



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?

Monday, February 2, 2026

3:45 PM

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

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If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: Matulle.Cindy@danecounty.gov

Guests & Staff Present: Emily Breckenridge, Kat Froehlich, Shannon Gabriel, Deanna Houck, Laura Langer, Cindy Matulle, Claire Purkis, and Lynn Riley.

A. Call To Order

Chair FARSETTA called the meeting to order at 3:46pm.

Present 6 - HELEN PAN, DIANE FARSETTA, Supervisor PATRICK DOWNING, Supervisor HEIDI WEGLEITNER, RON KUHN, and AMY WURF

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-522](#) Minutes from December 1, 2025

Attachments: [2025_1201_AAA Board Minutes](#)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

C. Presentation

a. Senior Life Solutions-Deanna Houck and Emily Breckenridge, Stoughton Health

Mental Health Program for Older Adults. Designed to help people typically 65 and older who are experiencing symptoms of depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges. Intensive outpatient therapy program. A step down from geriatric psychiatry small group therapy. Group therapy up to three times a week at Stoughton Hospital. In person or virtual. (10-11 people). 45 minutes each group - support group, skilled group (depression) insight -oriented group - what did we learn today? Nurses monitor vitals etc. Patients are part of this before they are discharged.

D. Action item

1. Vote to Lower AAA Board Membership to Nine

i. Current: "The Board is made up of 11 members consisting of at-large community members and Dane County Board of Supervisors who have a recognized ability and demonstrated interest in services for older adults."

Board members discussed decreasing board membership. The new Advisory Council will have fifteen seats, so there will be ample involvement of members between the Board, Advisory Council and committees. If future needs require the AAA board membership to increase again, such action can be taken by the AAA Board Members.

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by KUHN, to approve reduction of the AAA Board membership to nine. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Reports to Board

1. State and Federal Report (Langer)

Laura Langer of the WI Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) reported the state office on aging filed the Federal NAPIS report. This is the National Aging Program's Information System. Thanked Dane County staff for working hard to provide accurate data. The Federal government shutdown should not a large impact on the state, if the shutdown is not a long one. Have funding until March 2026. ADRC Operations Manual is being updated. The new chapters for review are the Elder Benefit Disability Benefit Specialist programs and legal services. Links for the ADRC Operations Manual for review and any comments can be sent to Michelle.Grochocinski@dhs.wisconsin.gov or reach out to Laura.

EBS Link

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2. Board Member Reports

<https://dane.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Chair Farsetta summarized the minutes from committees.

a. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee

Minutes from October 2025 were discussed at December 1, 2025 AAA Board meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 9am via Hybrid

b. AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee

Minutes discussed at December 1, 2025 AAA Board meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 4, 2026 at 11:30am via Hybrid

c. Dane County Health & Human Needs Committee

[2025
RPT-644](#)

Minutes from 12.3.25, 1.8.26, and Agenda from 1.22.26

Attachments: [2025_1203 HHN Minutes](#)
[2026_0108 HHN Minutes](#)
[2026_0122 HHN Agenda](#)

Next meeting: Thursday February 12, 2026 at 5:30 pm via Hybrid

d. Dane County Specialized Transportation Commission

[2025
RPT-645](#)

Agenda from January 28, 2026

Attachments: [2026_0128 STC Agenda](#)

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 5:15pm via Hybrid

3. Board Member Status

Chair FARSETTA advised there are still three openings on the Board.

4. Chair & Staff Reports

a. Access Committee Duties Re-assigned

AAA Manager Lynn Riley discussed the reassignment of duties. Some duties will go to the new Advisory Council and others are already being done by the AAA by-laws.

b. Advisory Council and Board Recruitment Strategies

Riley and AAA Aging Program Specialist Claire Purkis shared the advertising and hoping interviews start in March.

Nutrition Coordinator Shannon Gabriel shared information on Stepping up your nutrition class that is only taught twice a year. GABRIEL is the only one to teach it and would like to get more trainers to provide more than two classes a year.

PURKIS discussed work being done with case management program and updating intake forms. Student Intern Kat Froehlich has been assisting with gathering information from case managers.

WEGLEITNER left at 4:30pm.

Present 5 - HELEN PAN, DIANE FARSETTA, Supervisor PATRICK DOWNING, RON KUHN, and AMY WURF

Absent 1 - Supervisor HEIDI WEGLEITNER

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Monday April 6, 2026, 3:45 pm via Hybrid

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 KUHN, seconded by DOWNING, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:41 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle.