



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, July 1, 2019

3:45 PM

AAA/ADRC
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A. Call To Order

Staff & Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Marcia Hendrickson, Laura Langer, Neal Minogue, Amy Scarr, Howard Thomas, Angela Velasquez, and Margie Zutter

Chair Kretschman called the meeting to order at 3:46 pm.

- Present** 6 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, MELISSA RATCLIFF, DONALD ASHBAUGH, TED BUNCK, and PAMELA FLAD
- Absent** 5 - DIANNE LEIGH, MATT VELDRAN, RICHARD KILMER, NIKOLE JONES, and SRIDEVI MOHAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)
[MIN-109](#) MINUTES FROM JUNE 3, 2019

Attachments: [2019_0603_AAA Board Mtg](#)

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

- Ayes:** 6 - BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, RATCLIFF, ASHBAUGH, BUNCK and FLAD
- Absent:** 5 - LEIGH, VELDRAN, KILMER, JONES and MOHAN

Veldran arrived at 3:48 p.m.

- Present** 7 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, MATT VELDRAN, MELISSA RATCLIFF, DONALD ASHBAUGH, PAMELA FLAD, and TED BUNCK
- Absent** 4 - DIANNE LEIGH, RICHARD KILMER, NIKOLE JONES, and SRIDEVI MOHAN

C. Action Items

1. NUTRITION/WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)

AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez stated Rhonda Adams, Vice President & Director of Advancement for The River Food Pantry, would like to serve on AAA's Nutrition/Wellness Committee and shared a note from Adams that details the reasons for her interest in improving the lives of older adults. Adams would replace Dane County Supervisor Nikole Jones, who recently resigned. Adams' appointment would leave one opening on the Committee.

A motion was made by RATCLIFF, seconded by FLAD, to appoint Rhonda Adams to fulfill the remainder of Nikole Jones' three-year term on AAA's Nutrition/Wellness Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, VELDRAN, RATCLIFF, ASHBAUGH, FLAD and BUNCK

Absent: 4 - LEIGH, KILMER, JONES and MOHAN

D. Presentations

1. OUTSIDE THE BOX -- AN EXPERIENCE OF BEING OLDER IN DANE COUNTY: HOARDING (SCARR)

As requested by the Board, Dane County Department of Human Services' Elder Victim Support Project Coordinator Amy Scarr provided a presentation on hoarding, explaining the hallmarks of the disorder and that it worsens as those afflicted age. People who hoard often have significant trauma in their histories that manifests in the form of hoarding disorder as they age. Hoarders are driven by biological feedback fueled by their excessive acquisition and normalize strained relationships that result from their unhealthy activities. Gaining access to a hoarder's home to assess the severity of the problem often is difficult because the vast majority of hoarders are considered competent. Scarr is the past chair of the Dane County Hoarding Taskforce, a body that includes law enforcement representatives from the Dane County Sheriff's Office and Madison Police Department as well as other stakeholders, such as landlords and housing inspectors. AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman and NewBridge Madison Executive Director Marcia Hendrickson are current taskforce members. Batterman shares information learned during Taskforce meetings with Case Managers.

2. FOCAL POINTS (BATTERMAN, VELASQUEZ)

[2019](#) FOCAL POINTS 2019 FINAL
[PRES-027](#)

Attachments: [Focal Points 2019 FINAL](#)

As requested by the Board, Batterman provided a presentation detailing services provided by Senior Focal Points and how they are funded, and answered Board members' questions.

E. Reports to Board

1. STATE & FEDERAL REPORT (MINOGUE)

Neal Minogue, Supervisor of the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) Office on Aging, introduced Wisconsin Senior Employment (WISE) Program Coordinator Laura Langer. Langer, the Programs Director at Middleton Senior Center for 19 years, was hired recently and will serve as BADR's liaison to the AAA Board by attending meetings and providing updates on state and federal issues impacting seniors. WISE is a U.S. Department of Labor community service and work-based training program designed to help more seniors get back into or remain active in the workforce. There are currently 53 Dane County participants and 210 statewide.

Minogue reported BADR is hiring a research analyst to study the effectiveness of its programs. The hiring comes as the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL) continues its scrutiny of organizations who receive federal funding to help older adults and people of all ages with disabilities live where they choose and be able to participate fully in their communities.

2. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

a. ACCESS COMMITTEE (BARMAN-PAULSON, FLAD, MOHAN)

Batterman reported the Committee voted at today's meeting to recommend that the Board approve the proposed changes to the Case Management Standards when presented at the August meeting.

b. AAA LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (BUNCK, KRETSCHMAN)

Bunck reported there were no action items during the meeting on 26 June. Among items discussed at the meeting was the importance of the Committee staying connected with the Dane County Health & Human Needs Committee regarding not only current budget priorities, but issues forecasted to become priorities for older adults in future years.

c. AAA NUTRITION/WELLNESS COMMITTEE (BARMAN-PAULSON, LEIGH)

Velasquez reported the Committee on June 14 received the actual meal costs for the 2019-2020 program year and discussed instituting an increase in the suggested minimum donation of \$4, a figure that hasn't changed since 2014. The congregate meal cost is rising 10 cents to \$9.07. The home-delivered meal cost is rising 23 cents to \$9.69, the increase largely driven by the conversion to the Oliver Meal Packaging System that uses biodegradable materials and is microwavable. Comments from consumers about the packaging change are overwhelmingly favorable. The average congregate diner donation is \$2.31 at traditional dining sites and \$3.17 at the five "My Meal, My Way" restaurant sites. Committee members opted to table a potential increase in the suggested minimum donation for one year and instead seek ways to help Focal Points better educate diners who can afford to donate about the importance of their donations in sustaining the program.

d. DANE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE (KILMER, VELDRAN)

Veldran reported the Committee's meeting scheduled for 27 June at Sugar River Senior Center was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The presentation about senior services available to Dane County residents that Batterman and Velasquez were scheduled to deliver will be rescheduled.

e. DANE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD (RATCLIFF)

Ratcliff reported the Board finalized questions for focus group members in its efforts to determine if there are gaps in mental health services available to Dane County juveniles during its meeting on 26 June 2019. Focus groups will be conducted on 15 July and 30 July, and participants will be asked to complete a survey afterward. The Board is partnering with Orion Family Services, a private, nonprofit organization that provides treatment services to troubled children and their families, to conduct the focus group. Ratcliff reported the Board is scheduled to conduct a joint meeting with the Health & Human Needs Committee on 18 July regarding the 2020 Dane County Budget.

f. DANE COUNTY SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (VELDRAN)

Veldran reported the Commission approved the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for 2019-2023 during its meeting on 20 June 2019.

3. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported AAA staff is busy preparing the unit's proposed 2020 budget.

Kretschman stated she plans to tour The River Food Pantry and invited Board members to join her.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2019, 3:45 PM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

RSVP of Dane County Executive Director Margie Zutter shared the organization received a \$7,500 increase in federal funding for 2020, the first hike in 10 years. Zutter reported the organization's raffle raised \$6,000 from ticket sales.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by ASHBAUGH, seconded by BUNCK, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, VELDRAN, RATCLIFF, ASHBAUGH, FLAD and BUNCK

Absent: 4 - LEIGH, KILMER, JONES and MOHAN

This meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.