



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, February 3, 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, Katie Gallagher, Jim Krueger, Laura Langer, Natalie Raemisch, Howard Thomas, Angela Velasquez, and Margie Zutter

Chair Kretschman called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) MINUTES FROM JANUARY 6, 2020
[MIN-422](#)

Attachments: [2020_0106_AAA Board Mtg](#)

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by BARMAN-PAULSON, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

1. 2019 LECK GRANT PRESENTATION: FOOD BRIDGE (NEWBRIDGE/GALLAGHER)

[2019](#) FOOD BRIDGE LECK GRANT REPORT
[PRES-136](#)

Attachments: [Food Bridge Leck Grant Report](#)

NewBridge Madison Marketing Director Katie Gallagher provided an overview of the program, which is designed to combat food insecurity among seniors, answered Board Members' questions, and thanked the Board for its support of Food Bridge via the Leck Grant.

AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez requested NewBridge add three questions that measure loneliness in the program's risk assessments performed prior to and after service in an effort to determine if interaction with volunteer delivery drivers helps alleviate feelings of social isolation.

2. 2019 PAUL H. KUSUDA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND GRANT: INTERNATIONAL DEATH, GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT CONFERENCE (DEFOREST/RAEMISCH)

[2019](#) 2019 KUSUDA GRANT FINAL REPORT -- DeFOREST
[PRES-137](#)

Attachments: [2019 Kusuda Grant Final Report--DeForest](#)

DeForest Area Community and Senior Center Senior Services Supervisor Natalie Raemisch, one of four Dane County case managers who attended the 2019 International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference, shared how the training positively impacted her work and thanked Board Members for providing the opportunity via the grant.

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman stated Kusuda's daughter, Dr. Misao Kusuda, plans to attend the March Board meeting to hear Northwest Dane Senior Service's grant presentation.

E. Reports to Committee

1. STATE & FEDERAL REPORT (LANGER)

Laura Langer of the Wisconsin Office on Aging reported Older Americans Act service unit data provided by counties for the program year ending 30 September 2019 was delivered to the Administration for Community Living's regional office on 31 January 2020.

Langer reported Tom Balsley recently began his duties as Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) Office Director. Phoebe Hefko has transitioned to ORCD Program and Policy Supervisor from her former position as Elder Benefit Specialist Program Manager. Jeff Becker has moved to the Office of Inspector General, where he will focus on Medicare fraud, following a stint with DHS Legal Protective Services. Michelle Flood is leaving her position as Fiscal Lead for Aging and Disability Programs on 14 February after accepting a leadership position with the Department of Children and Families.

Langer reported the State Aging Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on 13 February 2020 in Madison.

Langer reported Dane County was recently awarded additional Title III-E funding to be used in providing National Family Caregiver Support Program grants in 2020.

2. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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

The February meeting was canceled.

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

[2019](#) CNA PAY ACT HANDOUT
[RPT-580](#)

Attachments: [CNA Pay Act Handout](#)

The January meeting was canceled.

Bunck distributed an overview of a three-bill package introduced by State Representative Lisa Subeck known as the CNA Pay Act that more holistically addresses concerns about staff shortages in caregiving professions. Batterman will share this information with Committee members.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for 11 February 2020 at Madison Senior Center.

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

Kilmer reported the Behavioral & Mental Health Subcommittee conducted a public hearing on 6 January 2020 to solicit feedback from stakeholders, families, providers, and other interested parties related to behavioral health needs in Dane County. Input was requested from 70 people in attendance 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. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet this evening to discuss results of the public hearing.

Batterman offered to send information to subcommittee chair Liz Doyle regarding 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.

e. DANE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD (RATCLIFF)

No report.

f. DANE COUNTY SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ASHBAUGH, VELDRAN)

Ashbaugh reported the Commission received a general overview of the Dane County Department of Human Services transportation program and budget.

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 since April 2019 due to employment obligations. Three community members have expressed an interest in serving. Dianne Leigh's second term expires in April, although she can continue to serve on the Board until her replacement is appointed.

4. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Velasquez reported Dane County received additional, one-time funding of \$45,300 to be distributed via National Family Caregiver Support Program grants. The additional funding will allow grants to be issued to 40-45 more individuals during 2020.

Velasquez reported Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, Dane County's newest My Meal-My Way senior nutrition site, averaged 37 diners on Wednesdays in January. Cuco's replaced a traditional congregate dining site that was averaging only 11 diners. AAA staff are also excited about the launch this month of the Hmoob Kaj Siab meal site, which offers culturally specific Hmong cuisine five days per week. The site is averaging 15 diners per day, a number that is expected to increase.

Batterman reported 30 consumers attended the first of six Welcome to Medicare Seminars that will be offered this year by AAA's Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) staff. The seminars provide accurate and detailed information from unbiased experts in benefit programs. The next seminar is scheduled for 28 March 2020 at The Colonial Club in Sun Prairie.

Velasquez reported 297 management-level employees from Managed Care Organizations attended the first training session offered as part of a \$254,000 grant from the State of Wisconsin to be spent over 18 months in an effort to decrease the number of emergency detentions in both the frail elder and developmentally disabled populations. Among the initiatives is training MCO direct-care staff how to better manage behavioral issues prior to the situation escalating to a detention incident. The MCOs and their direct-care staff will receive stipends to attend training sessions.

Batterman and EBS Tiffany Scully continue to produce fact sheets for every Wisconsin county in an attempt to educate state lawmakers about the impact of the EBS Program. The State has not increased EBS Program funding in the past 23 years.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 2 MARCH 2020, 3:45 PM @ AAA/ADRC

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

RSVP of Dane County Executive Director Margie Zutter announced Mary Stamstad is retiring as Triad Coordinator. Stamstad, who has worked for or volunteered with RSVP for 45 years, plans to continue in a volunteer role with Triad of Wisconsin. Mike Thompson, who has served on the West Madison Triad Committee, will replace Stamstad as Dane County Triad Coordinator.

I. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 6 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, KILMER, KRETSCHMAN and LEIGH

Absent: 5 - FLAD, JONES, MOHAN, RATCLIFF and VELDRAN

This meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas, AAA Clerk III.