



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC
2865 N Sherman Ave, Room 108
Madison WI 53704

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A. Call To Order

Staff and Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mary Grabot, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez

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

Present 8 - THOMAS FRAZIER, MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON,
JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and JULIE SCHUBACH

Absent 2 - STEVE STOCKER, and TED BUNCK

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) MINUTES FROM MAY 24, 2017
[MIN-143](#)

Attachments: [2017 0524 AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

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

Ayes: 8 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER and SCHUBACH

Absent: 2 - STOCKER and BUNCK

C. Action Items

ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

This was not acted on

D. Presentations

DANE COUNTY FUNDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SENIOR ADULTS -
MARY GRABOT

[2017](#)
[PRES-045](#)

MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION 2017

Attachments: [Mental Health Presentation 2017](#)

Mary Grabot, DCDHS Adult Mental Health Community Services Manager, presented an overview of Dane County adult mental health services and explained what led to the discontinuation of the Mobile Outreach for Seniors Team (MOST) Program – a development that Focal Point directors reported has created a gap for Medicaid-ineligible seniors in need of initial mental health interactions, assessments, and treatment plans.

Frazier suggested the Committee recommend that the AAA Board request Dane County Executive Joe Parisi to consider creation of a task force to study a cost-effective way to serve Medicaid-ineligible seniors with mental health needs – a population that is consuming an inordinate amount of case managers' time and isn't receiving the help it needs. Committee members were in favor. Frazier will create an outline for the creation of a task force.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

Frazier reported the Board conducted two public hearings on 15 May at which citizens and professionals in aging services programs testified about issues related to publicly- and privately-funded long-term care. ADRC Manager Jennifer Fischer is completing a report, including testimonies and written submissions, for distribution to the Dane County Board of Supervisors and state officials. State officials are scheduled to share their perspectives on the transition to Family Care at today's joint meeting of the Health and Human Needs Committee, Long-Term Care Committee, AAA Board, Human Services Board, and ADRC Board.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No report.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Frazier reported he was a co-facilitator of a "Don't Mess With My Medicare" session in Spring Green that was attended by 40 people. The state budget is expected to be the primary focus of the next WAAN meeting on 6 July. Frazier commended WAAN for its advocacy efforts to preserve the 19 Dementia Care Specialist positions in the 2018 state budget and pointed out the Joint Finance Committee approved funding for six additional positions.

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman will begin forwarding WAAN meeting minutes to Committee members.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Batterman introduced Julie Schubach, whom the AAA Board appointed to the Committee on 5 June. Schubach, Lead Case Manager at East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging, earned her gerontology-focused social work master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis in 2015.

Olson will attempt to contact Steve Stocker, who has not attended a meeting in 2017, to ascertain whether he wishes to remain a Committee member.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Velasquez reported she recently notified Dane County and state officials, as well as the AAA Board of Directors, of a projected \$70,000 shortfall for the senior nutrition program in 2017. A representative of the state informed Velasquez that entities receiving Older Americans Act funding for senior nutrition programs are required to have a waitlist policy. Velasquez recommended the Nutrition/Wellness Committee institute a policy to prevent potential interruptions in funding. The Nutrition/Wellness Committee approved a waitlist policy at its meeting on 16 June.

At the same meeting, Velasquez stated the reduction of home-delivered meals on weekends from 17 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 would eliminate 5,500 meals at a savings of \$32,000 and suggested taking this action would temporarily prevent the need to implement a waitlist policy. The Nutrition/Wellness Committee approved the reduction to five days per week (Monday-Friday) and will revisit the issue after the 2018 County Budget is released.

Batterman reported DeForest Area Senior Center Executive Director Linda Green and Oregon Area Senior Center Director Alison Koelsch retired. Barb Cooper was named DeForest's Interim Executive Director and case manager Rachel Bricker was promoted to Director in Oregon.

Batterman reported she continues work to launch a shared-resource data base to assure that case managers have access to the same forms and information.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2017, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

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 KAUD, seconded by FRAZIER, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

Ayes: 8 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER
and SCHUBACH

Absent: 2 - STOCKER and BUNCK

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk Typist.