

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2025

Flora Depot, Flora, Illinois at 1:00pm

THOSE PRESENT: Amy Harrison, Susan Elke, Michele Garrison, Gerald Herring, Sue Heth, Carol Johnson, Sue Kramer, Chloe Page, Jimmie Page, and Karen Walsh.

EXCUSED: Brien Guy and Rosanna Perkins

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The July 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: No Guests in attendance.

PUBLIC REMARKS: No Public Remarks were made.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: President Jimmie Page stated that it had been a wonderful day with the Wellness Fair being held that morning and that it was good to have seen everyone that was in attendance.

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's Report from June 19, 2025 were approved with a motion from Sue Kramer and a second from Gerald Herring. The motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The June Treasurer's report was approved and therefore, will be filed for audit.

STAFF REPORTS: Heather Fontanez gave an update on the Audit and stated that the office was still waiting on a response from the Auditors and the delay of receiving it, was on the Auditors end and not Midlands. Heather went on to state that as soon as she heard anything, that she would be both emailing and mailing hard copies of the audit out to the Board Members.

Judy Kleine reported that her and Stephanie Hawkins were dealing with the usual things like Medicare Part D and the license sticker discount applications. Judy added that all of the Medicare Open Enrollment event dates had been set and that the providers had been given the dates.

Lori Cummins reported on the Veterans Programs and stated that she was happy to announce that the agency had heard that they had passed the Readiness Review Test that they had submitted.

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Tracy Barczewski – Tracy reported that the corrections to the FY2026 Area Plan Amendment had been submitted and that the agency was continuing to work on other grants to get them finalized. Tracy also stated that the Wellness Fair that had been held that morning was very well attended and thanked the Board Members that were able to attend for coming and for participating in the SMP Bingo that was held at the close of the fair. Tracy stated that she has seen improvement with each Wellness Fair/County Conversation that has been held.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Tracy Barczewski- Tracy began her Executive Directors Report by saying that since the last meeting, the most time-consuming issue had been dealing with the Appeal from Heartland Human Services and the Caregiver Program. Tracy stated that the appeal letter received from Heartland was received on July 7, 2025, and that the actual appeal would be taking place on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at the Midland Area Agency on Aging office. Tracy then went on to say that she had secured a hearing panel of Phyllis Roate, a former Regional Coordinator of the Illinois Department on Aging, and Becky Salazar, who is the Executive Director of Egyptian Area Agency on Aging. Tracy stated what would occur that the appeal hearing and that the decision would be presented to the Board of Directors at the next Board Meeting. Tracy went on to state that in order to stay in compliance with the Agency's Policy and Procedures, however, that the September Board Meeting would need to be moved up to September 4, 2025, at which time, she would inform the Board of the Appeal decision.

Tracy stated that she had attended a Rules and Regulation meeting with I4A and IDOA where it was discussed what programs were needed to be pre-approved by IDOA. Tracy finished her report by saying that she would be leaving that weekend to attend the National US Aging Conference that was being held from July 19-23, 2025 in Chicago, Illinois.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Tracy gave the reported that the Advisory Council had met via: Zoom. on June 26, 2025. Tracy reported that she was happy to say that the new Sunshine Center, located at 1217 Perkins Avenue in Mt. Vernon, Illinois was now open, and that the Grand Opening would be announced at a later date.

Tracy stated there was discussion on the Effingham Wellness Fair that was held back in May, along with the Clay County Wellness Fair, that was held that morning in Flora before the Board Meeting. Tracy stated that the Wellness Fair that Midland originally scheduled for August in Jefferson County had to be moved to October 24th due to a conflict of a Senior Legislative Health Fair that Terri Bryant is holding a few days before the date we had scheduled.

Tracy reported that we had found out that all of our Federal Programs would remain together but would now be under the Child, Family and Community Services Division. Tracy reported that the advocacy from our provider agencies had been strong, and that she was grateful for everything they had done.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT- (cont'd)

Tracy finished her report by saying that the Farmers Market Coupons had been received and had been handed out to both BCMW and to Comprehensive Connections.

IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator: Stefanie reported on the reallocation of the FY25 funding being completed. Stefanie also mentioned that she would like to attend if at all possible for the ribbon cutting of the new Sunshine Center Meal Site when it is held. Stefanie stated that she agreed with Tracy on the fact that the FY26 agreements were being sent out in a timely matter. Stefanie then ended her report, but saying that she wanted to thank both Tracy and Heather for completing and submitting the Area Plan revisions into the Department.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson – No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Karen Walsh- Chairperson- No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Chloe Page, Chairperson-No Report, However, it was mentioned that Judy would be providing Chloe with a list of the Board Members who will be up for re-election.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- Brien Guy, Chairperson- No Report

AD-HOC COMMITTEE- Sue Kramer, Chairperson- No Report

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE- Sue Kramer, Chairperson- Sue Kramer reported that the Program Development Committee had met shortly before the Board Meeting to discuss the appeal process from Heartland Human Services that is to be held on August 6, 2025 at Midland Area Agency on Aging. Sue then asked for a motion from the Board to continue with the process of the Appeal from Heartland Human Services regarding programs for the Caregiver Advisor Program and the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program. Gerald Herring made the motion, Carol Johnson second, and the motion was carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: The only New Business was to change the Board Meeting scheduled in September, moved up from the 17th to the 4th in order to stay in compliance with the Agency's Appeal Policy and Procedures. It was agreed that September 4th, therefore, the Board Meeting will be held on the 4th in September.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Sue Heth, and second by Gerald Herring to adjourn the July Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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NEXT MEETING: The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on Sept. 4, 2025, at the Marion County Savings Bank Annex, located at 321 W. Main Street, in Salem, Illinois.