

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2024

Kaskaskia College Extension, in Salem, Illinois– 1:00PM

THOSE PRESENT: Amy Harrison, Michele Garrison, Brien Guy, Sue Kramer, Carol Johnson, Jimmie Page, Rosanna Perkins, and Karen Walsh.

EXCUSED: Sue Heth and Chloe Page

ABSENT: Susan Elke and Gerald Herring

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The November 21, 2024 Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Jimmie Page, followed by Judy Kleine calling the Roll Call, and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: There were no Guests in Attendance.

PUBLIC REMARKS: No Public Remarks to Report.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: President Jimmie Page read a note that the Board had received from Larry and Sue Kramer for the donation and for thinking of them during the loss of their daughter.

Jimmie then thanked both the Midland Staff and Board for all that they have done in the past and are currently doing during the current rough times that are occurring. Jimmie finished his comments by also thanking Stefanie Eisele, our current IDOA Regional Coordinator, for all that she does.

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's Report from October 17, 2024 was approved with a motion by Michele Garrison and a second from Rosanna Perkins. After the report was approved, Board Member Carol Johnson thanked Midland Staff again for the meal that they provided before the October 2024 Board Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer report for October 2024, was approved with a motion made by Michele Garrison and second by Brien Guy. The Treasurers report will be filed for audit.

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STAFF REPORTS:

Tracy and her staff had hand written their Staff Reports and they were handed out at the Board Meeting. For those who were not in attendance, the reports were emailed out to them.

AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy began her report by stating that cash flow was the current “Black Cloud” that the agency had been facing. Tracy then went on to say that for the first time that she could remember, a provider, being the BCMW nutrition site, has had to temporarily close. Tracy reported that a conference call is currently scheduled with IDOA to discuss several options that might be available and to discuss perhaps a “soft opening” being in the works later down the line. Tracy also stated that all legislators had been contacted and were fully aware of the issue. There was then some discussion of funds as to how much was owed, and how much had actually been received from the State.

Tracy reported that she and Nancy, along with the Program Development and Executive Committee would need to meet by conference call, to discuss the APS revision application before the next Board Meeting due to the fact that IDOA has changed their time schedule.

Tracy reported that November is Caregiver Month, and that she and Lori had been on a Trualta Call, which is an online caregiver program. Tracy also reported that they were up to 34 caregivers. Tracy reported that there was discussion on this call on how to balance work and caregiving as a whole. Tracy ended her report by stating some other options that the Trualta program had to offer and then thanked those who are currently or had done any type of caregiving in the past, for all that they do.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: No Report

IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator:

Stefanie began her report by touching base on the funding issues that Tracy had spoke of in her Executive Directors report. Stefanie then continued to explain how the money after they receive it, how it trickles down to the Agency. Stefanie mentioned that there were currently dealing with some staffing challenges at IDOA and that they were in the process of working through them. Stefanie went on to report and Tracy agreed, on the importance of how communication is, especially with everything that is currently going on.

Stefanie reported that IDOA would be coming down to the office within the next couple weeks to due monitoring on a few of the programs and seeing if any changes needed to be addressed. Stefanie went on to say that they were still evaluating the Roundtables that had taken place,

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IDOA REPORT-Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator's Report (cont'd)

and were looking at the Area Plan to see if things could be perhaps trimmed somewhat to make it easier next year so it wouldn't be so hard on the Area Agencies.

After Stefanie's report, Jimmie thanked her again, for working with Tracy and for both, her and Tracy in keeping the Board well-informed of things.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson – No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Michele Garrison, Chairperson- No Report

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Sue Kramer, Chairperson- Sue reported that the committee had met that morning, and that there was discussion regarding BCMW meal site temporarily closing, the APS funding, and about FY26 Application/Extensions. Sue went on to report that since the committee did not have a quorum, that she would like to recommend to the Board to extend all current applications for service for FY2026. Michele Garrison made the motion, and it was second by Carol Johnson, there were no opposed, motion was carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Chloe Page, Chairperson-No Report

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- Brien Guy, Chairperson- Brien reported that the By-Laws committee had also met that morning prior to the Board Meeting to discuss some By-Law changes.

Brien then made a motion to update the By-Laws by including caregivers, and changing the membership to a minimum of one member from each county but up to three and adding duties to Personnel Committee, and eliminating the November meeting and adding July to the Board Meeting schedule. The motion was then second by Rosanna Perkins, there were no opposed, the motion was then carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jimmie thanked everyone for their time that day and for their continued support.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Report was made. Tracy did however mention that there would not be another Board Meeting until March 20, 2025 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and everyone a safe and happy New Year.

Before adjourning, Jimmie did mention that he had made some changes to the Standing Committees, for the Board to look them over, and if there were any discrepancies to please let him know.

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ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Brien Guy, and second by Rosanna Perkins to adjourn the November Board Meeting. There were no opposed, motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on March 20, 2025 at the Salem KC Extension, located at 1475 W. Whittaker St, in Salem, Illinois.