



# 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?*

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Monday, March 1, 2021

3:45 PM

Via Zoom

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#### A. Call To Order

*Staff & Guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Todd Campbell, Shannon Gabriel, Jim Krueger, Sydney Johnson, Laura Langer, Cindy Matulle, and Angela Velasquez*

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

- Present** 7 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, PAMELA FLAD, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, and Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY
- Absent** 4 - BILL CLAUDIUS, TED BUNCK, SRIDEVI MOHAN, and Supervisor LARRY PALM

## B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)  
[MIN-469](#) Minutes from February 1, 2021

**Attachments:** [2021\\_0201 AAA Board Minutes](#)

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

- Ayes:** 7 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, FLAD, KRETSCHMAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE and MCGINNITY
- Absent:** 4 - CLAUDIUS, BUNCK, MOHAN and PALM

## C. Action Items

### 1. Committee Descriptions (Legislative/Advocacy & Nutrition/Wellness)

[2020](#)  
[ACT-361](#) AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Description

**Attachments:** [Legislative Advocacy Committee Description](#)

*AAA Manager BATTERMAN presented the new description and answered Committee member questions.*

**A motion was made by BARMAN-PAULSON, seconded by FLAD, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** 7 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, FLAD, KRETSCHMAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE and MCGINNITY
- Absent:** 4 - CLAUDIUS, BUNCK, MOHAN and PALM

[2020](#)  
[ACT-362](#) AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee Description

**Attachments:** [Nutrition Wellness Committee Description](#)

*BATTERMAN presented the new description and answered Committee member questions.*

**A motion was made by BARMAN-PAULSON, seconded by FLAD, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** 7 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, FLAD, KRETSCHMAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE and MCGINNITY
- Absent:** 4 - CLAUDIUS, BUNCK, MOHAN and PALM

## D. Presentations

1. 2020 Paul H Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant: Client Centered Case Management Program (NewBridge/Krueger)

[2020  
PRES-156](#)

2020 Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant: Client-Centered Case Management Program

**Attachments:** [2020 Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant Final Report - NewBridge](#)

*NewBridge Executive Director Jim Krueger presented the final report and thanked the AAA Board for the grant which amounted to \$6,799.50. United Way unexpectedly cut over \$30,000/year in case management funding to NewBridge in late 2019. Jim is looking at fundraising and grant opportunities to cover the \$30,000 loss this year.*

*BATTERMAN shared BARMAN-PAULSON, RATCLIFFE, and she will be reviewing and scoring the applicants for the 2021 Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant. The daughter of Paul Kusuda, Dr. Misao Kusuda, will be a non-voting member of the review panel. A recommendation from the panel will be presented at the April AAA Board meeting for approval.*

2. Governor's Task Force on Broadband Access

[2020  
PRES-163](#)

Broadband Data

**Attachments:** [Broad Band Subscription](#)

*Esther Olson was unable to attend the meeting; Batterman will invite her to present at the April AAA Board meeting. ANDRAE noted Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin was appointed to a Senate committee on Broadband Access. Additional attention could be given to Wisconsin besides the \$200 million Governor Evers has proposed in his biannual budget.*

3. 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 Board

## 1. State and Federal Report

*Laura Langer of the WI Bureau of Aging reported the State has granted an additional \$1.6 million to be distributed statewide to ADRC's for supporting older adults getting vaccinated. Additional funding is being provided by the Consolidated Appropriation Act 2021 Supplemental Nutrition. This is funding is similar to what was granted in March 2020 when the pandemic started. The 2022-2024 Aging Plan will require goals in each of the funding areas of the Older Americans Act. The State is hopeful County Aging Units will have increased input from older adults when drafting their plan. Forest County handed out surveys at a vaccination site with permission from the local public health. 200 surveys were returned with information identifying needed older adults services.*

## 2. Board Member Reports

### a. AAA Access Committee

*MCGINNTY summarized the last Committee meeting. BATTERMAN announced the 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan draft is due to the State by 11/15/21. She met with Older Americans Act Program Supervisor Neal Minogue to discuss the requirements of the three-year plan.*

### b. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee

*BATTERMAN summarized the last Committee meeting in which she 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.*

### c. AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee

*AAA Aging Specialist VELASQUEZ summarized the last Committee meeting in which she updated members about catering services for meals. Dane County currently contracts with five caterers to provide congregate and home-delivered meals. The contracts will go out for a five-year bid proposal this year. The result will likely mean a large funding increase in these contracts in 2022 due to the expected increase in food costs.*

### d. Dane County Health & Human Needs Committee

*No Report.*

### e. Dane County Specialized Transportation Commission

*No Report.*

### 3. Board Member Status

*BATTERMAN will work with the new Diversity Work Group to solicit community members of color to replace BARMAN-PAULSON and KRETSCHMAN on the AAA Board. Although their terms are up in April—and they have reached term limits—the Board’s bylaws allow them to continue serving until a replacement is approved by the County Board. FLAD is also resigning from the AAA Board, but will serve until her replacement is approved.*

### 4. Chair & Staff Reports

*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)*

### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Monday 5 April 2021, 3:45 pm via Zoom

### 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 MCGINNITY, seconded by RATCLIFF, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, FLAD, KRETSCHMAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE and MCGINNITY

**Absent:** 4 - CLAUDIUS, BUNCK, MOHAN and PALM

*Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III*

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