



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?

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

12:00 PM

Via Zoom

Public Hearing on 2022-2024 Aging Plan

The Area Agency on Aging Unit is hosting a Public Hearing regarding the Dane County Department of Human Services 2022-2024 Aging Plan. The public is invited to make comment on the Aging Plan.

Register in advance for this webinar at:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The public can access the meeting with Zoom application or by telephone.

To join the meeting by phone, dial in using one of the following toll-free phone numbers:

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When prompted, enter the following Webinar ID: 969 4688 6739.

Process to provide public comment: any member of the public wishing to register to speak on support/opposition of the 2022-2024 Aging Plan must register using the link above (even if you plan to attend using your phone).

Registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

If you join the meeting with Zoom, during public comment, you will be switched to a panelist, your webcam will be enabled, and you will be unmuted.

If you join the meeting with your phone, during public comment, you will be unmuted.

A. Call To Order

AAA Manager Cheryl Batterman called the Public Hearing to order at 12:03 pm.

[2021](#)
[RPT-732](#)

Public Hearing Registrations

Attachments: [2021 Public Hearing Registration](#)

B. Public Hearing

1. Dane County AAA Aging Plan for 2022-2024

[2021](#)
[RPT-649](#)

2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan DRAFT

Attachments: [2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan DRAFT](#)

Catie Badsing (Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin/Dane County Food Network member & Aging Plan Advisory Council member): "Thank you everyone, this report is so comprehensive and well-thought-out. Everyone's continuing hard work is so appreciated." Asked if social isolation was addressed in the goals; "In our conversation with others in the food network of pantries, we have heard this was an issue for older adults." AAA staff responded "The goals set forth in the plan are new efforts we will be undertaking over the next 3 years. These will be in addition to what the AAA and aging network are already addressing with existing and new programs being funded via focal points and through new diversity and inclusion partners. The aging network will continue all of the senior center programming, phone based programs to the homebound and many zoom activities to address physical, mental and social well-being. Of course social isolation is directly related to transportation. The goal related to on-demand, person centered transportation was developed to help reduce isolation and loneliness. This issue remains top of mind in nearly every area of aging network programming. Again, thank you for your comments and service on our Aging Plan Advisory Council."

Dr. Ted Bunck (AAA Board & Legislative/Advocacy Committee member): Stated the goals are important but was impressed with how much work went into the plan to ensure input was received from stakeholders that represent diversity—even during a pandemic

Richard Hoffman (RSVP Board Chair): Reported RSVP will be celebrating 50 years of service in 2022 and commented on the effect the pandemic had on the volunteer driver programs (many are no longer driving and recruitment is very low); was thankful transportation was identified as a high need in the plan. He looks forward to learning more from the work around transportation that benefits both the rider and the driver.

Melissa Ratcliff (AAA Board Chair): Feels the plan identifies the many needs for older adults and it is a great tool; asked how the AAA Board can help and if any steps are already started to address the needs; AAA staff responded that with her assistance introductions have been made to Olivia Parry who leads housing initiatives in the office of planning at the County level. Further, 2 introductory sessions have been held with stakeholders in the Caregiving community. From these sessions, the Caregiving Advisory Council has been formed and will begin meeting in February of 2022. Finally, ongoing community engagement began in October, with AAA staff hosting "Coffee Talks" with older adults at several senior centers. These have been well attended and have provided fruitful information about the issues and concerns of older adults.

Paul Yochum (ADRC Governing Board Chair): Recognized the work that went into the plan and appreciates that it includes efforts to support caregivers; noted the shortage of paid caregivers is a great concern

Jodie Castaneda (AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee): "Thank you to Cheryl and everyone who helped draft this!"

Kate McGinnity (AAA Board & Access Committee member): "THANK YOU!"

Dr. Diane Farsetta (AAA Board & Access Committee member): "Thank you! Looking forward to the impact this plan will have."

Joy Schmidt (DCDHS Dementia Crisis Specialist): "Applause to Angela!! Thank you, Cheryl!! for years of service!"

Anna Lezotte (AAALegislative/Advocacy Committee member): Thank you for the hard work that went into this well thought out and comprehensive plan for older adults in Dane County.

C. Adjournment

BATTERMAN adjourned the Public Hearing at 12:44 pm.