



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Area Agency on Aging - Nutrition / Wellness 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, May 6, 2026

11:30 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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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](mailto:Matulle.Cindy@danecounty.gov).

**A. Call To Order**

Guests present: Sarah Koenig

Staff present: Cindy Matulle, Lynn Riley, Howard Thomas, Angela Velasquez

**Chair Genson called the meeting to order at 11:46 a.m.**

**Present** 6 - EMILY MURWIN, KRISTY SCHUSTER, ROBIN POTTER, CLAIRE MANCE, PATRICK DOWNING, and DAVE GENSON

**Absent** 2 - KATHY PAZAK, and KATE BUENGER

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

2026 Minutes from February 4, 2026  
MIN-008

**Attachments:** [2026\\_0204\\_AAA\\_Nutrition-Wellness\\_Committee\\_Minutes](#)

A motion was made by GENSON, seconded by MANCE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried on a voice vote 6-0.

**C. Action Items**

None.

**D. Discussion Items**

1. Farmers' Market Future Advertising/Promotion Help-Committee Members Suggest 3 Places to Connect With

a. 2026 SFMNP-- Program Timeline, Updates (Cindy)

AAA Clerk Cindy Matulle shared that approximately 725 applications for Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers were mailed on May 5 to consumers who have participated in the program or expressed interest this year. Approximately 110 more sets of vouchers remain available. Dane County has approximately 200 fewer sets of vouchers available this year due to a reduction in federal funding. Matulle shared that in the past, counties that have not used their full allotments have sent them to counties with a higher need.

b. Review Additions Since Last Meeting and Insert Others From Committee

2026 Farmers' Market Marketing Roster  
DISC-002

**Attachments:** FM Marketing Roster

Matulle asked that committee members share any additional suggestions for spreading the word that there are vouchers available.

2. Dining Site Review Needs from Committee Members-Two Visits/Calendar Year (Genson)

a. Review commitments, updated review form including transportation question

2026 Dining Site Reviews  
DISC-001

**Attachments:** Site Review Checklist 2026  
Dining Site Visit Review Form 2026

Genson encouraged those members who have pledged to perform dining site reviews to complete them during the summer and share their findings with Matulle for dissemination to the full body.

3. 2027 Dane County Budget Deficit (Velasquez)

a. Brief Overview Referencing 365 Article

Disability & Aging Services Division Administrator Angela Velasquez shared that the internal work on the 2027 budget began April 28. Staff are unable to share details of budget work until DCDHS Director John Schlueter releases his proposal in late August. County Executive Melissa Agard notified employees recently that through cost-saving measures at year end closing of the 2025 budget, the deficit for 2027 of \$32 million now stands at \$16 million. Dane County administrators are still waiting to learn federal funding levels that may impact 2026 and 2027.

## E. Reports to Committee

### 1. Program Updates

#### a. No Future Sites Opening to Replace Vacant West side & Esquire sites.

Velasquez reported that new dining sites will be considered until the 2027 budget picture is clear. Further, she advised there is a process that must be followed to consider any future dining site location if funds become available at any point

b. Last year, AAA Dane County partnered with Safe Communities to coordinate 13 Stepping On Falls Prevention Workshops for 113 attendees. This video showcases Safe Communities, including Stepping On, the Falls Free Coalition and more of the amazing work they do. Play Balance Stamp of Approval Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c34cFuZVmo>

Velasquez encouraged members to watch the video, which highlights the excellent work being done in the falls prevention area and can serve as an excellent marketing tool.

### 2. Federal Government Cuts to ACL's Falls Prevention Program

a. The Trump Administration does not want to use funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund in the Affordable Care Act, which provides mandatory funding to HHS agencies for prevention programs, but is divvied up by Congress during the annual appropriations process. Again, this ask reflects the President's last budget and was ignored by Congress in FY 2026.

Velasquez shared Dane County receives approximately \$22,000 in Older Americans Act funding for prevention programming that can help older adults live longer, more healthy lives. More than 120,000 older adults live in Dane County. AAA's Legislative Advocacy Committee is aware that funding for falls prevention programs is again proposed to be cut from the federal budget in 2027 and is monitoring for advocacy opportunities.

### 3. 2026 State Nutrition Survey

a. State is preparing the questionnaire to go out to Congregate, Carry-Out and HDM clients. Focal Points are required to return to Dane County at least 20% of the total clients for each program.

Velasquez reported that the survey serves as both a measurement of consumer satisfaction and as a provider of demographic information that demonstrates the impact of the nutrition program on older adults.

Matulle shared that Dane County's survey return rate was more than 40 percent in 2023.

#### 4. Language Change on Committee By-Laws

2026 Language Change on Committee By-Laws  
RPT-006

**Attachments:** 2026 Nutrition Wellness Committee Description

Velasquez shared the minor change in language made by the AAA Board while approving the updated bylaws.

#### 5. Chair & Staff Updates

##### a. Dietitian/Healthy Aging Coordinator Role--Posted/In-Progress

Velasquez shared that interviews will be conducted today and Thursday and the hope is to make an offer soon. The position is mandated by the Older Americans Act and is not funded by general purpose revenue, so it can be filled in spite of the current hiring freeze.

#### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. 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 GENSON, seconded by MANCE, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas pending Committee approval.