



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

9:00 AM

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

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A. Call To Order

*Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Nora Hammer, Howard Thomas,
and Angela Velasquez*

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Present 7 - MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, JIM
SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, and JULIE SCHUBACH
Absent 2 - THOMAS FRAZIER, and KARI DAVIS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) MINUTES FROM JUNE 28, 2017
[MIN-225](#)

Attachments: [2017_0628_AAA_Leg-Adv_Committee_Mtg](#)

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

Ayes: 7 - JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and
SCHUBACH

Absent: 2 - FRAZIER and DAVIS

C. Action Items

ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

**A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by KAUD, proposing the
AAA Board send a letter to state legislators stating its strong opposition to
legislation in the Senate and Assembly that would reduce State-mandated
training hours for Certified Nursing Attendants. The motion carried by the
following vote:**

Ayes: 7 - JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and
SCHUBACH

Absent: 2 - FRAZIER and DAVIS

Schmidlkofer and Bunck will work together to draft the letter prior the AAA Board's meeting on 11 September.

D. Presentations

2017 SAT REUNION

Olson stated 18 people attended the four-hour Senior Advocacy Training Reunion on 15 August. Tom Petri, Senator Ron Johnson's Wisconsin Legislative Director, and Janet Zander, Advocacy and Policy Director for Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, presented and answered questions from attendees, all of whom participated in a SAT course in previous years. AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman will email her notes from the session to committee members.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

Olson reported the ADRC Board continues work on a report detailing two public hearings it conducted on 15 May regarding Dane County's conversion to Family Care. She will distribute the completed report to the Committee. Batterman reported ADRC staff will begin enrolling more than 2,000 eligible Dane County residents in Family Care on 1 October 2017, a process that will include group information sessions and one-on-one counseling sessions. The first wave of residents will begin receiving services via Family Care on 1 February 2018.

Schmidlkofer suggested the Committee devise a plan to solicit feedback from older adults about the conversion to Family Care beginning in July 2018.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No report.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Batterman reported the organization focused primarily on two issues at its meeting on 3 August: The discontinuation of funding in the proposed 2018 state budget for Wisconsin Institute of Healthy Aging's evidence-based health promotion classes and legislation in the Senate and Assembly that would reduce the number of professional education hours required to maintain certification for Certified Nursing Attendants.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Batterman reported the AAA Board did not approve a request to allow AAA's Legislative/Advocacy Committee to operate with one Board Member, rather than the two mandated by AAA Bylaws, until County Supervisor committee appointments are made in 2018. After the vote, AAA Board Member Matt Veldran stated he is interested in joining the Legislative/Advocacy Committee. Olson will contact Veldran to extend an invitation to join the Committee.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Olson reported Tom Frazier, AAA Board Chair Bill Clausius, and she met recently with Jeff Kostelic, Executive Assistant to Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, and Dane County Human Services Director Lynn Green regarding 2018 AAA Budget priorities and the Board's request for a County Mental Health Task Force to study a cost-effective way to serve Medicaid-ineligible seniors with mental health needs – a population that Focal Point Directors assert is not receiving the help it needs. Batterman reminded the Committee that she and AAA Aging Programs Specialist Angela Velasquez cannot discuss the Department's budget until after Green unveils her proposal, which is anticipated to be 24 August. The Human Services budget hearing will be held on 12 or 13 September 2017; details to follow.

Batterman reported AAA staff are working on 2018 contracts and will begin contacting POS agencies on 25 August to share the proposed DCDHS budget numbers.

Velasquez reported the Wisconsin Department of Health Services awarded Dane County a Dementia Crisis Innovation Grant to implement a dementia crisis response system. The 18-month grant will pay for a part-time dementia professional to work with law enforcement agencies and first responders outside the city of Madison with the goals of de-escalating crisis situations and creating individual crisis plans with families to provide guidance about how individuals in distress should be approached. In addition, Dane County received funding to provide scholarships for six Case Managers from rural Focal Points to participate in UW-Oshkosh's Dementia Crisis Generalist training course with the goal of the participants eventually becoming Dementia Crisis Specialists.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2017, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

Kaud will not be available.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Schubach introduced Nora Hammer, who was recently hired as a Case Manager by East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.

Ayes: 7 - JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and SCHUBACH

Absent: 2 - FRAZIER and DAVIS

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk Typist III