



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, June 23, 2021

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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A. Call To Order

Staff & Guests Present: Cheryl Batterman, Cindy Matulle, Carrie Springer, and Angela Velasquez.

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Present 6 - TED BUNCK, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 3 - JODIE CASTANEDA, CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, and MAI ZONG VUE

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. Consideration of Minutes from April 28, 2021

Present 7 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, FAISAL KAUD, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 2 - CAROLE L. KRETSCHMAN, and MAI ZONG VUE

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Minutes from April 28, 2021

Attachments: [2021_0428 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes DRAFT](#)

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

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON and SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 2 - KRETSCHMAN and VUE

C. Action Items

1. Diversity Work Group

KAUD reported work is going very slow due to constraints of working remotely. One community leader asked about offering stipends as an incentive for people to serve on AAA standing committees.

Three individuals have been recruited to service on the Diversity Work Group or AAA Committees/Board. Vic Bankston has joined the Diversity Work Group, Karen Kane is interested in serving on the Access Committee and possibly on the AAA Board, and Thom Rux has expressed interest in serving on the AAA Board and AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee.

OLSON asked if any contacts have been made with the Native American community. She will follow up with a professor at UW-Madison.

SCHMIDLKOFER expressed frustration over the lack of participation in government issues the Diversity Work Group has been having. The community knows there are issues of diversity but how do we get the community to engage. Young and older adults are needing representation. Requests a letter to the editor from the AAA Board be published about people of color and what AAA is about. Need to really get our mission and name out to the public.

2. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

OLSON expressed concern of the amount of activity going on in the state. There are many action alerts coming out and monitoring everything is challenging. The voting bills that are being passed are very concerning and the speed with which they are moving through the Assembly and Senate is worth monitoring.

3. 2022 AAA Budget Priorities

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman presented the draft priorities for the next budget. Two areas are rolling over as they did not receive the requested additional funding this year: Case Management and Nutrition Site Management. Two additional budget priorities include Mental Health Resources for Older Adults and Diversity & Inclusion: SE Asian Program.

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by BUNCK, to approve the 2022 AAA Budget Priorities. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON and SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 2 - KRETSCHMAN and VUE

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2022 AAA Budget Priorities

Attachments: [2022 AAA Budget Priorities Draft](#)

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan

Batterman provided an update on the plan's status.

2. 2021 Senior Advocacy Training

OLSON reported the training will occur virtually on 7/27/21, 8/3/21, and 8/10/21. She received a commitment from Dane County Executive Joe Parisi to participate and she's waiting to hear from Senator Tammy Baldwin's office if someone is able to present at the virtual event.

3. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON reported Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer explained the state budget process at the last meeting. The ADRC is hiring a second bilingual (Hmong) I&A.

4. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported the state has been very busy with legislative voting. Three big items were changed in the budget included Medicaid benefits are being included in the budget; however, additional funding for ADRC's and the Elder Benefit Specialist Program were not included. The Assembly proposed several changes in the voting process; the Governor is expected to veto all of these voting bills as the bills make it much more difficult for older adults to vote. Many older adults are unaware the bills being proposed will restrict their rights to vote. OLSON, BUNCK and SCHMIDLKOFER will work on drafting a letter to the editor about advocating for voting rights.

A motion was made by KAUD, seconded by LEZOTTE, to as the AAA Board for a letter to the editor advocating for voting rights for older adults. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON and SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 2 - KRETSCHMAN and VUE

5. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON reported the next meeting is in August.

6. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

No Report.

7. Chair & Staff Reports

BATTERMAN will be presenting an updated draft of Client-Centered Case Management Standards to the Access Committee. She worked closely with community leaders of color to incorporate cultural differences in the standards. BATTERMAN announced the self-response data from the 2020 US Census was released. Sugar River Senior Center had the highest self-response rate in Dane County.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 28 July 2021, 9 am 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 KAUD, seconded by LEZOTTE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, KAUD, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON and
SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 2 - KRETSCHMAN and VUE

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.