



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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, Marcia Hendrickson, Sonya Lindquist, and Angela Velasquez

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

Present 6 - MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, and PEG MARTIN

Absent 3 - THOMAS FRAZIER, JILL MCHONE, and KARI DAVIS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2018
[MIN-581](#)

Attachments: [2018_0228_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: 6 - JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, MCHONE and DAVIS

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

Committee members discussed the President's 2019 FY Budget Proposal and the FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Bill, which was signed by the President. Although the spending bill includes increased funding for many senior adult programs, the senior adult population and yearly inflation is increasing. As a result, funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs is actually decreasing and the 2018 Federal budget understates the losses of flat funding whereby we have less funding per capita.

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by KAUD, to ask the State of Wisconsin to provide fiscal data to show the effects of flat funding in relation to inflation and population growth since 2010 on OAA funding through 2018 with projections to 2025, which has and will have a negative effect on Dane County aging programs funded through OAA. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, MCHONE and DAVIS

2. DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Item postponed until next meeting as Dane County Lobbyist Mickey Biel was not able to attend today's meeting.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

The Board did not meet due to lack of quorum. Committee members expressed concern this vital advocacy group has a history of not reaching quorum and fear seniors may be losing a voice in advocating for ADRC services. Bunck reported ADRC Manager Jennifer Fischer provided a thorough update on Family Care Transition at the 5 March AAA Board meeting.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

None.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported the third annual Aging Advocacy Day at the State Capitol is on 16 May 2018. Participants will stage at Bethel Lutheran Church and make the two-block walk to the Capitol to meet with lawmakers and their staff.

4. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

With the recent resignation of Julie Schubach due to moving out of state, the Committee agreed to keep the membership total at nine—which aligns with other AAA Committees.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Olson announced Bunck has been nominated to serve on the State of Wisconsin/Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources' Aging Advisory Council. If appointed, Bunck would fill the open position representing Dane County. Schmidlkofer explained the history of the Council and that it advises the Office on Aging on issues affecting senior adults throughout Wisconsin.

Batterman reported AAA staff have been busy working with workgroups to draft goals for the 2019-2021 Dane County Aging Plan. An Advisory Council has been formed and broken into five focus areas: Caregivers, Dementia, Elder Justice, Healthy Aging, and Nutrition.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2018, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

Kaud announced he will miss the April and May meetings.

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 BUNCK, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - JOSEPHSON, KAUD, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER, BUNCK and MARTIN

Absent: 3 - FRAZIER, MCHONE and DAVIS

This meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Batterman, AAA Manager.