

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2025

Marion County Savings Bank Annex in Salem, Illinois– 1:00PM

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

EXCUSED: Brien Guy

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The May 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: Tom Walsh attended the Meeting.

PUBLIC REMARKS: Tracy Barczewski stated that she had attended former Board Member Ferrel Seaman's visitation and how his sons had spoken so highly of both the Midland Staff and Board Members. Tracy went on to say, that she had made a memorial in his honor, and Board Member Susan Elke stated that the Board Members had also given a memorial in his honor to the Clay County Hospital. In honor of Ferrel's memory, Jimmie Page asked for a brief moment of silence. Ferrel had been on the Midland Board for many years and had passed away at the age of 95 years old.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: No President Remarks were made.

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's Report from April 17, 2025 was approved with a motion from Carol Johnson and a second from Gerald Herring. The motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurers report from April of 2025, was approved with a motion made by Gerald Herring and second by Karen Walsh. The motion was carried unanimously. The reports will be filed for audit.

STAFF REPORTS:

Staff reports were given by each Midland Staff member, with Heather stating that the draft of the audit should be received shortly and that as soon as she received it, she would mail a hard copy or email out to each Board Member. Also given in the reports, was an update on grants, the preparing of the Effingham Wellness Fair, and also about the Media Day that was to take place at the end of the month.

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported that the Public Hearing was held virtually on April 21, 2025 and that there were 24 attendees in attendance with one provider giving a testimony.

Tracy reported that the links to submit the Area Plan have been delayed and will be released on May 7th, and then touched on when the Federal and State grants were due and the time that it took to do each one.

Tracy then went on to report about the preparation of the Effingham Wellness Fair that's to be held at the First Baptist Church in Effingham on May 23rd, and that 20 partners had agreed to participate at the event that day. She also mentioned that there were going to be two speakers, one being from the Attorney Generals office to speak on scams, and the other, from the Alzheimer's Association to speak on the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's Disease. Tracy reported that "Senior Medicare Bingo" would also be played with door prizes being given away as Bingo prizes. (Fliers for the event, were available for those in attendance to take with them at the Board Meeting)

Tracy went on to speak about how all the Area Agencies state-wide, were planning on Advocating to save our services from being divided between the Administration for Children and Families, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She reported that "Media Day" in our area was going to be held at the meal site in Salem, Illinois, and also at the Vandalia Meal site on May 28th. She invited everyone at the Board Meeting to come and help the Agency fight for keeping the services under one roof and keep the Candle Burning for the Older American Act. There were also fliers at the meeting that day, for both of the locations.

In finishing the Area Plan Development report, Tracy reported that the Corrective Action Plan had been accepted by IDOA from the December review that had taken place.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported that the staff had been busy attending various health fairs that had been taken place, and that they had also attended various meetings and were conducting business as usual. Tracy also mentioned that she was to attend an I4A and IDOA meeting in Springfield, and that it would be the first in person meeting that was being held in quite a while.

Tracy reported that the Applications were sent out on April 28th and that they were scheduled to be due back by May 30, 2025. Tracy also reported that before the next Board meeting on June 19th, that a Program Development Committee would need to be held. Those on that Committee are Sue Kramer, who is the Chairperson, Amy Harrison, Gerald Herring, Sue Heth, and Carol Johnson.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:

No Report.

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IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator:

Stefanie spoke on the IDOA monitoring reports that were sent out with the proper corrective actions that needed to be made, and that the Department had been reviewing all the reports along with the grants that had been received.

Stefanie stated that the Department had been working close with the agencies with close outs, and that the FY26 Grant due dates had been pushed back to the 30th of May. Stefanie finish her report with speaking on the State Plan dates that would be taking place across the state and one would be place on the 28th of May in conjunction with media day.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson – Susan Elke had Karen Walsh give the report from the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting that was held earlier that day.

Karen reported that both committees had met before the Board Meeting that day regarding a onetime staff bonus. Karen then preceded to recommend to the Board that a motion be made to approve a onetime bonus as it was presented, with no fringe benefits for each staff employed from the Discretionary Account. A motion was then made by Michele Garrison and second by Susan Elke for a motion to approve a onetime bonus as presented, with no fringe benefits for each staff from the Discretionary Account. The motion was carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Karen Walsh- Chairperson- No Report besides the one given in the Finance report.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE- Sue Kramer, Chairperson- Sue reported that she would be getting with Tracy about conducting a meeting with the other committee members before the next Board Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Chloe Page, Chairperson-No Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: No Report

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Carol Johnson, and second by Gerald Herring to adjourn the May Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on June 19 2025 at the Salem Marion County Savings Bank Annex. located at 321 W. Main St, in Salem, Illinois.