



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, May 5, 2025

3:45 PM

This is a Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at 2865 N
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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: Cindy Matulle, Matulle.Cindy@danecounty.gov

Staff & Guests Present: Ann Albert, Shannon Gabriel, Deena Givens, Jeff Kostelic, Jim Krueger, Laura Langer, Cindy Matulle, Claire Purkis, Lynn Riley, Diane Turner, and Angela Velasquez.

A. Call To Order

Introduction of staff and committee members to new AAA Board member Ron Kuhn. KUHN gave a brief history of his background.

Chair FARSETTA called the meeting to order at 3:47 pm.

Present 7 - HELEN PAN, CAROLINE WERNER, DIANE FARSETTA, Supervisor PATRICK DOWNING, Supervisor HEIDI WEGLEITNER, EDWARD WREH, and RON KUHN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#) AAA Board Minutes March 3, 2025
[MIN-028](#)

Attachments: [2025_0303_AAA Board Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 6 - PAN, WERNER, Farsetta, DOWNING, WEGLEITNER and WREH

Abstain: 1 - KUHN

C. Action Items

1. Approval of Advocacy Letter to Legislative Delegation

[2025](#)
[ACT-035](#)

ADVOCACY LETTER

Attachments: [2025_0505_Advocacy Letter](#)

DAS Administrator Angela Velasquez presented an Advocacy Letter from the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee. Board members discussed the letter. Board members approved changes to be made to the letter:

In the 4th paragraph after the mention of falls are the leading cause of emergency room visits for older adults in Dane County. Add "Wisconsin leads the nation in the rate of fatalities from falls."

At the end of the 5th paragraph, following the mention of nursing home level care in institutions. Add "At the same time, nursing homes are gradually closing or deteriorating and are increasingly unable to retain experienced staff with continual budget cuts through the Medical Assistance program."

Very last paragraph to read, "Thank you for taking the time to learn about how the disruption to programs currently provided under the OAA and/or elimination of funding to other resources impact older Dane County adults."

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by WERNER, to approve the amended Advocacy Letter and send to our Federal delegation. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. AAA Board Member Elections

Tabled to July meeting when more members will be in attendance.

3. Establishment of an AAA Board Subcommittee for Community Grant Awards

VELASQUEZ requested a subcommittee for scoring the Community Grant Awards be formed. Board members discussed having Patrick Downing, and Caroline Werner as the committee members representing the Board with Claire Purkis being the staff person assigned.

A motion was made by WERNER, seconded by DOWNING, to approve the creation of the AAA Board subcommittee Community Grant Awards.. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Acceptance of an Aging Issue paper for 2026 Budget Consideration

[2025](#)
[ACT-024](#)

2026 Budget Consideration

Attachments: [2026 Budget Request-Transportation](#)

VELASQUEZ presented the Focal Point budget request of Transportation reimbursement as they are currently using their own funding to schedule rides. Discussion among board members of the request.

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by WERNER, to approve the Transportation Budget request from Focal Points. The motion carried by a voice vote.

5. Recommendation to appoint Claire Mance from the UW-Madison Division of Extension Dane County to the AAA Nutrition and Wellness Committee

A motion was made by WERNER, seconded by DOWNING, to approve Claire Mance's appointment to the AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recommendation to appoint Katie Buenger from Second Harvest Food Bank to the AAA Nutrition and Wellness Committee

A motion was made by WERNER, seconded by DOWNING, to approve Katie Buenger's appointment to the AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee.. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Presentations

[2025
PRES-008](#)

NewBridge Madison Diversity & Inclusion Program Report

Attachments: [NewBridge Presentation to AAA Board of Dane Co in May](#)
[NewBridge Cultural Diversity Program By the Numbers 4.24.25](#)

Jim Krueger, Executive Director of NewBridge Madison, and Deena Givens, Activities Manager of NewBridge Madison, presented on the history and focus of the Diversity and Inclusion Program.

E. Reports to Board

1. State and Federal Report (Langer)

Laura Langer of the WI Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) acknowledged Gov. Evers Proclamation for National Aging month. State Aging Plan is open for the public to view. Deadline for comments is May 25. Press Release coming soon of Gov. Evers plan to file a lawsuit against the Trump Administration for Cuts to AmeriCorps, as they serve Wisconsin residents.

2. Board Member Reports

FARSETTA summarized the minutes from the committees.

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

- a. AAA Access Committee

[2025
MIN-029](#)

AAA Access Committee Minutes March 3, 2025

Attachments: [2025_0303_AAA_Access_Committee_Minutes](#)

Next meeting: Monday July 7, 2025 at 2:30 pm via Hybrid.

b. AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee

[2025](#)
[MIN-030](#)

AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Minutes April 23, 2025.

Attachments: [2025_0423_AAA Leg-Adv Community Minutes](#)

Next meeting: Wednesday May 21, 2025 at 9 am via Hybrid.

c. AAA Nutrition/Wellness Committee

Already reviewed February 5, 2025 minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 7, 2025 at 11:30 am via Hybrid.

d. Dane County Health & Human Needs Committee

[2025](#)
[RPT-026](#)

HHN Minutes from March 19 and April 24, 2025

Attachments: [2025_0319_HHN Minutes](#)
[2025_0424_HHN Minutes](#)

Next meeting:

e. Dane County Specialized Transportation Commission

Meeting from 4/23/25 moved to 4/30/25.

Next meeting: Unknown

3. Board Member Status

FARSETTA stated we are still four positions open on the AAA Board.

4. Chair & Staff Reports

a. AAA Manager Hiring

VELASQUEZ introduced Lynn Riley as the new AAA Manager at the beginning of the meeting. Lynn introduced herself and provided some background on herself.

b. Aging Advocacy Day

May 13 is the Aging Advocacy Day at the state capitol.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday June 4, 2025 at 3:45 pm via Hybrid to approve the Community Grant Awards.

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 DOWNING, seconded by WERNER, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:20 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

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