

Aging Plan Development Support Meeting

February 25, 2021 --- 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Required Focus Area Review

**Recording of the call:** [Click Here](https://zoom.us/rec/play/sm3LDHd33llJh2pAEMPU69ZZquoy1qTWPmTpl1uvX4HMsUXzizfU28CcnDVa0Z1YOeIob2quos8OlxCb.yOa4crsYb79FOnk3?autoplay=true&startTime=1614278719000)

**GWAAR’s Aging Plan website:**  <https://gwaar.org/plansamendmentsassessments>

**NOTES**

Aging Plan Development Support meetings will occur on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 for the next 6-7 months to help Aging Unit staff complete their 2022-2024 Aging Plans. Instead of offering one long meeting we will be providing guidance on one section/aspect at a time. The overall purpose:

* Increase understanding of the various sections of the plan
* Provide specific expectations and requirements
* Offer an opportunity to share ideas and ask questions

**All materials related to developing your 2022-2024 Aging Plans can be found here:** [**https://gwaar.org/plansamendmentsassessments**](https://gwaar.org/plansamendmentsassessments)

1. **Overview of Required Focus Areas for 2022-2024 Aging Plan Goals (Cindy)**

* Reviewed the 4 program goal areas and 4 value goal areas
  + Program Goals
    - Title IIIB Supportive Services
    - Title IIIC Nutrition Program
    - Title IIID Health Promotion
    - Title IIIE Caregiver Support
  + Value Goals
    - Enhance ongoing community engagement
    - Person-centered services, maximizing consumer control and choice
    - Address a barrier to racial equity
    - knowledge and skills related to advocacy
* Goals
  + You are not expected to have a single goal for each area for each year.
  + Want you to consider long term goals that might take two or three years to accomplish.
  + You will have to show accomplishments or milestones toward your long-term goals
  + Your goals are structured more like a strategic plan in terms of outcomes
* Supportive Services Title IIIB
  + Many counties use their Title IIIB for general funding and salaries and not sure how to structure a goal around that.
  + Looking into what the federal agency is anticipating and will continue the conversation.
  + Some examples the OAA consultants thought up are focused on transportation, which isn’t included in the other focus areas.
  + Look for additional ways to use this goal area to build partnerships with service providers, advocacy to make services more accessible to older adults and individuals with disabilities.
  + The advocacy “value goal” could possibly count as your Title IIIB
* Milestones
* Milestones are things that would change, happen, or be completed at some point that would show that you're making progress. Annual AAA check-ins would be a good time to check on progress.
* Value Goals
* Value goals can count as a program goal if they are thoughtful in thinking about how to bring value goals onto program goals. They will have to be complex and meaningful.
* Sample Plans
  + Will get sample goals in all of the areas
* Visual
  + Working on template on what the document is going to look like.

1. **Vision of Wisconsin Aging Programs (Neal)**

* Looking at goals from a short- and long-term perspective.
  + When writing you goals look beyond the three-year plan, think about where you want to be 10 or 20 years from now.
* There are huge challenges in front of us that are not going away
  + Poverty.
  + Programs serving equitably
* Great opportunity to think beyond 3 years
* Need to keep in mind the values of the Older American’s Act and serve those most in need
* We are changing the order of plan completion - County completes first, then AAAs, and then the state.
* When developing your goals think about the long path goal. A long path goal could appear in multiple plans.
* Recommended looking into “Long Path” planning

**Q/A (ALL)**

* There has been some flexibility in funding as a result as the pandemic and wondering when it will end. Answer: We don’t foresee the flexibility of funding continuing for planning cycle 2022-2024.
* What about “Wicked Questions”
  + Where can we get data to help solve these complex wicked questions? There will be data links provided to help.
  + Committees can help address some of these wicked questions. Little changes can make a big difference.
  + Lots of partners, like county health department, can help in the planning.
  + Link to Eric’s webpage for data : <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/demographics.htm>
  + How is public input going?
    - Tammy has been going to vaccination clinics for surveys – received over 200 participants.
    - Some struggling because pandemic and lack of internet
    - Working with advisory committees
    - Carissa received over 650 surveys through a mailing with pre-paid postage return envelop
    - OAA consultants can present on aging plan at advisory committee
    - Engage with commission and ask them to be community ambassadors. They can call and get public input.
    - Susan worked with county board supervisors to hand out to constituents and received about 200 back
    - Share ideas on community engagement to Jane or Nick to put in GWAAR newsletter