



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC
2865 N Sherman Ave, Room 109
Madison WI 53704

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A. Call To Order

Staff and Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Kate Doyle, Marcia Hendrickson, Sonya Lindquist, Howard Thomas, and Angela Velasquez

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

Present 5 - THOMAS FRAZIER, MYRA JOSEPHSON, ESTHER OLSON, TED BUNCK, and JULIE SCHUBACH

Absent 4 - FAISAL KAUD, JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#)
[MIN-331](#) MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

Attachments: [2017_0927_AAA_Leg-Adv_Committee_Mtg](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, OLSON, BUNCK and SCHUBACH

Absent: 4 - KAUD, MCHONE, DAVIS and SCHMIDLKOFER

Schmidlkofer arrived at 9:04 am.

Present 6 - THOMAS FRAZIER, MYRA JOSEPHSON, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, and JULIE SCHUBACH

Absent 3 - FAISAL KAUD, JILL MCHONE, and KARI DAVIS

C. Action Items

1. 2018 AAA BUDGET ADVOCACY STATUS

Frazier stated Dane County's Health & Human Needs (HHN) Committee is scheduled to consider two amendments affecting senior adults to the proposed 2018 Operating Budget this evening. The first is to provide an increase of \$50,000 to fund additional case management services at the Focal Points. The second is to increase Cultural Diversity Program funding by \$15,500, with \$10,000 allocated to increased programming in the African American elder population and \$5,500 for the translation of brochures and other materials into Spanish.

Frazier met recently with Dane County Supervisor Jeremy Levin, HHN Committee Chair, at which time Levin indicated he could not support an amendment to specifically allocate the additional case management funding to the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly (SMCE), as endorsed by the 15 Focal Point Directors, but would instead support the \$50,000 being distributed to all Focal Points via the Case Management Funding Formula. Frazier said Levin also stated he could not support the request for \$24,500 to hire a part-time African American program specialist for the Cultural Diversity Program because Dane County's Tamara Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion (OEI) is an option to provide training to Focal Points. AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman will meet with Wesley Sparkman, OEI Director, to discuss the training.

Marcia Hendrickson, SMCE Executive Director, expressed frustration that HHN's Case Management amendment calls for funding distribution to all Focal Points through the funding formula despite the endorsement of all Focal Points to use the funds for a full-time Case Manager at SMCE to serve an additional 50-60 senior adults on a two- to three-month waitlist for services.

Olson stated that after the September meeting, Nutrition Site Management funding was secured from non-County sources to prevent the closure or reduction in service days for two sites (Cambridge and Sugar River) in 2018.

A motion was made by FRAZIER, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, to rescind the September recommendation that the AAA Board approve advocating for an additional \$8,112 in Nutrition Site Management funding in the 2018 AAA Budget to prevent the closure or reduction in service days of two meal sites (Cambridge and Sugar River). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and SCHUBACH

Absent: 3 - KAUD, MCHONE and DAVIS

2. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

No action taken.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

Frazier, ADRC Governing Board Chair, reported ADRC staff are overwhelmed with the State-mandated transition of 2,451 Dane County residents to Family Care, Partnership, or IRIS by 1 May 2018. Batterman reported Focal Point Case Managers have been asked to assume some tasks that ADRC Assistance & Information Specialists routinely perform to allow more time for transition work.

Frazier reported the State initially did not permit advocates to attend options counseling meetings but has since permitted advocates deemed "Support Brokers" to accompany individuals with developmental disabilities. Frazier asked Batterman to solicit feedback from Focal Point personnel as to whether the State's mandate that Case Managers not attend options counseling with seniors is perceived as detrimental. Schmidtkofer stated seniors should have the option of attending transition options counseling meetings with an advocate and suggested the Committee may wish to take action in that regard. Frazier suggested the ADRC Governing Board is the appropriate body to address the senior advocate issue.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No report.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported the organization, during its October meeting, reviewed a package of bills being circulated in the State Assembly for co-sponsorship that target the improvement of care of those affected by Alzheimer's, related dementias, lift-threatening illnesses, and the lives of caregivers. Additionally, there was discussion about how the Wisconsin Department of Transportation determines whether a dementia-affected individual reported through the Silver Alert Program should be able to drive.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Batterman reported the Dane County Board of Supervisors appointed AAA Access Committee Member Sridevi Mohan, an Epidemiologist for Public Health Madison & Dane County, to the AAA Board to complete the term of Steve Stocker, who recently resigned. Mohan's term will expire 19 April 2019.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported AAA staff continues work on 2018 POS agency contracts.

Angela Velasquez, AAA Aging Program Specialist, reported Dane County received funding of \$20,600 through the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) for the program year ending 30 September 2018 and \$10,000 for the State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP) for the program year ending 31 March 2018. Both programs are in jeopardy of receiving future federal funding.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: 6 DECEMBER 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 SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by FRAZIER, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and SCHUBACH

Absent: 3 - KAUD, MCHONE and DAVIS

This meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.