

2022-2024 Dane County Aging Plan Public Hearing Report

Date of Hearing: 12/14/21	County or Tribe: Dane
Location of Hearing: Online	Accessibility of Hearing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location was convenient, accessible & large enough <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provisions were made for hearing/visual impairments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provisions were made for those who do not speak English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hearing was not held with board/committee meetings
Address of Hearing: Zoom	
Number of Attendees: 26	

Public Notice:

- Official public notification was distributed four weeks prior: posted on AAA website 11/12/21
- Notice was posted in a local/online newspaper, nutrition sites, and senior centers plus at least one more avenue
 - *Print/online newspaper: Wisconsin State Journal 11/30/21 & 12/7/21
 - *Nutrition sites
 - *Senior centers/Focal Points
 - Newsletter, radio, TV, social media
 - Sent to partner agencies/individuals
- Notifications included date, time, location, subject of hearing, location, and hours the plan was available for examination
- The notice was offered in languages other than English; none were requested
- A copy of the notice is included with this plan

Comments (made verbally or in the Zoom Chat Room):

Catie Badsing (Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin/Dane County Food Network member & Aging Plan Advisory Council member): “Thank you everyone, this report is so comprehensive and well-thought-out. Everyone's continuing hard work is so appreciated.” Asked if social isolation was addressed in the goals; “In our conversation with others in the food network of pantries, we have heard this was an issue for older adults.” AAA staff responded “The goals set forth in the plan are new efforts we will be undertaking over the next 3 years. These will be in addition to what the AAA and aging network are already addressing with existing and new programs being funded via focal points and through new diversity and inclusion partners. The aging network will continue all of the senior center programming, phone based programs to the homebound and many zoom activities to address physical, mental and social well-being. Of course social isolation is directly related to transportation. The goal related to on-demand, person centered transportation was developed to help reduce isolation and loneliness. This issue remains top of mind in nearly every area of aging network programming. Again, thank you for your comments and service on our Aging Plan Advisory Council.”

Dr. Ted Bunck (AAA Board & Legislative/Advocacy Committee member): Stated the goals are important but was impressed with how much work went into the plan to ensure input was received from stakeholders that represent diversity—even during a pandemic

Richard Hoffman (RSVP Board Chair): Reported RSVP will be celebrating 50 years of service in 2022 and commented on the effect the pandemic had on the volunteer driver programs (many are no longer driving and recruitment is very low); was thankful transportation was identified as a high need in the plan. He looks forward to learning more from the work around transportation that benefits both the rider and the driver.

Melissa Ratcliff (AAA Board Chair): Feels the plan identifies the many needs for older adults and it is a great tool; asked how the AAA Board can help and if any steps are already started to address the needs; AAA staff responded that with her assistance introductions have been made to Olivia Parry who leads housing initiatives in the office of planning at the County level. Further, two introductory sessions have been held with stakeholders in the caregiving community. From these sessions, the Caregiving Advisory Council has been formed and will begin meeting in February 2022. Finally, ongoing community engagement began in October, with AAA staff hosting “Coffee Talks” with older adults at several Focal Points. These have been well attended and provided fruitful information about the issues and concerns of older adults.

Paul Yochum (ADRC Governing Board Chair): Recognized the work that went into the plan and appreciates that it includes efforts to support caregivers; noted the shortage of paid caregivers is a great concern

Jodie Castaneda (AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee): “Thank you to Cheryl and everyone who helped draft this!”

Kate McGinnity (AAA Board & Access Committee member): “THANK YOU!”

Dr. Diane Farsetta (AAA Board & Access Committee member): “Thank you! Looking forward to the impact this plan will have.”

Joy Schmidt (DCDHS Dementia Crisis Specialist): “Applause to Angela!! Thank you, Cheryl!!! for years of service!”

Anna Lezotte (AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee member): Thank you for the hard work that went into this well thought out and comprehensive plan for older adults in Dane County.

NOTE: No changes were made to the plan as a result of the input received