



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, April 5, 2021

3:45 PM

Via Zoom

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A. Call To Order

Staff and guests present: Cheryl Batterman, Barb Cooper, Bob Power, Laura Langer, Cindy Matulle, Melody Riedel, and Angela Velasquez

Chair KRETSCHMAN called the meeting to order at 3:47pm.

- Present** 8 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, and Supervisor LARRY PALM
- Absent** 3 - BILL CLAUSIUS, TED BUNCK, and PAMELA FLAD

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) Minutes from March 1, 2021
[MIN-541](#)

Attachments: [2021_0301_AAA Board Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM

Absent: 3 - CLAUSIUS, BUNCK and FLAD

C. Action Items

1. Dane County Area Agency on Aging Board Bylaws

[2020](#) Dane County Area Agency on Aging Board Bylaws
[ACT-407](#)

Attachments: [AAA Bylaws DRAFT 022521](#)

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman presented the changes to make the language more current and answered questions by Board Members.

A motion was made by BARMAN-PAULSON, seconded by RATCLIFF, to approve the amended Board Bylaws. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM

Absent: 3 - CLAUSIUS, BUNCK and FLAD

2. Board Officer Elections

New Board Officers were nominated and voted into office.

- *MCGINNITY nominated Supervisor Melissa Ratcliff to Chair the AAA Board for the next term. RATCLIFF accepted this nomination and vote was unanimous with Board members.*
- *RATCLIFF nominated Supervisor Kate McGinnity to Vice Chair the AAA Board for the next term. MCGINNITY accepted this nomination and vote was as follows with Board members. ASHBAUGH abstained due to technical difficulties.*
- *RATCLIFF nominated Ted Bunck to Secretary of the AAA Board for the next term. KRETSCHMAN stated she would contact BUNCK to confirm his acceptance of the nomination and let us know. ASHBAUGH abstained because of technical difficulties.*

A motion was made that the appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM

Absent: 3 - CLAUDIUS, BUNCK and FLAD

Abstain: 1 - ASHBAUGH

3. 2021 Paul H Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant

The Review Panel recommended the following applications be awarded grants:

- *Stoughton Area Senior Center was awarded \$1,800 to purchase laptops for case management staff to remain connected to older adults.*
- *Colonial Club was awarded \$3,889.88 to use towards technology equipment for the Case Management program.*
- *NewBridge was awarded \$10,117.12 to hire a consulting firm to address diversity and inclusion staff training.*

Total of \$15,708 was distributed this year with over \$28,000 requested from four applications.

A motion was made by RATCLIFF, seconded by BARMAN-PAULSON, for accepting the three agencies selected to receive funds from the Paul H Kusuda Special Projects Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM

Absent: 3 - CLAUDIUS, BUNCK and FLAD

4. AAA Legislation/Advocacy Committee Recommendation: COVID-19 Safety

[2020](#)
[ACT-408](#)AAA LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
COVID-19 SAFETY

Attachments: [Leg-Adv Committee Recommendation 040521 COVID-19 Safety](#)

Batterman presented a recommendation from the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee for the AAA Board to send a letter to Dane County older adults responding to their request to reopen Focal Points and offer in-person services again. There still are safety concerns as the County has not reached vaccination herd immunity. We have done very well for the past year in doing what we can to keep everyone safe and it will take a couple of more months to get back on track of opening up.

A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by MCGINNITY, for the AAA Board to approve the draft letter as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM

Absent: 3 - CLAUDIUS, BUNCK and FLAD

5. AAA Legislation/Advocacy Committee Recommendation: Governor's 2021-2023 Budget

[2020](#)
[ACT-409](#)AAA LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
GOVERNOR'S 2021-2023 BUDGET

Attachments: [Leg-Adv Committee Recommendation 040521 Governor's 2021-2023 Budget](#)

Batterman presented a recommendation from the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee for the AAA Board to send a letter in support the Governor's proposed 2021-2023 State budget for continued support of programs and services to older adults. The letter would be sent to the Governor, Dane County elected State officials, Dane County Supervisors, Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, and Dane County Department of Human Services Director Shawn Tessmann.

A motion was made by MCGINNITY, seconded by RATCLIFF, for the AAA Board to send the draft letter as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, RATCLIFF, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM

Absent: 3 - CLAUDIUS, BUNCK and FLAD

[2020](#)
[ACT-410](#)

Crosswalk WAAN 2021-2023 Policy and Budget Priorities & Governor's Budget

Attachments: [Crosswalk WAAN-2021-2023 Policy and Budget Priorities Governors Budget](#)

[2020
ACT-411](#)

2021-2023 State Budget Summary for Aging Advocates 2-24-21

Attachments: [2021-23 State Budget Summary for Aging Advocates 2-24-21](#)

D. Presentations

1. 2020 Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant: Technology Access for All Served by Case Management (DeForest/Cooper)

[2020
PRES-191](#)

2020 Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant: Technology Access for All Served by Case Management

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

DeForest Area Community & Senior Center's Executive Director Barb Cooper reported lost funding from Dane County United Way in 2020 made a big financial hit to the center. This grant money was used to purchase laptops and cell phones for case management staff to use in the field.

