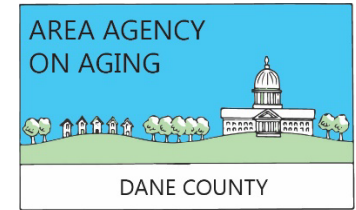




# 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan

## Plan Feedback



Representing	Name	Title	Comment
AAA Board	Kate McGinnity	Also a Dane County Supervisor	<p><i>Wow—SO impressed with this work, Cheryl et al. I took some of the facts to share with our local group for older adults.</i></p> <p><b>AAA Staff Response:</b> Thank you—your partnership is deeply appreciated!</p>
AAA Board	Dr. Diane Farsetta	Also a Senior Outreach Specialist for the Center for Aging Research and Education (CARE) at the UW-Madison School of Nursing	<p><i>Congrats again to all who put so much into the 2022-24 Dane County Aging Plan! It's very impressive and helpful to read through, as a new Board member.</i></p> <p><i>I'm writing to share some questions and feedback:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Typo - pg 8 paragraph before the table says you collected info over 40 days in the summer of 2022, instead of 2021 Fixed</i></li> <li>• <i>Question - pg 11 regarding the Caregivers of Color goal, I'm curious how the 10 caregivers helped number was chosen and how it compares to current numbers. Also, if I'm reading the details on pg 48 correctly, this could be the same five people helped during two years. Is that right? 10 Caregivers of Color would be 3.4% of grants provided in a normal year. While we would like it to have been higher, these 10 grantees (5 each year) will need at least three times the amount of money awarded than their white counterparts to provide enough money for at least 4 hours of respite each week to prove our point about the amount required to provide relief from stress and burden as per the national studies. So, only 5 caregivers each year, but 3 times more in funding. We are currently at 6.3% persons of color receiving grants in the normal course of our grant awards, thus this would increase that amount, not replace existing grants to POC caregivers.</i></li> <li>• <i>Typos - pg 17 in the last point of the text box - should be "Eating healthy and being physically active are..." Fixed</i></li> <li>• <i>Typo - pg 17 in the third bullet after the text box - repeats "not in poverty" at the end of the sentence rather than compared to not living alone. This typo will be fixed and will read: "However, this is especially important to marginalized populations: POC (43% chose this response compared to just 20% of non-POC), those living in poverty (36% versus 18% not living in poverty), and those living alone (28% compared to 17% not living alone).</i></li> <li>• <i>Repetition - pg 19 the 1st and 2nd points under 2020 Profile of Older Americans repeat the same 27% figure for older adults living alone Fixed</i></li> <li>• <i>Unclear - pg 20 the first point on the page isn't clear what finding it's referred to - is it falls? This is referring to people in the focus groups mentioning wanting someone</i></li> </ul>

to check in on them. Those that have family members have someone to drop by or call just to make sure they are okay and got up in the morning. But for many of our aging adults, their children have moved away or they never had any. They are left alone with just each other as daily motivation and support. This sentence will be changed to reflect: "There was no direct closed-ended measure related to additional supports needed by older adults who do not have family to lean on, but it came up in both the focus groups and other comments left on the survey."

- Unclear - pg 20 the points with the arrows it's not clear what group is being compared here - is it older adults who live alone? Maybe include as a subheading or spell out in the first comparison point. Agreed we can be clearer. For space I think we can get away with putting this in the key so that it reads: "NOTE: Arrows (hi) mean the percent of people living alone selecting a choice is significantly higher (h) or lower (i) than people who do not live alone."
- Unclear - pg 23 are the comparison points below the text box referring to older adults with a disability? These comparing those who have a disability to those who say they do not have a disability. Again, I think we can make this clearer by reiterating it in the key.
- Unclear - pg 25 the next to last point in the text box says Black caregivers are more interested in payment programs than Hispanic caregivers, but the next sentence says Latinx caregivers are "especially interested" in payment. This is a tricky one to resolve and will need some brainstorming. DCDHS is not the source of this information. Rather it is coming from reports for the National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP. They have sub reports by population – The "Typical" African American Caregiver ([https://www.caregiving.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/AARP1316\\_CGProfile\\_AfricanAmerican\\_May7v8.pdf](https://www.caregiving.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/AARP1316_CGProfile_AfricanAmerican_May7v8.pdf)) and The "Typical" Hispanic Caregiver ([https://www.caregiving.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/AARP1316\\_CGProfile\\_Hispanic\\_May7v8.pdf](https://www.caregiving.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/AARP1316_CGProfile_Hispanic_May7v8.pdf)). The confusing sentences pointed out are each copied from one of these reports but they don't seem to make sense together. With them being separate reports, I don't know that the analyst ever considered the confusion of the statements. At this moment I don't have a clear recommended fix for this.
- Unclear - pg 25 comparison points at the bottom of the page - are these all referring to caregivers who are more comfortable speaking another language, caregivers who are living alone, etc? We will repeat the key on page 26 so that it appears on page 25 as well. It should clarify this question.
- Unclear - pg 28 heading is rural and urban - so are the comparison points referring to rural caregivers and older adults, or urban? Change note to clarify | NOTE: Arrows... percent of people living in rural areas selecting... than people who do not identify as living in a rural area.
- Question - pg 47 will you measure the changes in malnutrition comparing the same person receiving two meals baseline vs 8 months, or will you also compare to people receiving one meal? We are only measuring changes in malnutrition comparing the same person receiving two meals baseline vs 8 months. I suppose

			<p>we could compare to those that are malnourished that refuse a second meal at their regular 1 year interval of assessment. I don't think many will pass up the second meal and I don't want to overburden case managers with even more assessments than necessary, even though for research purposes it would be nice to have.</p> <p>Thanks for wading through my input! I'm sure some things aren't clear to me just because I'm less familiar with the Agency as a new Board member.</p> <p><b>AAA Staff Response:</b> (see responses above in red)</p>
AAA Board	Dr. Ted Bunck	Also a member of AAA Legislative/ Advocacy Committee	<p><i>This email is to totally support and be in favor of the Draft 2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan. I do not have any further suggestions for the content as it is very well thought out and represents many of the key issues facing Dane County seniors today and in the future.</i></p> <p><i>I do want to totally acknowledge and express appreciation to Cheryl Batterman and equally, to her excellent staff for developing this plan. What makes this plan exemplary goes beyond how well it is documented and even how well it is written. Rather, extensive outreach was conducted, even in the face of COVID to give more Dane County seniors than ever a chance to have a say and input into the key issues this plan represents. A great grass roots example of democracy as it should be.</i></p> <p><i>Something like this doesn't happen on its own. The leadership demonstrated by Cheryl Batterman and all of the Focal Point directors is why it has turned out so well. Behind the scenes Cheryl has undoubtedly had the support of those in her chain of command and while they are not seeking any public recognition, every successful public servant has others who are providing the support needed for that success.</i></p> <p><i>It is a privilege to have had a chance to write this support for the Plan.</i></p> <p><b>AAA Staff Response:</b> Thank you for your guidance and support!</p>