



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, January 25, 2023

9:00 AM

This is a Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at 2865 N Sherman Ave, Conference Room 109; Attend virtually via Zoom.

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Staff and Guests Present: Cindy Matulle, Sridevi Mohan, Claire Purkis, and Carrie Springer.

In-Person: Jodie Castaneda, Anna Lezotte, Esther Olson.

Virtually: Ted Bunck, Jill McHone, Jim Schmidlkofer

A. Call To Order

Chair OLSON called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Present 6 - TED BUNCK, JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Excused 1 - FAISAL KAUD

Absent 2 - GAIL RUTKOWSKI, and RICK ROSE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)
[MIN-394](#) Minutes from October 26, 2022

Attachments: [2022_1026 AAA Legislative-Advocacy Comm Mtg Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 6 - BUNCK, CASTANEDA, LEZOTTE, MCHONE, OLSON and SCHMIDLKOFER

Excused: 1 - KAUD

Absent: 2 - RUTKOWSKI and ROSE

C. Action Items

Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

OLSON stated the state has a lot of money in the next budget but nothing is slated for older adults or Aging. Need to get on board with Governor Evers to get money allocated to the Aging programs.

D. Presentations

Committee members discussed ideas for presentations for the remainder of the year.

Transportation - Nathanael

Housing

Dane County Housing Strategy – Olivia Parry

Hotels to housing/Homelessness – Kristina Dux and/or Melissa M

ADRC - types of calls they are receiving

RSVP – Margie Zutter/Diana Jost

DAS Administrator Angela Velasquez

WAAN - Janet Zander

WIHA – Kris Krasnowski

Dementia-Ellen Taylor/Joy Schmidt

Public Health Unwinding – Effects of unwinding on safety net programs and impact on older adults.

Mark Pocan/Tammy Baldwin Office

E. Reports to Committee

1. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

OLSON reported the group is deciding what topic to advocate for this year.

2. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON reported the Chair resigned from the Board. Not sure which direction the meetings are heading as most of the time is spent talking about disability and not a lot on aging topics. Heard from DAS Administrator Angela Velasquez about the communication plan.

3. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

OLSON requested members to start thinking about Dane County budget items for next year.

Present 5 - JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Excused 1 - FAISAL KAUD

Absent 3 - TED BUNCK, GAIL RUTKOWSKI, and RICK ROSE

4. State's Aging Advisory Council

OLSON reported they will be meeting in February.

5. Wisconsin Aging Advisory Council

OLSON asked if the committee could do a retreat day similar to the WAAN retreat from last year. WAAN meeting next week.

6. Chair & Staff Reports

AAA Manager Sridevi Mohan introduced AAA Aging Program Specialist Claire Purkis to members. PURKIS stated she would be working overseeing Nutrition and Case Management programs. OLSON asked about an update on the Nutrition Meals program.

MOHAN advised that Faisal was resigning from the committee.

1. Diversity Work Group

MOHAN advised after attending the Committee Academy and having conversation with Chair Olson and co-chair McHone, the Diversity Work Group will not be meeting as a group going forward. MOHAN explained AAA's participation in the USAging Building Accountability for Health Equity Learning Collaborative would pave way to build authentic relationships with underserved communities in Dane county and eventually help in diversifying our members in our Committees/Board/Programs.

2. Hybrid Meetings

MOHAN advised committee members this will be the format of meetings moving forward. OLSON would like to see the chairs of sub-committees being paid as Board members are since they are being required to attend in person.

Present 4 - JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, JILL MCHONE, and ESTHER OLSON

Excused 1 - FAISAL KAUD

Absent 4 - TED BUNCK, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, GAIL RUTKOWSKI, and RICK ROSE

3. Leg/Advocacy Committee Meetings-2023 and beyond

Committee members discussed having regular monthly meetings for the remainder of the year.

4. SAGE Training

PURKIS shared that AAA staff will start training on this program to better serve the LGBTQ+ population. Educate people on how to engage seniors to provide them better services and what they need. CASTANEDA stated she sits on the Adult Protective Services (APS) committee and they are going to be working with Sage later in the year.

5. AAA Selected to Participate at BAHCLC (USAging)

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AAA Selected for Building Accountability for Health Equity Learning Collaborative

Attachments: [2023-Building-Accountability-for-Health-Equity Charter-1](#)

MOHAN shared that AAA of Dane County was one of 12 AAA's to be selected for this great opportunity to building accountability for Health Equity and make connections with underserved communities and with HealthCare systems.

6. Celebrate Aging

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Celebrate Aging Materials

Attachments: [DCDHS_CelebrateAging_CallForParticipation](#)
[DCDHSCommunications2023Theme](#)

MOHAN discussed the attachments and the focus this year will be Aging. Each month has planned area of Aging and activities.

7. Aging Advocacy Day

OLSON reported that this is usually held in August/September when Legislators are back in their offices/state. Could have the training at a different time given Zoom capabilities. Need to get people lined up to present. OLSON would like to encourage/invite at least one person from each Focal Point Board to attend the training so they are advocating for the same issues. Need to put together a recruitment notice so we can get the information out in the Focal Point Newsletters explaining what advocacy is about.

8. Dane County Housing Survey (Regional Housing Strategy Team)

MOHAN asked members to get the survey out to rural areas and seniors so they have input into the housing issues in Dane County.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 9 am via Hybrid

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

Chair OLSON adjourned the meeting at 10:53 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk III.