



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

9:00 AM

via ZOOM

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A. Call To Order

Staff & guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Cindy Matulle, and Angela Velasquez

AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Present 6 - JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 3 - TED BUNCK, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, and MAI ZONG VUE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-445](#) Minutes from January 27, 2021.

Attachments: [01_27_21 AAA LegAdv Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 6 - CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON and SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 3 - BUNCK, KRETSCHMAN and VUE

C. Action Items

Present 7 - JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and MAI ZONG VUE

Absent 2 - TED BUNCK, and CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN

1. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

OLSON reported Governor Evers included several items in his proposed budget which will impact older adults. Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer will attend next month's Committee meeting to discuss Dane County's reaction to the proposed budget.

AAA Manager BATTERMAN shared an email from Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin asking for support of a proposed bill, "U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 to Reform American Immigration System." BATTERMAN reached out to The Hmong Institute and NewBridge Madison for a reaction as both agencies work with older adults that might be affected by this bill. After discussing the bill, Committee members agreed to fully read and review the bill before forwarding a recommendation to the AAA Board.

BATTERMAN shared Milwaukee County is in the process of reorganizing the Department on Aging and merging their Aging Resource Center with their Disability Resource Center to be an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

D. Presentations

1. The Uncomfortable Truth Series Discussion: Part 3: A Brief Introduction to Native & Indigenous People, Hispanic, and Latinx People in the U.S. & Part 4: A Systemic View of Hmong People in the U.S.

Committee members discussed Parts 3 and 4 of the racial inequities series.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2022 AAA Budget Priorities

[2020](#)
[PRES-162](#)

CM Emerging Trends Client Issues Summary 2020

Attachments: [CM Emerging Trends Client Issues Summary 2020](#)

BATTERMAN met with Purchase of Service (POS) directors and discussed the top five emerging trends and client issues reported in 2020 Case Management Quarterly Service Reports, which are in order of reported total occurrences:

1. *Social Isolation*
2. *Mental Health*
3. *Nutrition*
4. *Transportation*
5. *Housing*

BATTERMAN noted these areas are a direct result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. After analyzing this data and adding to it comments offered by the directors, BATTERMAN recommended drafting budget priorities for the following areas:

- *Case Management (requesting funding to cover the third year of a three-year ask)*
- *Nutrition Site Management (requesting funding to cover the second year of a two-year ask)*
- *Nutrition Catering (requesting funding to cover the anticipated increase of food costs)*
- *Mental Health Resources for Older Adults (requesting funding to cover salaries/benefits to recruit and retain staff)*
- *Cultural Diversity (requesting funding for targeted programming for SE Asian older adults—similar to the existing Latinx and African American programs)*

2. 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan

BATTERMAN announced the draft plan is due November 15, 2021 to the State instead of July 2021. She met with Older Americans Act Program Supervisor Neal Minogue to discuss the requirements of the three-year plan:

- *At least one goal is required to enhance the amount and quality of community engagement/public input as part of developing the aging plan.*
- *At least one goal is required to address an emerging need, a quality issue, or a gap in the services system in EACH of the following program areas: Titles IIIB (Services and Volunteers), IIIC (Nutrition), IIID (Evidence-based Health Promotion), and IIIE (Caregiving)*
- *At least one goal is required to address progress within one or more program area toward person-centered services, maximizing consumer control and choice.*
- *At least one goal is required to address a barrier to racial equity within one or more program area.*
- *At least one goal is required to increase local aging and disability network participants' knowledge and skills related to advocacy.*

3. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON provided a summary of the recent Board meeting.

4. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

None.

5. Diversity Work Group

MCHONE and KAUD volunteered to serve on the work group and will draft a job description. Need to recruit one more member for the work group from the community. BATTERMAN noted there will be three open positions on the AAA Board and two open positions on the Nutrition/Wellness Committee.

6. State's Aging Advisory Council

None.

Present 6 - JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and MAI ZONG VUE

Absent 3 - TED BUNCK, FAISAL KAUD, and CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN

7. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

OLSON shared concerns about the homeless getting access to vaccine. Wisconsin Aging Office is trying to address the concerns. BATTERMAN reported Dane County is handling this through the Beacon and at the homeless camps and recommended OLSON contact Casey Becker, DCDHS Communications and Homeless Services Manager.

8. Chair & Staff

BATTERMAN expressed appreciation for the work Focal Points are doing during COVID-19. Case managers and other staff are helping older adults register for and request needed rides for vaccinations. Across the board, staff are burned out due to the length of COVID-19 and the subsequent additional work required on top of regular job duties. Committee members agreed the daily COVID-19 Dane County Aging Network Status emails are appreciated—especially the humorous memes and positive messages.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday 24 March 2021, 9 am via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

SCHMIDLKOFER encouraged Committee members to pay attention to recent federal and state efforts to reduce access to voting. He cautioned these efforts will adversely impact older adults' rights to vote.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by LEZOTTE, seconded by VUE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON, SCHMIDLKOFER and VUE

Absent: 3 - BUNCK, KAUD and KRETSCHMAN

Meeting ended at 11:04 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III

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