2. 2020 Paul H. Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant: Technology Access for All Served by Case Management (Colonial Club/Power & Riedel)

[2020
PRES-192](#)

2020 Paul H Kusuda Special Projects Fund Grant Final Report-Colonial Club

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

Colonial Club Senior Activity Center's Executive Director Bob Power and Director of Operations Melody Riedel also reported losing 2020 funding of \$19,000 from United Way. The grant funding helped fill this unexpected funding loss and provided information/referrals and advocacy in the areas of services, benefits, activities, volunteer opportunities, and other resources.

3. 2020 AAA Annual Report

BATTERMAN requested this be tabled to the May 3, 2021 meeting.

4. The Uncomfortable Truth Series Discussion: Part 5: LGBTQ+ People & Part 6: Moving Forward—Integration and Continued Growth

General discussion by Board members.

E. Reports to Board

1. State and Federal Report

Laura Langer of the WI Bureau of Aging reported the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) awarded \$168 million to the Senior Nutrition Program; however, there is concern this funding alone will not sustain nutrition programs thru the pandemic.

The new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is a significant infusion of funding for states and counties. All programs within the Older Americans Act will see substantial support. As an example, allocations from CARES Act funding last April was \$480 million for the Senior Nutrition Program. ARPA funding for states is \$750 million for nutrition programs. ARPA is the largest funding we have seen so far. ACL will be letting states know about their allocations in April and counties should receive preliminary allocation numbers in May. Money to counties will be allocated in June or early July.

The State has been strongly advocating for older adults and people with disabilities to ensure they are not missed in the vaccination efforts--especially people in our Black, Latinx, LGBTQ+, SE Asian, and other communities.

County Aging Plans are being drafted. Most counties are beginning the community engagement component to gather public input and propose goals covering 2022-2024. Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) continues to have many participants on temporary paid sick leave, but as vaccinations increase and host agencies begin to re-open, participants are slowly returning to their training sites.

ANDREA GARR will be joining the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources as the Dementia Care Systems Specialist on March 29, 2021. Her role will be supporting the network of Dementia Care Specialists in the counties and tribes, with training, technical assistance, and program/policy development. GARR has been working as a Research Associate at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, focused on increasing academic knowledge applying specific evidence-based interventions in communities of color. She previously worked for the Milwaukee County Department on Aging and the United Community Center. She is bilingual in English and Spanish.

2. Board Member Reports

a. AAA Access Committee

MOHAN summarized the last Committee meeting. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's Annual Aging Advocacy Day will be May 10 & 12, 2021 via virtual. AAA Caregiver Specialist Jane De Broux was awarded the State of Wisconsin's Bureau on Aging and Disability Resources first Aging Innovation Award.

b. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee

Batterman reported the Diversity Work Group mailed letters and sent emails to local organizations looking for People of Color and LGBTQ+ community members to join the work group and apply to serve on the AAA Board and Committees.

c. AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee

Next meeting is April 13, 2021.

d. Dane County Health & Human Needs Committee

PALM will provide an update next month.

e. Dane County Specialized Transportation Commission

Margie Zutter, Executive Director of RSVP and Diana Jost, Assistant Director of RSVP presented the Driver Services Reopen Training to Commission members and answered questions about the program. Drivers are getting vaccinated so that more can be trained and available to resume providing transportation to older adults to medical appointments.

3. Board Member Status

Batterman reported Pam Flad asked to be replaced on the AAA Board. Carole Kretschman and Fran Barman-Paulson have reached their term limits for serving on the AAA Board. All three have agreed to continue serving until their replacement is approved by the County Board.

4. Chair & Staff Reports

Batterman reported Dane County is on track to have 80% of the population vaccinated by May 5. She also encouraged all AAA Board members to participate in 2021's Aging Advocacy Day.

Batterman is watching the voting bills being introduced in Wisconsin and around the country. These bills will have a major impact on voting for older adults.

Present 7 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, FRAN BARMAN-PAULSON, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, SRIDEVI MOHAN, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, Supervisor KATE MCGINNITY, and Supervisor LARRY PALM

Absent 4 - BILL CLAUSIUS, TED BUNCK, PAMELA FLAD, and Supervisor MELISSA RATCLIFF

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Monday, 3 May 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 ANDRAE, seconded by MCGINNITY, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - ASHBAUGH, BARMAN-PAULSON, KRETSCHMAN, MOHAN, ANDRAE, MCGINNITY and PALM

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Absent: 4 - CLAUSIUS, BUNCK, FLAD and RATCLIFF

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Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.

Minutes respectfully by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III