5. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

Discussion about Advocacy Day at the Capital. Representatives are reporting they are not hearing about any issues/needs with Older Adults.

SCHMIDLKOFER brought up having a public hearing and asking the public to come and express their concerns or needs. Are we advocating for the correct needs/concerns?

6. Chair & Staff Reports

OLSON would like to see a quarterly report from Transportation about what is going on so future budget decisions can be made.

1. AAA Board election report out

AAA Manager Sridevi Mohan reported that the new AAA Board Chair will be Diane Farsetta. The new Vice Chair will be Supervisor Kate McGinnity.

2. Budget Priorities

MOHAN reported this is still a work in progress and will be meeting in June. Nutrition is a top AAA ask.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 9 am via Hybrid

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 at 10:21am. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - ROSE

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.