



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, February 28, 2024

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

Staff and Guests Present: Cindy Matulle, Sridevi Mohan, Claire Pukus, Carrie Springer, and Xinyue Zhang.

A. Call To Order

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

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee Minutes 10.25.23
[MIN-377](#)

Attachments: [2023_1025_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Minutes](#)

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

C. Action Items

1. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

No action taken on any items. See notes from Item D.

D. Discussion Item

1. Advocacy in 2024

Long discussion with members on what items to advocate for seniors. WAAN's top four items: 1-ADRC Funding, 2-Transportation, 3-HDM, and 4-Family Care. Members identified Housing, Voting and Transportation as top items to advocate for in 2024.

AAA Manager Sridevi Mohan stated US Aging would release their priorities around May.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

OLSON reported the planning phase is in process for creating priorities. So far #1-Caregivers, #2-Voting, #3-Transportation, and #4-Housing concerns. Meeting with state staff in March on how do workforce issues effect on seniors.

2. ADRC Governing Board

OLSON was going to send email to members about what was discussed.

3. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Dane County Lobbyist Carrie Springer provided the top priorities for Dane County being Medicaid expansion, voting, housing and transportation. Assembly is done with a lot of aging bills not being approved.

4. State's Aging Advisory Council

Group is working on helping with advocating items.

5. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

[2023 RPT-528](#) 2024 Advocacy Day

Attachments: [2024 Aging Advocacy Day](#)

OLSON shared what date the state Aging Advocacy Day will be. Looking for 4-5 people to assist with directing people on where to go for seminars and activities. LEZOTTE and MCHONE volunteered to attend.

6. Chair & Staff Reports

Present 4 - JODIE CASTANEDA, ANNA LEZOTTE, ESTHER OLSON, and JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

Excused 1 - RICK ROSE

Absent 2 - TED BUNCK, and JILL MCHONE

a. 2025-2027 AAA Aging Plan

AAA Manager Sridevi Mohan shared that working on the plan has started. Need to form an Advisory group to get input from community members. MOHAN still waiting on what requirements the state is wanting in the plan.

F. Report Out Items to AAA Board

Housing and Transportation—Requesting the experts/Mangers come and speak on what Dane County needs are so members can determine what items to advocate for. Aging Plan for 2025-2027. Issues and concerns of outreach and lack of it. Community is not aware of services until they need it and then they are still not aware of what AAA or ADRC can assist with. Need to have effective involving outreach programming.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday March 27, 2024 at 9am via Hybrid

See if Nathaniel Brown, Dane County Transportation Coordinator, can present at March meeting

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 CASTANEDA, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:52 am. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle.