

COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 13, 2018

Jeffry Duchac called the Commission on Aging and Disability Services meeting to order at 9:00 am

Roll Call

Dianne Birkholz, Judy Braun, Jeffry Duchac, William Hoekstra, Shirley Kitchen, Lorna Negen, Judy Patenaude, Gary Schmidt

Also Present

Pam Couperus, Sheila Drays, Ashley Sanborn, Kris Schefft, Jackie Wendlandt

Excused

MaryAnn Miller

Absent

None

Consideration to Deviate from the Agenda if Necessary

Gary Schmidt motioned and Dianne Birkholz seconded to consider deviation from the agenda as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

Action on the Minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting

Chairperson Jeffry Duchac approved the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Public Forum

None

New Business

- *Update on Aging Plan and Community Input:* Kris Schefft stated the ADRC will be holding listening sessions to help develop the 2019-2021 Aging Plan. Kris review items as written on the Listening Sessions and Aging Plan Questions handout provided to members. Discussion followed.
- *Customer Satisfaction Questionnaires:* Kris Schefft stated that the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) will be pulling demographic data from Social Assistance Management Software (SAMS), our state database, and sending out customer satisfaction questionnaires to random consumers. These will go out quarterly starting on April 1st.

Sharing from the Board

Shirley Kitchen stated that there is a program called 'Stockboxes for Seniors' located at Community Action Council in Beaver Dam. This is a pre-filled box of nutritious food for seniors that can either be delivered or picked up. Kris will have more information available at the next meeting.

An in depth discussion was held on the need for assisting incarcerated individuals after they leave prison. Kris will check into this with our director Becky Bell.

Update from Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) Amanda Higgins

Amanda Higgins reviewed items as written on the Acronym and EBS Program Statistics for 2017 handouts provided for members of the board. Discussion followed.

Transportation: New Vans Arriving

Kris Schefft stated that two new wheelchair vans arrived last week Wednesday. It takes between 4-6 weeks to get them prepped and ready for the road. Brief discussion followed.

Disability Services: Intro of our new Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) Ashley Sanborn

Ashley Sanborn, our new Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS), started on January 2nd. Brief introduction followed.

Supervisor's Report:

- *Marketing Events for 2018:* Kris reviewed items as written in the Marketing Meeting Minutes handout provided for members. On June 14th, the ADRC will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of being an ADRC with a brat fry open to the public. Discussion followed.
- *Data:* Kris reviewed items as written in the October to December Statistics provided for members. Brief discussion followed.

Next Meeting

The next meetings of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services will be held on **Tuesday, April 10, June 12, August 14, and October 9 at 9:00 am at 199 County Road DF in room G046** on the **ground floor** of the Henry Dodge Office Building.

Adjournment

Jeffry Duchac, Chairperson, adjourned this meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services at 10:06 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Hoekstra, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.

STOCKBOXES FOR SENIORS

134 S. Spring St., Beaver Dam, WI

Opened on July 27, 2017, Stockboxes for Seniors is held once a month on the last Thursday of each month, 1:30-3:30 pm, in the back of 134 S. Spring Street in the upper garage by the black railing.

Eligibility requirements for low income seniors include:

- 60 years old or older
- Your income, for your household size, is equal or lower than:
 - 1 person household: \$1307.00
 - 2 person household: \$1760.00 (combined)
 - 3 person household: \$2213.00 (combined)
 - 4 person household: \$2665.00 (combined)

Stockboxes are pre-filled boxes of food filled with nutritious items that includes cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, juice, cereal, dried and canned milk, peanut butter, canned meat, dried beans, rice, and instant potatoes or pasta.

Stockboxes for Seniors are sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture and the Hunger Task Force.

If you have not already signed up for this new program, please call (920) 885-9559, Monday through Thursday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.



