



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, August 24, 2022

9:00 AM

via Zoom

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Staff & Guests Present: Cleveland James, Cindy Matulle, Sridevi Mohan, and Carrie Springer

A. Call To Order

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

Present 5 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent 3 - FAISAL KAUD, ESTHER OLSON, and GAIL RUTKOWSKI

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) Minutes from July 27, 2022 meeting.
[MIN-230](#)

Attachments: [2022_0727 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE and SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 3 - KAUD, OLSON and RUTKOWSKI

C. Action Items

1. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

MCHONE reported Legislation is in recess at this time.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Diversity Work Group

Cleveland James was present from the work group. They are trying to bring another person on board to help with recruitment. JAMES had a few questions for committee members concerning what information can the work group share outside of the recruitment they do, can the work group bring any concerns to the committee and how is it decided who gets food/meals. A major concern JAMES brought up was the changing bus routes by Madison Metro starting January 1, 2023. He has been hearing many concerns from older adults and disabled citizens of how their transportation is being taken away from them. The majority of the committee members did not have a chance to advocate for the changes that have already been finalized. These conversations have been taking place at the Specialized Transportation Commission. This was another example of why the Diversity Work Group and other such concerns should be with the AAA Board as the minutes are shared with the AAA Board from other committees and commissions.

2. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

MCHONE stated that voting education to older adults is top priority. The stop and go light flyer from last month was shared again. The flyer will be going out to older adults to help them understand voting and knowing the issues.

3. ADRC Governing Board

Adult transition was discussed. No aging topics discussed.

4. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer reported the Inflation Reduction Act passed. This will help older adults by capping out of pocket expenses on medication. Insurance companies can negotiate drug prices for Medicare. Insulin would have a \$35 a month cap and free vaccines for 2023. ACA "Obamacare" carried forward three more years. This helps by keeping more people on health care. PACT ACT was passed on the Federal level. This provides additional coverage for vets exposed to burn pits/burn duty.

5. State's Aging Advisory Council

MCHONE reported a steering committee formed and hired a volunteer coordinator.

6. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

MCHONE reported core members attended a retreat at Fitchburg Senior Center. First time the group has been able to meet in person since COVID. Members were broke out into small groups to discuss advocacy and mission statement. Currently an opening for Chair of WAAN. Problem solving for accountability of core members when they leave as this puts more work on Janet. Group came up with four subgroups: Mission Statement, Advocacy for older adults, Coalition, and creating a Leadership Model. Talked about creating wards so everyone is covered in the state. Long discussion about working more with older adults instead of working for them. Not pushing each organization but what resources are available.

7. Chair & Staff Reports

AAA Manager Sridevi Mohan shared that the Dane County Human Services budget report might be released by September 26, 2022. Hopefully our budget priorities are included in the budget. MCHONE asked when the County Board was meeting about the budget items. AAA Clerk Cindy Matulle advised the budget meetings will be September 14 & 21, 2022.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, 28 September 2022, 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 LEZOTTE, seconded by BUNCK, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:12 am. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE and SCHMIDLKOFER

Absent: 3 - KAUD, OLSON and RUTKOWSKI

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.