



Dane County

Minutes - Final-revised

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

9:00 AM

AAA/ADRC
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A. Call To Order

*Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Mickey Beil, Marcia Hendrickson,
Howard Thomas, Angela Velasquez, and Danielle Williams*

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

Present 8 - MYRA JOSEPHSON, FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, KARI
DAVIS, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED BUNCK, and PEG MARTIN
Absent 1 - THOMAS FRAZIER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) MINUTES FROM JULY 25, 2018
[MIN-185](#)

Attachments: [2018_0725_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Mtg](#)

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

This was not acted on

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2018 SAT RECAP

Olson reported 13 people participated in the first three sessions of Senior Advocacy Training. The fourth session is attendance at the Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) budget hearing on 12 September 2018 at the City/County Building. AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman provided an overview of the presenters and reported that participant evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. Batterman thanked Olson, Schmidtkofer, and Frazier for facilitating the sessions, and Committee members thanked Olson for scheduling the presenters and planning the content.

2. 2019 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES: REVISED

Batterman provided an overview of the updated priorities after funding was tentatively secured to fulfill all but one budget request highlighted in the previous version. The priority areas proposed to be funded are: increasing the Dementia Capable Crisis Worker position to full-time status; purchasing the Oliver Tray Meal Sealing System; and increasing funding for catered meals 5 percent to meet anticipated growth in the Senior Nutrition Program. The remaining outstanding area is the need to increase Case Management funding by \$75,376 to address the demand of the growing senior adult population in Dane County. Batterman reminded members AAA staff expect to learn in mid-September if DCDHS is awarded the Administration for Community Living's \$1 million "Alzheimer's Disease Programs to States and Communities" grant. The grant would fully fund the Dementia Capable Crisis Worker position, which could necessitate changes to the priorities document. Olson stated the Committee remains very interested in the progress DCDHS is making toward improving mental health services for seniors and requested AAA staff acquire and share a copy of the recent Request For Proposals for hiring a mental health consulting company to evaluate the County's mental health services to consumers of all ages.

3. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

The Board did not meet in August.

4. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[2018](#)
[RPT-187](#)

DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY

Attachments: [Dane County Legislative Directory 8-22-18](#)

Dane County Lobbyist Mickey Beil distributed an updated list of state legislators representing Dane County. Beil reported state agencies are creating budget recommendations and Wisconsin Legislative Council study committees have been in session. At the federal level, proposed budget cuts to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Community Development Block Grant program are of major concern to low-income seniors.

Beil, who will retire on 31 August, introduced Danielle Williams, a former member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, who has been nominated to replace Beil as Dane County's Legislative Lobbyist. Williams, who recently resigned as AAA Board Chair, thanked Beil for her many years of service on behalf of the AAA Board and told Committee members she looks forward to working with them in her new position. Batterman and Committee members thanked Beil for her tireless efforts on behalf of seniors in Dane County. Olson suggested, and other Committee members concurred, that AAA staff consider creating a resolution honoring Beil for the positive impact she had on the lives of Dane County citizens.

5. STATE'S AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

[2018](#)
[RPT-188](#)

WAAN LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2019-2020

Attachments: [2019-2020 WAAN Legislative Priorities](#)

Olson distributed the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities that she and Bunck will present on 23 August at the State Aging Advisory Council meeting. The Council will vote to elect officers and consider proposed bylaws. Olson stated the proposed bylaws allow for advocacy activities.

6. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported WAAN continues to formulate legislative priorities. Representatives were scheduled to meet today with the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) regarding its legislative priorities. McHone reported WAAN representatives met with Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Dave Ross on 20 August 2018.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Batterman reported Dane County Supervisors Richard Kilmer and Nikole Jones were recently appointed to the AAA Board. Jones may be interested in joining the Legislative/Advocacy Committee.

8. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported AAA staff continues work on 2019 contracts, a process that has been complicated by the impending merger of the four Madison Coalitions.

Batterman reported BADR provided suggested edits in the 2019-2021 AAA Area Plan draft goals. The AAA Area Plan Advisory Council is scheduled to convene on 21 September 2018 to review the feedback and make necessary changes to the goals. The revised goals will be posted on the AAA website and via an online survey seeking comment later that week, and two public listening sessions will be held in October to solicit feedback from seniors. The final plan must be submitted to BADR by 31 December 2018.

AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez reported the hourly base for Nutrition Site Management would increase \$1 to \$14 under the proposed 2019 DCDHS budget.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2018, 9 AM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Beil encouraged Committee members to attend legislators' town meetings and debates prior to the November election, and to consider volunteering with campaigns.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.