



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, October 5, 2020

3:45 PM

Remote meeting

Call: 1-866-899-4679

Access code: 303-583-685

A. Call To Order

Staff and Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Laura Langer, Esther Olson, Sally Jo Spaeni, Howard Thomas, Angela Velasquez, and Margie Zutter

Chair Kretschman called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

- Present** 10 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, BILL CLAUSIUS, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD, Supervisor RICHARD KILMER, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, and Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY
- Absent** 1 - SRIDEVI MOHAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) MINUTES FROM AUGUST 31, 2020
[MIN-208](#)

Attachments: [2020_0831 AAA Board Minutes](#)

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by RATCLIFF, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 9 - BARMAN-PAULSON, CLAUSIUS, BUNCK, FLAD, KILMER, KRETSCHMAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE and MCGINNITY
- Absent:** 1 - MOHAN
- Abstain:** 1 - ASHBAUGH

C. Action Items

1. AAA BOARD ELECTIONS

Kilmer nominated Kretschman to serve another term as AAA Board Chair. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by BARMAN-PAULSON, that Kretschman's nomination be approved by unanimous consent. There was a voice vote that carried unanimously.

Kilmer nominated Ratcliff to serve as AAA Board Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by BUNCK, that Ratcliff's nomination be approved by unanimous consent. There was a voice vote that carried unanimously.

Ratcliff nominated Bunck to serve another term as AAA Secretary. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by RATCLIFF, seconded by KILMER, that Bunck's nomination be approved by unanimous consent. There was a voice vote that carried unanimously.

2. AAA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by RATCLIFF, to appoint Clausius as the AAA Board representative on AAA's Nutrition/Wellness Committee. There was a voice vote and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by RATCLIFF, to appoint community member Helen Osborn-Senatus to the AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee. There was a voice vote and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by RATCLIFF, to appoint McGinnity as a AAA Board representative on AAA's Access Committee. There was a voice vote and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by RATCLIFF, to appoint former AAA Board member Dianne Leigh to the AAA Access Committee as a community representative. There was a voice vote and the motion carried unanimously.

3. AAA NUTRITION/WELLNESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HOME-DELIVERED MEALS DURING COVID-19

[2020](#)
[ACT-145](#)

NUTRITION-WELLNESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HDMS
DURING COVID-19

Attachments: [Nut-Well Committee Recommendation 100520 HDMS during COVID-19](#)

A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by RATCLIFF, to affirm the Nutrition/Wellness Committee's decision to prioritize assessment and reassessment of older adults beginning home-delivered meals since the start of the pandemic, and in doing so provide them with safe options for obtaining food while issuing a two-week notice the home-delivered meals will be discontinued unless they are found to be frail, homebound, and unable to prepare a meal at the time of assessment/reassessment. There was a voice vote and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Board

1. 2021 BUDGET PRIORITIES

[2020](#)
[RPT-345](#)

2021 AAA BUDGET PRIORITIES DRAFT 3

Attachments: [2021 AAA Budget Priorities Draft 3](#)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman reported the County Executive's office allocated \$29,050 to fully fund the Cultural Diversity Program budget priority. Kilmer submitted amendments to the Health & Human Needs Committee asking that the remaining two priorities -- Case Management and Nutrition Site Management -- be fully funded. Health & Human needs will conduct its first 2021 budget-related meeting on 8 October 2020.

2. STATE & FEDERAL REPORT

Laura Langer of the Wisconsin Office on Aging reported the following personnel news:

- *Sonia Lindquist, former Executive Director of the East Madison/Monona Coalition of the Aging, will start this month as the Dane County administrator of the Senior Community Services Employment Program.*
- *Michelle Grochocinski recently began her duties as Elder Benefits Specialist Program Manager, replacing Phoebe Hefko. Grochocinski most recently worked for the State of Illinois.*
- *Jessica Kline started recently as the office's Fiscal Lead for Aging and Disability Programs, replacing Michelle Flood.*
- *The application period for the Health Equity Coordinator position in the Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources closes on 8 October 2020.*

Langer also reported:

