



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, January 6, 2020

3:45 PM

AAA/ADRC, 2865 N. Sherman Ave., Room 109
Madison WI 53704

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A. Call To Order

*Staff & Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Jessica Dennert, Jim Krueger, Laura Langer,
Howard Thomas, Angela Velasquez*

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

- Present** 8 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD,
Supervisor RICHARD KILMER, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, and
Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF
- Absent** 3 - Supervisor NIKOLE JONES, DIANNE LEIGH, and Supervisor MATT VELDRAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2019
[MIN-377](#)

Attachments: [2019_1202_AAA Board Mtg](#)

**A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by RATCLIFF, that the minutes be
approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, FLAD, KILMER, KRETSCHMAN,
MOHAN and RATCLIFF
- Absent:** 3 - JONES, LEIGH and VELDRAN

C. Action Items

1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: ACCESS COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION

[2019](#) ACCESS COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION DRAFT
[ACT-286](#)

Attachments: [Access Committee Description DRAFT](#)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman stated the Access Committee recommended that the Committee Description be approved without change.

A motion was made by BARMAN-PAULSON, seconded by BUNCK, to approve the Access Committee Description as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, FLAD, KILMER, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN and RATCLIFF

Absent: 3 - JONES, LEIGH and VELDRAN

2. 2020 PAUL H. KUSUDA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND GRANT APPLICATION

[2019](#) 2020 KUSUDA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND GRANT APPLICATION
[ACT-287](#)

Attachments: [2020 Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant Application](#)

Batterman stated minor changes were made to the application, which, if approved, will be sent to Focal Point Directors this week.

A motion was made by BUNCK, seconded by FLAD, to approve the 2020 Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant Application as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, FLAD, KILMER, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN and RATCLIFF

Absent: 3 - JONES, LEIGH and VELDRAN

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Board

1. STATE & FEDERAL REPORT

Laura Langer of the Wisconsin Office on Aging reported that data counties entered into the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) for the Older Americans Act (OAA) program year ending in September is being compiled to produce a state-wide report for the Administration for Community Living. All Dane County data has been submitted. Accurate reporting is essential as the data will influence future OAA allocations.

Preparations for the annual Senior Nutrition Program Survey required by the State are underway. The Office on Aging will have Dane and Milwaukee counties report directly, which will require a change in platform.

Langer stated the Office on Aging is hopeful Focal Point personnel can attend the Change Leader Academy in May 2020. AAA staff participated in the two-day process improvement program in 2019.

2. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

a. ACCESS COMMITTEE

Mohan reported Dane County's National Family Caregiver Support Program Coordinator, Jane De Broux, provided an overview of efforts occurring in 2019 at today's meeting. Batterman shared the positive impact Focal Point Case Managers made for older adults during the 2019 Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Period.

b. LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Bunck reported the Committee celebrated its strong advocacy successes during the December meeting. All five of the 2020 AAA Budget Priorities identified by Focal Point Directors – Case Management Services, Mental Health Services, Nutrition Catered Meals, Nutrition Site Management and RSVP Driver Services Program – were fully funded.

c. NUTRITION/WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Committee did not meet in December.

Veldran arrived at 4:03 p.m.

- Present** 9 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD, Supervisor RICHARD KILMER, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, and Supervisor MATT VELDRAN
- Absent** 2 - Supervisor NIKOLE JONES, and DIANNE LEIGH

d. HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE

Kilmer reported the Behavioral & Mental Health Subcommittee will conduct a public hearing today at 5 pm to seek feedback from stakeholders, families, providers, and other interested parties related to behavioral health needs in Dane County. Specific input will be requested in two areas: gaps in services for youth and how community centers might play a role; and, gaps in services for adults (especially underserved communities) and how one-time funding might help create or launch initiatives focused on stigma, awareness, outreach, developing more culturally appropriate providers, service integration or supportive services like peer support, and housing. The testimony will be used to help determine how to utilize one-time funding for mental health services. Batterman clarified the \$200,000 in yearly funding pledged for services to non-Medicaid eligible older adults in the AAA Budget that begins in 2020 is separate from the Health & Human Needs Committee's efforts.

e. HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Ratcliff reported the Board compiled its notes from two focus groups as part of its efforts to determine if there are gaps in mental health services available to Dane County juveniles. The findings will be presented to the Health & Human Needs Committee.

f. SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Commission did not meet in December.

3. BOARD MEMBER STATUS

Batterman reported she's hopeful the County Executive's Office will nominate a community member soon to replace Supervisor Jones, who has been unable to attend meetings due to employment obligations. Three community members have expressed an interest in serving.

4. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman wrote the Request for Proposals (RFP) for two new full-time mental health professionals to work with non-Medicaid eligible older adults and expects it to be posted soon. Dane County Executive Joe Parisi made the \$200,000 funding for the initiative, which was initially proposed as a one-year pilot project, a permanent item in the Dane County Budget.

Batterman reported the AAA Board received a letter of thanks from Senator Tammy Baldwin regarding its letter advocating for the passage of the Mental Health Access Improvement Act, which would extend Medicare coverage for services provided by licensed marriage and family therapists and professional mental health counselors, giving older adults living in rural and underserved areas greater access to mental health care. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to Board Members.

Batterman introduced Jessica Dennert, who began her duties as AAA Student Intern today. Dennert, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work, will work closely with NFCSP Coordinator Jane De Broux. AAA's first-semester intern, Tenzin Lhawang, began interning this month with the Hmoob Kaj Siab meal site in Madison. The site, a partnership between Dane County's Senior Nutrition Program, NewBridge Madison, and The Hmong Institute, offers culturally specific cuisine for lunch five days per week.

Batterman reported an Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) who has been on medical leave for three months has requested three additional months of leave. Her new return to work date is 4/20/2020. A Limited-Term Employee began working part-time as part of the EBS Program in early December and is expected to continue working through the summer to cover an anticipated four-month family leave for another EBS staff member.

Batterman stated results of Dane County's 2019 Case Management Survey should be available soon.

Batterman reported she continues to stress the importance of older adults completing the 2020 Census Questionnaire with Focal Point Directors and Directors at Senior Centers in Dane County not affiliated with Dane County's Case Management Program. AAA staff are hopeful computers can be dedicated at each Focal Point or Senior Center for the purpose of citizens completing the census. The census count will affect future funding allocations to senior programs. Bunck also is championing the effort as a member of Dane County's Complete Count Committee.

AAA Aging Program Specialist Velasquez reported that In addition to Hmoob Kaj Siab, which opened last week, there are two other new congregate dining sites opening in January 2020: Cuco's Mexican Restaurant in Madison on Wednesdays and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona on Thursdays. Cranberry Creek Café, a longtime My Meal-My Way congregate dining site in Madison, now offers breakfast on Mondays in addition to Fridays. Velasquez stated AAA staff are excited about increasing culturally specific cuisine options in the Senior Nutrition Program.

Kilmer departed at 4:20 p.m.

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- Absent** 3 - Supervisor NIKOLE JONES, Supervisor RICHARD KILMER, and DIANNE LEIGH

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2020, 3:45 PM @ 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 BARMAN-PAULSON, seconded by ASHBAUGH, to adjourn.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, FLAD, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF and VELDRAN

Absent: 3 - JONES, KILMER and LEIGH

This meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.