



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, May 3, 2021

3:45 PM

Via Zoom

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A. Call To Order

Staff and Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Todd Campbell, Laura Langer, Cindy Matulle, Esther Olson, Jim Schmidkofer, and Angela Velasquez.

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

- Present** 9 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, BILL CLAUSIUS, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, and Supervisor LARRY PALM
- Absent** 2 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, and Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE

B. Consideration of Minutes

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Minutes from April 5, 2021

Attachments: [2021_0405_AAA Board Minutes](#)

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

- Ayes:** 9 - BARMAN-PAULSON, CLAUSIUS, BUNCK, FLAD, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF, MCGINNITY and PALM
- Absent:** 2 - ASHBAUGH and ANDRAE

C. Action Items

- Present** 11 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, BILL CLAUSIUS, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, and Supervisor LARRY PALM

D. Presentations

1. Governor's Task Force on Broadband Access

OLSON provided a report on the statewide task force and the work being done. Olson has been talking with four legislators from Spring Green, Crivitz, LaCrosse, and Bayfield to obtain information from them on the task force. The Governor charged the task force to explore all aspects of personal and business needs of broadband access across the state. State task force members and broadband providers started to meet in August 2020 with a written plan due back to the Governor by the end of June 2021. There are concerns of older adults having or wanting service based on quality of service provided. Discussions of how to move forward with infrastructure that is in place already as many areas cannot have fiber cables buried in the ground. Starlight and SpaceX are being beta tested in Dane County and seeing success with the program. Tribes are having 96% efficiency using SpaceX. Governor has \$200 million funding for broadband in Wisconsin. Federal funding will provide another \$268 billion across the country to get the systems up and running.

2. Board Meeting Presentations

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Board Meeting Presentations

Attachments: [Presentation Schedule 2019 DRAFT \(003\)](#)

RATCLIFF requested Board members identify future topics to be presented at meetings. She stated FLAD recently requested an update on the COVID-19 vaccination process—which was included in today's meeting agenda. RATCLIFF encouraged more ideas like this to keep Board members aware of what is going on in the county with providing services to older adults. CLAUSIUS requested a presentation on the ADRC Annual report. Board members should contact RATCLIFF or AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman to submit ideas.

3. PHMDC Vaccination Update

MOHAN is an Epidemiologist with Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) and the Aging & Long-term Care Sector Liaison during COVID-19. She provided a brief overview of the PHMDC vaccination process. To date, 60% of Dane County residents have at least one shot, 45% are fully vaccinated, and 93% of older adults (65+) have received at least one shot. Vaccine started in December 2020 with health care workers being vaccinated first. Older adults received the second round of doses as being the hardest hit by COVID.

Initially, the State didn't have a vaccination registration system in place which required PHMDC to create one. At each stage of the process it had to be evaluated again as more vaccination sites were opening. Each site had their own process for registration and putting all of the data together was difficult. Dane County became a pilot site for pre-registration since the State's system had flaws.

Latest update is anyone can get a second shot at the Alliant Energy Center no matter where you received the first shot. Homebound patients accounted for 425 vaccinations in their homes.

E. Reports to Board

1. State and Federal Report

Laura Langer of the WI Bureau of Aging reported the Governor issued a proclamation for May being Older Americans and ADRC month. DHS sent out a Technical Assistance document about Resuming In-Person Services to the Aging and Disability Network. American Rescue Plan Act funding is still coming; no new updates. Kathleen O'Toole Smith has joined the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources as the BOLD (Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act) Grant Manager on April 19, 2021. She has been working as a Senior Outreach Specialist at the University of Wisconsin – Madison Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, managing the Wisconsin Dementia Resource Network (WDRN) and Dementia Friends Program.

2. Board Member Reports

a. AAA Access Committee

Batterman presented the 2020 AAA Annual Report and answered questions. Noted in the report was AAA's two national awards for services provided to older adults. BATTERMAN encouraged Committee members to complete a survey sent out by the County Board office to obtain feedback on virtual or in-person meetings. Work continues on the 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan with 85 emails sent out May 3, 2021 to community organizations to assist with the work to be completed.

