



Our mission is to deliver innovative support to lead aging agencies as we work together to promote, protect, and enhance the well-being of older people in Wisconsin.

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 18, 2024/10:00 a.m. –11:30 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Conference Call

Attendees

Members Present: Dave Denomie, Kathy Gauger, Dave Lowe, Doris Bakker, Robert Best, Denise Sweet

Members Not Present: Beth Esser

Others Present: John Schnabl, Executive Director; Nick Musson, OAA Consultant-Transportation Specialist; Rosanna Mazzara, Operations Coordinator

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m.

Dave Denomie, Chair

Review and Approval of October 18, 2024 Agenda

Motion by Kathy Gauger, seconded by Robert Best, to approve October 18, 2024 agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of July 19, 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes

Motion by Robert Best, seconded by Kathy Gauger, to approve July 19, 2024 draft meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of September 20, 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dave Lowe, seconded by Robert Best, to approve September 20, 2024 draft meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried.



Public Comment:

None

Comments from Chair

None

Director's Report

John Schnabl, Executive Director

- GWAAR's grant application to operate the toll-free line that the state is developing was unfortunately denied.
- We are in the active recruitment process for both board and advisory council members. Please share this with those you think might be interested and have them contact Nick or myself.
- We are happy to have a new board member from Portage County. Her name is Catherine Jones-Finks.
- We are going to be submitting a capacity builder grant to the Inclusa Foundation on behalf of the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network and the Senior Advocates Association which work closely with GWAAR.
- Nick has submitted GWAAR's draft plan to the state.
- GWAAR is still finishing up our 2023 audit for the agency.

GWAAR 2025-2027 Aging Plan

Nick Musson, OAA Consultant- Transportation Specialist

- Now that the Advisory Council had some time to read and absorb the draft GWAAR Aging Plan, Nick gave a PowerPoint going over all the components of the plan and remaining timeline and asked them for their feedback and suggestions.
- The Advisory Council officially approves the GWAAR Aging Plan at the November 15th meeting.



- Both the state and the board have received the draft plan for feedback.
- John Schnabl added that the Advisory Council interviews didn't just help with the aging plan goals, but brought to light what GWAAR could do better in other areas which we appreciate learning, so we can work to do better in those areas as well.
- Dave Denomie made a comment during the emergency preparedness portion of the plan. He thought it would be wise to also include low level kinds of crises in rural areas, like weather emergencies, because that is something he hears about in many of his meetings
- Nick will add Advisory Council members to the November 6th public hearing meeting link.
- Dave Denomie mentioned the GWAAR Aging Plan would be a great training tool for new Advisory Council members.

Adjournment: 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: *November 15, 2024*

Recorder: Rosanna Mazzara, Operations Coordinator