



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, February 26, 2025

9:00 AM

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Sherman Ave, Conference Room 108; Attend virtually
via Zoom.

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The Wednesday February 26, 2025 AAA Legislative/Advocacy committee meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

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Staff & Guests Present: Katie Bogucki, Tammy Derrickson, Lynn Forshaug, Shannon Gabriel, Katie Gallagher, Ashley Hillman, Diana Jost, Breanna Loether, Angela Markhardt, Cindy Matulle, Cindy McGlynn, Cindy Mosiman, Claire Purkis, Melody Riedel, Angela Velasquez, Cheryl Wittke, and Xavier Yarn.

A. Call To Order

Chair LEZOTTE called the meeting to order at 8:59 am.

Present 4 - JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and NATALIE RAEMISCH
Absent 1 - TED BUNCK

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#) AAA Legislative/Advocacy Minutes 12.4.24
[MIN-351](#)

Attachments: [2024_1204_LegAdv Committee Minutes](#)

A motion was made by CASTANEDA, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

Present 5 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and NATALIE RAEMISCH

a. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

[2024](#) Medicaid Letter to Delegates. Send to AAA Board for approval.
[ACT-400](#)

Attachments: [AAA Board Complete Letter to Delegates RES 2024-332 2.27.25](#)

Committee members discussed how to include more community associations with advocating support for no cuts to Medicaid. Cuts to Medicaid will hurt the most vulnerable population.

Motion by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by CASTANEDA, to request the AAA Board submit a letter in support of Dane County Board Resolution 2024-332, Urging Congress not to cut funding for Medicaid, The Older Americans Act and other critical healthcare supports. Said letter of support will be sent to all Federal and State Delegates of Dane County, Wisconsin. Voice vote carried.

D. Presentations

a. Importance of Medicaid in WI

[2024](#) Importance of Medicaid in WI
[PRES-183](#)

Attachments: [Medicaid A to Z](#)
[How-Medicaid-Funding-Caps-Would-Harm-Older-Adults](#)

Angela Velasquez, DAS Division Administrator, discussed Medicaid A-Z document which contains programs in Dane County. Discussed how Medicaid and USDA funding cuts could harm older adults.

b. 2026 Budget Process

[2024](#) 2026 Budget Process
[PRES-184](#)

Attachments: [2026 Budget Process](#)

VELASQUEZ discussed the process of the 2026 Dane County Human Services budget. Ideas for budget requests need to be sent to VELASQUEZ and be complete for the next AAA Legislative/Advocacy meeting April 23, 2025. Members asked for a reminder in March about Budget request items.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

SCHMIDLKOFER was going to check on what the group was doing.

2. ADRC Governing Board

[2024](#) ADRC Minutes
[RPT-532](#)

Attachments: [2025_0113 ADRC Minutes](#)
[2025_0210 ADRC Minutes DRAFT](#)

See minutes attached for any aging discussion with the ADRC Board.

3. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

[2024](#) Dane County RES-332
[RPT-531](#)

Attachments: [2024 RES-332](#)

VELASQUEZ summarized the Resolution that the Dane County Board approved February 20, 2025 about potential cuts to Medicaid and the impact it would have on older adults in Dane County. Discussion followed for decision under Action Items.

4. State's Aging Advisory Council

BUNCK had nothing to report back on.

5. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

[2024](#) WAAN Report
[RPT-530](#)

Attachments: [WAAN Advocacy Update_GWAAR Board_2-07-25](#)

WI Aging Advocacy Day is May 13, 2025

6. Chair & Staff Reports

VELASQUEZ announced AAA Manager Sridevi Mohan had resigned effective February 19, 2025. Job has been posted until Friday March 7, 2025. For the interim VELASQUEZ will be handling any manager duties as there will not be an interim manager assigned.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 9am via Hybrid

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

SCHMIDLKOFER stated there have been so many changes over the years with the Federal government. Currently huge changes are coming down from the Federal level of funding. We can not sit by and let the county lose funding. We need to keep on the Feds about keeping our programs running.

I. Adjournment

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle.

A motion was made by BUNCK, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:01 am. The motion carried unanimously.

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