AAA Aging Program Specialist Angela VELASQUEZ reported a transportation survey was sent out to over 800 older adults. UW-Milwaukee is doing a statewide survey on transportation needs and will generate a report for us when the data is tabulated. Carryout meals survey was distributed and data should be coming back by mid-May. In the fall, a Home-Delivered Meals survey will go out to older adults. Focal Points are making plans to reopen congregate meal sites. Different options are being looked at for meal sites as Festival Foods, Meadow Ridge, and Lussier reported either a decrease in the number of days available to serve meals or needing to close the site entirely. Two promising potential options include HyVee on the west side of Madison and Parkway Restaurant on the south side of Madison. Both are interested in participating in the meal program.

b. AAA Legislative/Adocacy Committee

AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee member Jim Schmidtkofer reported about information on the 2020 AAA Annual Report in regard to Aging units having to really step up and fill the gap for older adults. Due to the lack of federal response to address how older adults were affected by COVID-19, State agencies and especially County Aging Units were forced into immediate action. SCHMIDLKOFER asked to not understate in the annual report or other reports of the work that was done by AAA and other Aging units. SCHMIDLKOFER noted at the beginning of COVID-19 all services for older adults flipped in the course of 24 hours to meeting all needs at home verses in the community. With so many unknowns about how the virus is spread, a normal weekly errand of going grocery shopping was high risk. No other entity took responsibility for protecting older adults; the Aging Network was responsible for ensuring older adults' safety and wellbeing. The Committee recommended having the AAA Board submit a letter to the editor of the newspaper explaining all of the services AAA has provided during COVID.

Examples of the aging network services added during COVID-19:

- *Meals provided to homes multiple times per day*
- *Groceries delivered to homes*
- *Food Pantry delivery to homes*
- *Transportation of older adults to health facilities met via paid drivers*
- *Wellness checks made via phone several times per week*
- *All activities became virtual via computer or telephone conference calls*
- *Staff took on responsibilities of older adult volunteers in all aspects of aging services*
- *Established a secondary call center to get older adults to vaccinations*
- *Established partnership to get homebound vaccinated in their homes*

c. AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee

BARMAN-PAULSON reported from the April 13, 2021 meeting that officer elections were postponed until the June meeting. VELASQUEZ reported 262,000 home-delivered meals were served during COVID-19. New Federal funding was the only reason this volume of food needs were met. The State is requesting a backup plan in the event a waitlist needs to be established for meals.

Present 10 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, BILL CLAUSIUS, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, and Supervisor LARRY PALM

Absent 1 - DONALD ASHBAUGH

d. Dane County Health & Human Needs Committee

PALM reported the majority of the meeting was discussing affordable housing in Dane County.

e. Dane County Specialized Transportation Commission

AAA Clerk III Cindy Matulle attended the Commission's last meeting and reported there was a presentation on transportation needs for the Cambridge area from UW-Madison graduate Jesse Herr. A task force was formed with various individuals including Dane County Supervisor Kate McGinnity (who serves the Cambridge area). Data collected showed many services within Dane County are not being used or communicated effectively to older adults in the Cambridge area. Older adults reported needing more transportation options to include rides to Stoughton for doctor appointments. Nutrition classes and home-delivered meals were also important to older adults.

Present 9 - FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, and Supervisor LARRY PALM

Absent 2 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, and BILL CLAUSIUS

3. Board Member Status

BATTERMAN reported two POC or LGBTQIA+ community members are interested in serving on the Diversity Work Group. One of them is also interested in applying for the AAA Board.

4. Chair & Staff Reports

VELASQUEZ reported that as a community we are not out of the woods with COVID and now the planning begins of how to start opening up services again.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Monday, 7 June 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 FLAD, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - ASHBAUGH and CLAUSIUS

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III