Victory! Omnibus Spending Bill Includes Substantial Increases for Aging Programs

March 22, 2018

Late last night, congressional leaders released a long-anticipated \$1.3 trillion omnibus FY 2018 spending bill that would fund the government for the remaining six months of the fiscal year. Preceded by a bipartisan agreement last month to raise overall federal spending levels for defense and domestic programs, the bill, which funds Older Americans Act and many other aging programs, provides the most significant funding boosts for many of these activities since 2010, and rejects many of the cuts the House and Administration previously proposed. In today's challenging budget environment, securing increases of this size and scope is a rare and especially sweet victory!

These major increases are a testament to the committed, continued advocacy from AAAs and other Aging Network stakeholders, both to raise the budget caps that were arbitrarily eroding discretionary programs and to convince appropriators of the value of these critical aging programs.

n4a is still going through the 2,200-page measure, with special attention to programs that help older adults remain in their homes and communities. The following analysis provides an initial update about key programs that serve older Americans and their caregivers, and is accompanied by n4a's updated [appropriations chart](#).

Meanwhile, Members of Congress will now have to shepherd the spending bill through a speedy approval process or risk missing a Friday-night deadline to fund the government.

OAA and AoA/ACL Programs

Administration for Community Living (ACL), HHS

Within the Labor-HHS section of the massive funding measure, Older Americans Act (OAA) programs received a number of substantial funding increases thanks to the

aforementioned grassroots advocacy by OAA champions! Overall, the omnibus bill would fund ACL at \$2.171 billion, which is \$178 million above FY 2017 levels.

Older Americans Act Title III Programs

In a huge win for advocates in this incredibly difficult budget environment, funding for **OAA Title III B Home and Community-Based Supportive Services**, which has been a top appropriations priority for n4a for years, received nearly a \$35 million (10 percent) boost for a final funding level of \$385 million. **Title III C Nutrition Services** received a total \$59 million (7 percent) increase (\$490 million for Congregate and \$246 million for Home-Delivered Nutrition Services), and **Title III E Family Caregiver Support** received a major \$30 million (20 percent) boost as lawmakers proposed \$180 million for the program. Additionally, OAA **Title III D Preventative Health** received a sizable \$5 million (25 percent) increase, the first increase in years.

Native American Nutrition, Supportive Services and Caregiver Support

OAA Title VI Native American Aging Programs that serve some of the most economically vulnerable older adult populations in the country also received much-needed increases building on recent investments in the programs. **Nutrition and supportive services** (Part A) would be funded at \$33.1 million and **caregiver support services** (Part C) would receive \$9.5 million, which represents a \$2 million increase for each line item, or 6.4 percent and 26.6 percent increases, respectively.

State Health Insurance Assistance Programs

Despite repeated requests from the Administration and lawmakers to cut or eliminate funding for the **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**, negotiators prevented additional harmful cuts and proposed restoring \$2 million to SHIP, which was cut by \$5 million in FY 2017. Final SHIP funding at \$49.1 million represents a major advocacy win for local advocates who pushed to preserve these critical Medicare counseling services.

Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services

The budget request also provided a \$1 million increase for **OAA Title VII Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect programs** (\$20.1 million). The bill also builds on recent increases for Elder Rights Support Activities, including the **Elder Justice Initiative**—an ACL priority under the Obama Administration—and funds these programs at \$15.8 million (\$2 million more than FY 2017).

Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) also received a \$2 million (25 percent) ending at \$8.1 million, which represents the first federal funding increase for ADRCs since \$10 million in annual mandatory funding expired in September 2014.

Prevention and Public Health Programs

Lawmakers were once again able to stave off repeated proposals to eliminate the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), which was created in 2010 via the Affordable Care Act (ACA). PPHF provides a source of mandatory funding for activities devoted to boosting public health and using proven prevention strategies to reduce Americans' rates of illness and disability. The bill proposes level funding these disease prevention and health promotion initiatives targeting older adults, including the **Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)** at \$5 million and **Elder Falls Prevention** at \$8 million. Funding for the **Alzheimer's Disease Program**, which provides funding for Alzheimer's outreach and awareness campaign activities and long-term services and caregiver support programs, would receive a roughly \$4 million boost with final funding at \$23.5 million, including \$14.7 million in mandatory funding.