- *The Wisconsin Office on Aging is studying ways to combat increased social isolation the coronavirus pandemic will cause this winter, as well as strategies to avoid disruptions in home-delivered meals service. The Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging is trying to reduce social isolation in older adults by reaching out with online programming.*
- *Suicide rates in the general population have doubled during the pandemic; the state does not have data on the recent suicide rate among seniors. AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela Velasquez interjected Public Health Madison/Dane County is not reporting a higher suicide rate among seniors during the pandemic.*
- *States have been notified to begin preparing to distribute a coronavirus vaccine, though no time frame has been established. The vaccination of essential workers will be a priority.*
- *COVID-19 contact tracing capabilities are stretched thin throughout much of the state. Dane County's contract tracing remains robust.*

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

a. AAA ACCESS COMMITTEE

Barman-Paulson stated the committee received annual reports at today's meeting on the following:

- *The Elder Benefits Specialist Program.*
- *Services provided via two grants -- the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) and the State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP).*
- *The Senior Transportation Program.*

b. AAA LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Bunck, who served on Complete Count Committees at the local, county and state levels, reported Wisconsin is among the top states regarding U.S. Census compliance. The response rate in Dane County is at 78 percent and that figure doesn't count the responses collected by enumerators going door to door. The Lieutenant Governor's Difficult-to-Count Committee made a major impact by facilitating compliance in group quarters settings. Home-delivered meals programs were extremely cooperative in sharing getting the message out to older adults that their participation is critical.

Bunck reported the Veterans Administration has made counseling personnel aware that recent comments attributed to President Donald Trump suggesting Vietnam Veterans are "losers and suckers" could have a significant impact on individuals in fragile mental health.

Kretschman thanked Bunck and fellow Legislative/Advocacy Committee member Faisal Kaud for sending a letter to Dane County Executive Joe Parisi to thank him for including funding for AAA's Cultural Diversity Program in the proposed 2021 Dane County Budget.

c. AAA NUTRITION/WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Clausius reported volunteers are needed to ensure that vulnerable older adults in Dane County receive the nutrition they need and asked committee members to think of individuals or organizations who might be willing to help.

d. DANE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE

Kilmer reported that registration is open for public comment at the budget-focused Health & Human Needs Committee meeting on 8 October 2020 and encouraged committee members to advocate for the two remaining 2021 AAA Budget Priorities.

e. DANE COUNTY SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Ashbaugh reported Metro Transit Paratransit Manager Nancy Senn presented at the September meeting. Ridership has decreased 50 percent from 2019 due to the pandemic. Vehicle capacity has been reduced to promote social distancing and vehicles are being deep-cleaned. In-person eligibility assessments have ceased to make it easier for individuals to qualify for rides and outreach is being conducted to discern reasons for cancellations. Fare collection was suspended from April through August.

4. CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Batterman reported Cindy Matulle will begin her duties as AAA Clerk III on 12 October 2020. Matulle most recently served as a Clerk III in Dane County's Planning and Development Division.

Batterman reported AAA's 2021 Purchase of Service contracts must be completed by 13 October 2020, a project which is consuming a great deal of staff time.

Batterman reported Dane County is moving virtual meetings to the Zoom platform. Details about the change will follow.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2020, 3:45 P.M. VIA REMOTE

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Chair Esther Olson asked Board members to consider registering to speak in support or offer written testimony supporting the budget amendments seeking funding for Case Management and Nutrition Site Management at the Health & Human Needs Committee meeting on 8 October 2020.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Kilmer announced he plans to resign from the Dane County Board, the Health & Human Services Committee and the AAA Board in November. Chair Kretschman thanked him for his service to older adults.

RSVP of Dane County Executive Director Margie Zutter stated the Triad Conference is being held virtually. Sessions are being conducted from 10 a.m. to noon each Friday in October and registration remains open. RSVP will hold recognition events to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Driver's Services Program beginning on 12 October 2020. Volunteers will drive-up to Focal Points and receive thank-you notes and gifts.

I. Adjournment

**A motion was made by KILMER, seconded by BARMAN-PAULSON, to adjourn.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 10 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, CLAUDIUS, BUNCK, FLAD, KILMER,
KRETSCHMAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE and MCGINNITY

Absent: 1 - MOHAN

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas,
Administrative Assistant, DCDHS Office of the Director.*