



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Wednesday, April 25, 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,
Howard Thomas and Angela Velasquez*

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Present 5 - ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, KARI DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and TED
BUNCK

Absent 4 - THOMAS FRAZIER, MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, and PEG MARTIN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) MINUTES FROM MARCH 28, 2018
[MIN-003](#)

Attachments: [2018_0328_AAA_Leg-Adv_Committee_Mtg](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 4 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD and MARTIN

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

[2018](#) N4A 2018 POLICY PRIORITIES
[ACT-026](#)

Attachments: [n4a 2018 Policy Priorities](#)

[2018](#)
[ACT-027](#)

MEDICARE'S CONFLICTING HOSPITALIZATION RULES

Attachments: [Medicare's Conflicting Hospitalization Rules](#)

Schmidlkofer will continue efforts to collect fiscal data from the State of Wisconsin to show the effects of flat funding in relation to inflation and population growth since 2010 on Older Americans Act (OAA) funding through 2018 with projections to 2025, which has and will have a negative effect on Dane County aging programs funded through OAA. He will report to the Committee for possible action.

Batterman referenced the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging's 2018 Policy Priorities that was distributed to Committee members and requested they read it prior to possible action during the May meeting.

The Committee discussed Medicare's conflicting hospitalization rule--particularly how well hospital staff communicate the difference between being admitted and held for observation, and the impact that decision has on whether Medicare will pay for a corresponding in-patient rehabilitation stay. Batterman will contact area hospitals to determine what information is shared with patients and families. Olson will add the topic to the May agenda.

This Action Item was not acted on

2. DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

[2018](#)
[ACT-001](#)

FINAL DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2017

Attachments: [Final Leg. Agenda 2017](#)

Item postponed until next meeting as Dane County Lobbyist Mickey Biel was not able to attend today's meeting. Batterman asked that members consider any changes to existing items or new items they would like to propose during the May meeting.

This Action Item was not acted on

3. 2019 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES: DRAFT #4

Batterman provided an overview of the document's evolution during the endorsement process by AAA's Access and Nutrition/Wellness committees. Committee members reached a consensus that two transportation items removed by the Access Committee--wheelchair-accessible roundtrip rides for low-income non-Family Care/IRIS/Partnership enrolled senior adults attending Adult Day Centers at EMMCA, NW Dane and Oregon, and wheelchair-accessible rides for seniors living in rural service areas to kidney dialysis appointments--be restored under Advocacy. There was a consensus to use bullet points to better illustrate the Advocacy items.

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by BUNCK, to recommend that the AAA Board approve Budget Priorities Draft #4 with minor edits. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - OLSON, MCHONE, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 4 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD and MARTIN

[2018](#) 2019 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES DRAFT #4
[ACT-002](#)

Attachments: [2019 AAA Budget Priorities--Focal Point Directors DRAFT #4](#)

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

No report.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No report.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported preparations are ongoing for WAAN's Aging Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on May 16. More than 300 participants are expected.

McHone departed at 10:14 am.

Present 4 - ESTHER OLSON, KARI DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and TED BUNCK

Absent 5 - THOMAS FRAZIER, MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, JILL MCHONE, and PEG MARTIN

4. 2019-2021 AGING PLAN

Batterman reported that of the five workgroups--Caregivers, Dementia, Elder Justice, Elder Nutrition and Healthy Aging--four have completed draft goals for the 2019-2021 AAA Area Plan. The draft goals will be presented in May to the AAA Area Plan Advisory Council and the AAA Board for approval prior to being submitted to the State. Two public listening sessions are scheduled to receive feedback from seniors and the goals will be presented via an online survey site to solicit comments before the plan is finalized. Schmidlkofer suggested that when applicable, the plan include vignettes shared by senior community members who served as workgroup members.

5. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Olson reported the State Aging Advisory Council has drafted bylaws and delivered them, along with several questions, to Neal Minogue, Supervisor of the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, for feedback. Efforts continue to add representation from the state's tribes and northern counties.

Velasquez reported AAA staff are working closely with two caterers--Consolidated Food Service and Goodman Community Center--regarding the feedback and preferences of senior diners, and the quality and consistency of meals. The two congregate dining sites that lost site management funding this year because they were not averaging 15 diners per day--Sugar River Senior Center and McFarland Senior Outreach Services--have seen an increase in diners but neither has reached an average of 15.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018, 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 DAVIS, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - OLSON, DAVIS, SCHMIDLKOFER and BUNCK

Absent: 5 - FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, MCHONE and MARTIN

This meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.