Other Key Aging Programs

Senior Workforce Development Programs

Under the Department of Labor title, the **Senior Community Services Employment Program** received level funding of \$400 million, which rejects both a \$100 million cut proposed in the House and the program elimination requested by the Administration. While level funding is a win vis-à-vis those plans, \$400 million reflects the \$34 million cut to the program made in FY 2017.

Senior Corps

Lawmakers rejected requests from the Administration to eliminate funding for the Senior Corps programs (RSVP, Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion) under the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and level-funded all **Senior Corps programs** at FY 2017 allocations of \$202 million.

Senior Housing Programs

The omnibus includes great news for HUD's housing programs, with some of the highest funding levels most programs have seen in years. The bill provides \$678 million for the **Section 202 program**, which reflects \$105 million for new Section 202 construction and project-based rental assistance and \$90 million for service coordination. Aside from \$10 million in FY 2017 for either new construction or preservation, the Section 202 program had not received new construction funding since FY 2011.

Block Grant Programs Supporting Older Adults

In the FY 2018 and FY 2019 budget requests to Congress, the Administration asked lawmakers to eliminate funding for key federal block grant programs that supplement and support the work of the Aging Network and other CBOs serving older adults at the local level. The omnibus bill rejects the President's requests to pull funding from these programs, and approved flat-funding for the **Community Services Block Grant** at \$715 million, and the **Social Services Block Grant** at \$1.7 billion. The **Community**

Development Block Grant would receive a \$300 million (10 percent) boost to \$3.3 billion. The committee also approved a \$250 million increase for the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**, for a total of \$3.6 billion. LIHEAP helps low-income households and families, including many older adults, with heating and energy bills throughout the year.

What Happens Next?

The House is expected to vote on the FY 2018 funding bill today, and the Senate will take up the measure soon after. It is possible that Senate debate on the bill could go into the weekend, in which case, legislators would have to pass another short-term continuing resolution or risk a government shutdown. Like the overall funding increases secured in the FY 2018 and FY 2019 bipartisan budget deal last month, this bill will also require minority support in both chambers, as conservative Republicans are expected to vote against the measure. As of right now, we anticipate the President would sign the bill into law completing a long-delayed FY 2018 budgeting process just in time for advocacy for FY 2019 funding to begin.

Aging advocates can enjoy the wins in the omnibus funding bill, but must keep up the drumbeat to continue educating lawmakers about the importance of robust funding for OAA and other aging programs going forward. We encourage local advocates to reach out and thank your Members of Congress for supporting boosted federal allocations—we will soon provide suggested language in a forthcoming *Advocacy Alert*.

Another great way to connect with your Representatives and Senators to build on this advocacy win is to attend the upcoming [n4a Aging Policy Briefing & Capitol Hill Day](#), April 18-19 in Washington, DC. [Register today!](#)

This Legislative Update is an n4a membership benefit. For more information about these and other federal aging policy issues, please contact n4a's policy team: Amy Gotwals (agotwals@n4a.org) and Autumn Campbell (acampbell@n4a.org), 202.872.0888.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION
FROM DECEMBER TO JANUARY STATISTICS NARRATIVE
FOR THE MARCH 2018
HUMAN SERVICES & HEALTH BOARD MEETING

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

KRIS SCHEFFT – SUPERVISOR

CALL STATISTICS

- Recorded Contacts increased from 497 in December to 566 in January ↑
- Providing Information and Assistance increased from 294 in December to 364 in January ↑
- Administering Long Term Care Functional Screens increased from 30 in December to 39 in January ↑
- Providing all other services increased from 135 in December to 201 in January ↑
- Referring for all other services increased from 0 in December to 1 in January ↑

