



# 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?*

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Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:00 AM

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

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**See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.**

The September 27, 2023 AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee meeting will be conducted in hybrid fashion. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

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**VIRTUAL:** Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE** (even if you plan to attend using your phone). Virtual registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for committee members, please send them to: [matulle.cindy@countyofdane.com](mailto:matulle.cindy@countyofdane.com)

*Staff and Guests Present: Cindy Matulle, Sridevi Mohan, Claire Purkis and Xinyue Zhang.*

**A. Call To Order**

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

AAA Aging Program Specialist Claire Purkis introduced AAA Intern Xinyue Zhang. She will be attending the meetings to learn more about legislation and advocacy for older adults.

**Present** 5 - JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, ESTHER OLSON, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, and DEANA ZENTNER  
**Excused** 1 - JILL MCHONE  
**Absent** 1 - TED BUNCK

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2023](#) AAA Leg/Adv Minutes from August 2, 2023  
[MIN-224](#)

**Attachments:** [2023\\_0802\\_AAA\\_Leg-Adv\\_Committee\\_Minutes](#)

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

**C. Action Items**

1. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

*OLSON reported a lot is going on right now. Hoping for a full update from Dane County Legislative Advocate Carrie Springer.*

## D. Discussion Items

### 1. Advocacy Day Role

*OLSON talking with Janet Zander from BADR. Next year the need for volunteers and guides to assist with touring the Capital is needed. There are so many who do not know their way around the building that having guides present would assist people.*

## E. Reports to Committee

### 1. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

*OLSON reported they are still working on recruitment and making up a brochure. Voting issues for older adults is at the top of the list. Progressive Senior's is a group in Milwaukee who is working on a 10 year history of how aging programs have been neglected over the years.*

### 2. ADRC Governing Board

*Nothing to report.*

### 3. County/State/Federal Legislative Updates

*OLSON reported people are concerned if there is a federal shutdown, how this could impact Social Security payments.*

### 4. State's Aging Advisory Council

*OLSON reported she will be stepping down from this committee soon. Asked some of those from the SAT if they would be interested in serving.*

### 5. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

*OLSON reported that most of next week's meeting will focus on Federal and State budget items. Healthy Aging grant and refunding volunteer drivers was voted down on the state level.*

### 6. Senior Advocacy Training Update

*OLSON reported having a very interactive group for this training. Everyone was involved in the process and had a lot of questions. Hoping most of the participants join in advocating for the budget requests in place.*

### 7. Budget Priorities Update

*OLSON reported speaking with Dane County Human Services Division Administrator for Disability and Aging Angela Velasquez, that the department was able to fund the money request for Nutrition but not for the Focal Point Case Management request. OLSON discussed the County Board Budget Hearing advocates. If the Focal Point Case Management request is approved we still need to continue to advocate to the Health & Human Needs committee and to the general County Board before they vote on the budget proposed by County Executive Parisi.*

## 8. Chair & Staff Reports

*OLSON asked for suggestions from committee members for future speakers. SCHMIDLKOFER would like to hear from those who receive Case Management services and how it impacted them.*

*AAA Manager Sridevi Mohan discussed funding changes for OAA that may have minor impacts on funding we receive.*

## F. Report Out Items to AAA Board

*Success of the SAT program in recruiting older adults to help advocate for aging needs. Budget process for getting Focal Point Case Management approved since the department was able to find funding for the Nutrition request.*

## G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the ADRC and via Zoom.

## H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None.*

## J. Adjournment

**A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by LEZOTTE, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 am. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle, AAA Clerk.*