



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, August 31, 2020

3:45 PM

Remote meeting

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A. Call To Order

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Present 8 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD, Supervisor RICHARD KILMER, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, and Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE

Absent 3 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, and DIANNE LEIGH

Chair Kretschman called the meeting to order at 3:45pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

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

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

Absent: 3 - ASHBAUGH, MCGINNITY and LEIGH

[2020](#)
[MIN-135](#)

MINUTES FROM MARCH 2, 2020

Attachments: [Minutes from March 2, 2020](#)

C. Action Items

1. BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

AAA Manger Cheryl Batterman reported AAA Board member Dianne Leigh reached the maximum six-year term limit. Former Dane County Supervisor Bill Clausius has been nominated by the County Executive to fill that position as a community representative and is awaiting County Board approval. Once this occurs, the AAA Board will be at full capacity.

The AAA Access Committee needs a AAA Board member to replace Fran Barman-Paulson, per her request. The AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee also needs a AAA Board member to replace Dianne Leigh.

No action taken.

2. LEG/ADV COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: TBD

[2020](#)
[RPT-336](#)

Leg-Adv Committee Recommendation 083120 Voting & Budget Priorities

Attachments: [Leg-Adv Committee Recommendation 083120 Voting & Budget Priorities](#)

2021 AAA Budget Priorities: Batterman distributed the draft priorities, reporting this was a collaborative effort created by AAA's POS agencies and reviewed/approved by AAA's Access and Legislative/Advocacy Committees. The AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee will meet 9/15/20 and this topic is on the agenda. The DCDHS 2021 proposed budget includes an increase in revenue funding in other units; as a result, the Case Management and Mental Health Resources for Older Adults Programs will not receive a 5% cut in GPR funding. AAA staff are finalizing the Cultural Diversity section of the document with NewBridge Executive Director Jim Krueger and will provide a revised draft following this meeting. NewBridge has been experiencing high turnover of Cultural Diversity staff due to low wages. This priority will include a request for funding to cover two fulltime Cultural Diversity Program Specialists (African American and Latinx) with industry standard wages.

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by FLAD, that the 2021 AAA Budget Priorities will include Case Management, Cultural Diversity, and Nutrition Site Management Programs. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Voting Barriers: AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Chair Esther Olson reported the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) drafted a white paper on voting barriers to be used as an advocacy resource for older adults and the state's aging network. The final report will be submitted to elected officials throughout the state. Olson and Jim Schmidtkofer (AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee member) served on the WANN team that drafted the paper. She stated the team identified numerous obstacles to older adults being able to vote (for example: COVID-19 challenges and recent changes to voter ID requirements). WAAN is making a few minor edits to the paper but the core concepts will not change. Batterman will provide a copy of the final report when it is available.

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by FLAD, to support the concept of WAAN's voting barriers white paper as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 3 - ASHBAUGH, MCGINNITY and LEIGH

D. Presentations

1. OUTSIDE THE BOX: AN EXPERIENCE OF BEING OLDER IN DANE COUNTY

None presented.

2. 2019 PAUL H. KUSUDA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND GRANT: COMPUTER UPGRADE FOR CASE MANAGEMENT STAFF (NEWBRIDGE/JIM)

[2020](#) 2019 KUSUDA GRANT FINAL REPORT - NEWBRIDGE
[PRES-024](#)

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

Krueger thanked the AAA Board for this grant and reported the funds allowed NewBridge to upgrade computers for case managers, resulting in being more effective in providing services to their older adult clients.

Supervisor McGinnity joined meeting at 4:22 pm.

E. Reports to Board

1. 2019 AAA ANNUAL REPORT

[2020](#) 2019 AAA ANNUAL REPORT
[RPT-207](#)

Attachments: [2019 AAA Annual Report FINAL](#)

Batterman discussed the report and answered Board members' questions.

2. 2021 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES

No further discussion.

3. STATE & FEDERAL REPORT

Neal Minogue of the Wisconsin Office on Aging congratulated AAA on receiving two national awards for the My Meal-My W Restaurant Model and announced it is an example to other locations and agencies within the state. He reported the next state aging plan—covering 2022-2024—will be submitted to ACL after the counties have submitted their plans to his office. New focus areas for the next plan cycle will include health equity and racism, housing, and emergency preparedness. He stated Public Health is forecasting state employees will continue to work from home until August 2021; this date may change based on COVID-19 vaccine availability.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

a. AAA ACCESS COMMITTEE

Committee member Flad reported the Committee met (virtually) earlier this day in which several quarterly monitoring reports were reviewed as there had not been a Committee meeting since 1/6/20 due to lack of quorum or COVID-19

b. AAA LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

No additional report provided.

c. AAA NUTRITION/WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Committee will meet virtually on 9/15/20; no report provided.

d. DANE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE

Supervisor Kilmer reported the last Committee meeting was cancelled due to a technology glitch. The Dane County Department of Human Services proposed 2021 budget will be presented via Zoom on 9/16/20 at 6 pm.

e. DANE COUNTY SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

No report provided.

6. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman announced the Elder Benefit Specialist Program is fully staffed. Tiffany Scully returned from maternity leave and Kenton Zink was hired to replace Nan Osawa, who took another job in the department. Limited Term Employee Kari Davis ended her EBS job with AAA after helping for several months. With the recent promotion of AAA Clerk III Howard Thomas to the department's Administrative Assistant position, the hiring process has begun. The County will be switching to Zoom for all public meetings, replacing the GoToMeeting format.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2020, 3:45 PM VIA VIRTUAL

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjournment

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

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Ayes: 9 - BARMAN-PAULSON, BUNCK, FLAD, KILMER, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE and MCGINNITY

Absent: 2 - ASHBAUGH and LEIGH

This meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.