AGING, TRANSPORTATION, AND NUTRITION

AMY EWERTD – SUPERVISOR

DINING MEAL DONATIONS

- Congregate donations decreased from \$21.22 in December to \$20.19 in January ↓
- Home delivered donations increased from \$17.63 in December to \$27.69 in January ↑

DINING MEAL PARTICIPANTS

- Congregate participants decreased from 89 in December to 84 in January ↓
- Home delivered participants increased from 95 in December to 116 in January ↑

VOLUNTEER DRIVER STATISTICS

- Total trip miles went up from 12,797 in December to 15,175 in January ↑
- Total hours of service went up from 590 in December to 707 in January ↑
- Total cash donations received went down from \$2,386.20 in December to \$2,137.58 in January ↓

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES / LONG TERM SUPPORT**PAULA BECKER - SUPERVISOR****CASELOAD/WORKLOAD STATISTICS**

- Total caseload increased from 276 in December to 281 in January ↑
- Referrals increased from 33 in December to 35 in January ↑
- Court hearings decreased from 10 in December to 9 in January ↓
- Annual Protective Placement reviews increased from 12 in December to 26 in January ↑
- Supportive Home Care reviews increased from 5 in December to 27 in January ↑
- Total Supportive Home Care cases increased from 122 in December to 129 in January ↑
- Total Home and Financial Manager cases increased from 27 in December to 29 in January ↑

ECONOMIC SUPPORT**AMY BERANEK - SUPERVISOR****CASELOAD/WORKLOAD STATISTICS**

- FoodShare caseloads increased from 3475 in December to 3531 in January ↑
- Medicaid Total caseload increased from 2240 in December to 2261 in January ↑
- BadgerCare Total caseload decreased from 4741 in December to 4737 in January ↓
- Total gross recipients increased from 12,125 in December to 13,141 ↑
(This is the number of county residents receiving assistance, which includes those handled by other counties in the consortia)
- Total cases increased from 7340 in December to 7367 in January ↑
- FoodShare expenditures decreased from \$701,825 in December to \$699,015 in January ↓
- Child Care expenditures increased from \$121,478 in December to \$128,963 in January ↑

PUBLIC HEALTH**JODY LANGFELDT - SUPERVISOR / PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER****CASELOAD/WORKLOAD STATISTICS**

- Programs for Children increased from 54 in December to 55 in January ↑
- Programs for Children and Families decreased from 1058 in December to 1039 in January ↓
- Programs for Women increased from 17 in December to 18 in January ↑
- Programs for ALL Residents increased from 61 in December to 144 in January ↑

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION
FROM JANUARY TO FEBRUARY STATISTICS NARRATIVE
FOR THE APRIL 2018
HUMAN SERVICES & HEALTH BOARD MEETING

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

KRIS SCHEFFT – SUPERVISOR

CALL STATISTICS

- Recorded Contacts decreased from 566 in January to 534 in February ↓
- Providing Information and Assistance decreased from 364 in January to 334 in February ↓
- Administering Long Term Care Functional Screens decreased from 39 in January to 34 in February ↓
- Providing all other services decreased from 201 in January to 156 in February ↓
- Referring for all other services increased from 1 in January to 2 in February ↑

AGING, TRANSPORTATION, AND NUTRITION

AMY EWERTD – SUPERVISOR

DINING MEAL DONATIONS

- Congregate donations increased from \$20.19 in January to \$23.53 in February ↑
- Home delivered donations decreased from \$27.69 in January to \$24.22 in February ↓

DINING MEAL PARTICIPANTS

- Congregate participants decreased from 84 in January to 82 in February ↓
- Home delivered participants increased from 116 in January to 119 in February ↑

VOLUNTEER DRIVER STATISTICS

- Total trip miles went down from 15,175 in January to 14,094 in February ↓
- Total hours of service went down from 707 in January to 675 in February ↓
- Total cash donations received went up from and \$2,137.58 in January to \$2,666.00 in February ↑

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES / LONG TERM SUPPORT**PAULA BECKER – SUPERVISOR****CASELOAD/WORKLOAD STATISTICS**

