



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

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, December 12, 2018

9:00 AM

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

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A. Call To Order

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

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

Present 5 - TED BUNCK, THOMAS FRAZIER, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM
SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 3 - KARI DAVIS, FAISAL KAUD, and MYRA JOSEPHSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
[MIN-372](#)

Attachments: [2018_0926_AAA_Leg-Adv_Committee_Mtg](#)

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

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

Absent: 3 - DAVIS, KAUD and JOSEPHSON

C. Action Items

1. ADVOCACY SUPPORTING FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

This was not acted on

Kaud arrived at 9:15 am.

Present 6 - FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, TED
BUNCK, and THOMAS FRAZIER
Absent 2 - MYRA JOSEPHSON, and KARI DAVIS

D. Presentations

1. 2019 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES -- FINAL SUMMARY

[2018](#)
[RPT-376](#)

2019 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES FINAL SUMMARY

Attachments: [2019 AAA Budget Priorities Final Summary](#)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman provided an overview of the 2019 AAA Budget Priorities Final Summary. There was a consensus among committee members to recommend that the AAA Board send letters to Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, the Dane County Board of Supervisors, and Dane County Department of Human Services Director Lynn Green to thank them for their thoughtful support of seniors.

E. Reports to Committee

1. ADRC GOVERNING BOARD

Board Chair Tom Frazier reported the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Dane County expects to have enrolled 1,000 elderly or disabled individuals in Partnership by the end of 2018 and that the process is going more smoothly than anticipated.

2. COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[2018](#)
[RPT-396](#)

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA HANDOUT

Attachments: [Legislative Agenda Handout](#)

[2018](#)
[RPT-397](#)

AG SCHIMEL'S TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Attachments: [AG Schimel's Task Force Recommendations](#)

Dane County Legislative Lobbyist Danielle Williams reported she is in the process of reorganizing and consolidating items in the Dane County Legislative Agenda with the purpose of narrowing topic areas to make the document easier to use. Of most interest to the committee, she purposes creating a Services for Older Adults section for items now included in Services for Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill. The areas highlighted in yellow on the Legislative Agenda Handout are changes approved by the AAA Board in June that must be approved by the County Board's Health & Human Needs Committee and the full Board of Supervisors. Williams sought feedback from the committee on the items highlighted in gray.

Olson asked members to read the Schimel Task Force on Elder Abuse recommendations prior to the January meeting, at which time a discussion will be held. There was a consensus among committee members that the second item, "Dementia Patients Rights: Oppose involuntary psychotropic drug administration in Chapters 51 and 55," be retained in the interest of protecting the rights of older adults. Committee members suggested removing the provider name from the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation item.

3. WISCONSIN AGING ADVOCACY NETWORK

Olson reported Janet Zander, WAAN's Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator, continues to educate legislators and members of Governor-Elect Tony Evers' transition team about the organization's seven legislative priorities for 2019-20: Elder Benefit Specialist Support, Direct Care Workforce Shortage, Family Caregiver Support, Healthy Aging Grants, Long Term Care Investment Fund, Loneliness & Social Isolation Study, and Transportation Support. On the federal level, Zander is involved in formulating the organization's updated Medicare issue paper.

The annual Aging Advocacy Day at the State Capitol is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 May, 2019. The Best Western Park Hotel will serve as the staging area. McHone reported the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers has appropriated funding to provide transportation and a one-night stay so more senior center directors, board members, volunteers, and seniors from around the state can attend. AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez reported the most recent draft of the 2019-2021 Dane County Aging Plan includes an annual goal to increase the number of seniors served by Focal Points to attend the event, beginning with 30 individuals in 2019. Olson will include an item on the January agenda to discuss a publicity plan.

4. STATE'S AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Olson reported the Council's Chair (Olson), Vice Chair (Judy Rank), and Secretary (Bob Borremans) will meet on a regular basis with Neal Minogue, Supervisor of the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources' Office on Aging, to discuss items on upcoming meeting agendas. Olson expects the organization will serve in an educational role to State decision-makers about issues identified as important to seniors by bodies such as this committee and WAAN. Schmidkofer suggested the Council attend a future BADR all-staff meeting to share issues that seniors have identified as important.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Batterman reported there have been three applications for the opening on the AAA Board that was created when Peg Martin resigned this month. Martin was one of two AAA Board Members serving on the Legislative/Advocacy Committee, as stipulated by bylaws. A replacement will be designated to complete Martin's term.

Bunck departed at 10:46 am.

Present 5 - FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, JILL MCHONE, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and THOMAS FRAZIER

Absent 3 - MYRA JOSEPHSON, KARI DAVIS, and TED BUNCK

6. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Olson reported she has been meeting, or is seeking meetings, with members of Governor-elect Evers' transition team in an effort to educate members about the issues of greatest concern to seniors. She encouraged committee members to reach out to people they know on the transition team to educate them about key issues involving seniors. Olson is meeting with elected officials at the state and county levels for the same purpose.

Batterman reported case management, senior nutrition site, and transportation boundaries involving three senior focal points – McFarland Senior Outreach Services, Oregon Area Senior Center and Stoughton Area Senior Center -- will change on 1 January 2019 to ensure seniors receive all services from a single Focal Point. The most significant change will be Oregon replacing McFarland as the nutrition provider in the Town of Rutland, reducing McFarland's service area. Changes to Stoughton's service area are minor. Batterman will email a map of new boundaries for the aforementioned Focal Points as well as the service map for NewBridge, the entity formed by the merger of the four Madison Senior Coalitions that will occur on 1 January 2019.

Batterman reminded members about the joint meeting of the AAA Board and its three subcommittees on Monday, 17 December, to finalize the 2019-2021 Dane County Aging Plan that must be delivered to the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources by 31 December 2018.

Velasquez reported each home-delivered meal recipient will receive two shelf-stable meals for use on days when weather may prevent delivery – a practice that had been discontinued for several years due to a lack of funding. The meals were purchased with additional Older Americans Act (OAA) funding received in October with the stipulation that it be spent in 2018.

Velasquez reported the number of weekday meals consumed during the period covering October 2017 through September 2018 increased by 8,000 over the previous year. The increase was offset by the discontinuation of 12,000 home-delivered meals on weekends, a decision made to avoid a waiting list for weekday meals.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2019, 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 KAUD, seconded by FRAZIER, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - KAUD, OLSON, MCHONE, SCHMIDLKOFER and FRAZIER

Absent: 3 - JOSEPHSON, DAVIS and BUNCK

This meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.