- Total caseload increased from 281 in January to 285 in February ↑
- Referrals decreased from 35 in January to 33 in February ↓
- Court hearings remained steady at 9 ⇔
- Annual Protective Placement reviews increased from 26 in January to 43 in February ↑
- Supportive Home Care reviews decreased from 27 in January to 23 in February ↓
- Total Supportive Home Care cases remained steady at 129 ⇔
- Total Home and Financial Manager cases decreased from 29 in January to 28 in February ↓

ECONOMIC SUPPORT**AMY BERANEK – SUPERVISOR****CASELOAD/WORKLOAD STATISTICS**

- FoodShare caseloads decreased from 3531 in January to 3492 in February ↓
- Medicaid Total caseload increased from 2261 in January to 2286 in February ↑
- BadgerCare Total caseload increased from 4737 in January to 4752 in February ↑
- Total gross recipients decreased from 13,141 to 13,123 in February ↓
(This is the number of county residents receiving assistance, which includes those handled by other counties in the consortia)
- Total cases increased from 7367 in January to 7399 in February ↑
- FoodShare expenditures decreased from \$699,015 in January to \$695,524 in February ↓
- Child Care expenditures decreased from \$128,963 in January to \$116,741 in February ↓

PUBLIC HEALTH**JODY LANGFELDT – SUPERVISOR / PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER****CASELOAD/WORKLOAD STATISTICS**

- Programs for Children increased from 55 in January to 69 in February ↑
- Programs for Children and Families increased from 1039 in January to 1055 in February ↑
- Programs for Women decreased from 18 in January to 14 in February ↓
- Programs for ALL Residents decreased from 144 in January to 105 in February ↓

Momentous Day for Wisconsinites with Disabilities

The Arc Wisconsin and disability advocates from across the state gathered at the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 28, to witness as Governor Walker signs a landmark Employment First bill into law. As one of the state's most prominent voices in protecting the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Wisconsin, The Arc Wisconsin has been a leading force behind this bill that will ensure more people with disabilities are employed in Competitive Integrated Employment (employment in the community at typical wages).

The current community-based employment rates for people with disabilities in Wisconsin are critically low. According to a survey published in 2017, only 15% of individuals with (I/DD) have a paid job in the community, while many individuals are either unemployed or work in sheltered or facility-based environments. This lack of community-based employment opportunities is contrasted by individuals' desire to work in community-based and competitive jobs: of the individuals who were not employed in community-based settings, 41% reported a strong desire to work in the community.

Among the many proposed changes delineated in the bill is the requirement for state agencies (DPI, DHS, DVR) to set Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) as their priority policy while protecting an individual's choice of allowable facility-based employment services or sheltered work. The bill also requires that state agencies collaborate to develop a joint plan to improve rates of CIE and establish evaluation methods to ensure that the proposed measures are effective in promoting CIE across the state.

"We are thrilled by the support that this bill has received and are glad to see it arrive on the Governor's desk to become law!", says Lisa Pugh, Executive Director of The Arc Wisconsin. "The Employment First bill is something Wisconsin disability advocates have

been requesting for at least five years. Its passage means more people with disabilities can now get into the workforce.”

The passage of the Employment First bill was part of concerted effort by a state-wide coalition of disability rights groups to pass three crucial bills that safeguard fundamental rights and promote greater independence of people with I/DD in the state. The bill was introduced by a bi-partisan group of state policymakers, including State Representatives James Edming (R) and Jimmy Anderson (D) and Senator Thomas Tiffany (R). It passed by unanimous voice vote in both legislative chambers.

Many state disability rights groups joined The Arc Wisconsin in championing the bill, including Disability Rights Wisconsin; Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities; Special Olympics Wisconsin; Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin and many others.

Content take from: [The Arc Wisconsin stands with People with Disabilities to Witness Wisconsin History: Signing of State's Employment First bill into Law.](#) The Arc Wisconsin. March 27 2018.