

## **MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2024

Salem Marion County Savings Bank Annex– 1:00PM

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

**EXCUSED:** Amy Harrison and Brien Guy

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:**

The October 17, 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 was one Guest in Attendance, and that was Tom Walsh, (Karen Walsh's husband)

### **PUBLIC REMARKS:**

This month we had Detective Tyler Rose from the Salem Police Department speak on different scams that he had witnessed in the area. Detective Rose then spoke on how we could possibly prevent ourselves from becoming a victim of one.

### **PRESIDENTS REMARKS:**

President Jimmie Page began his report by thanking the Midland Staff for the wonderful lunch that they had at the Village Garden Restaurant there in Salem before the Board Meeting. Jimmie then followed up with stating that he had nominated an AD-HOC Policy Committee and that those who would be serving on that committee would be Sue Kramer, Chairperson. Gerald Herring, and Karen Walsh

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Secretary's Report from September 19, 2024 was approved with a motion by Michele Garrison and a second from Sue Kramer.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer reports for September 2024, was approved with a motion made by Sue Heth and second by Carol Johnson. 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 had a few things to report from the IDOA call that she had from the day before. Tracy reported that on the IDOA call she had found out that the Dementia Friends Initiative grant was only set out to be a 2-year grant and that that is a possibility that it will end at the end of FY25. Tracy stated that this is such an important program and that if funding would not be provided, she was not sure that they could continue with doing it. Tracy mentioned that this was very heart-breaking to both her and to her staff.

Tracy mentioned that the communication between the AAA's and the Department on Aging she felt had improved than they were in the previous years. This is due in part to leadership change and the new Director.

Tracy reported that at the end of November or beginning of December, that the Department on Aging would be coming out to the Agency to do monitoring. Tracy reported that this is done approximately every 3-years. The Tool will be sent 30 days in advance and they are currently updating the tool.

Tracy reported that a Notice of Funding for the Adult Protective Service had gone out to all the area papers, providers, and is on our website and social media page.

Tracy then ended her report, but saying that the office the past month, had been extremely busy since we had met back in September.

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Advisory Council had not met, therefore, there was no report given.

### **IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator:**

Stefanie reported that the Department was beginning to wrap up the findings from the Roundtable meetings on the unmet needs in the state for state planning purposes. Stefanie reported that they were revising the Area Plan and gathering ideas as far as changes, for next year.

Stefanie reported that AAA monitors were going to be set up within the next month, and Midland would be notified when they would be coming to our office.

Stefanie spoke about the DFI grant and that there would be discussion on how the grant could possibly be kept going.

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**IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator: (cont'd)**

Stefanie then finished her report by stating that she felt that Communication was the “Key” to everything that was currently going on.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Susan Elke, Chairperson – No Report

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE-** Michele Garrison, Chairperson- No Report

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-**Sue Kramer, Chairperson- No Report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE-** Chloe Page, Chairperson-No Report

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tracy stated that next month she would like to have two of the Standing Committees meet, one being the By-Laws, and the other being the Program Development.

It was asked when the new AD-Hoc Policy Committee would be meeting, and Tracy stated that they would meet until after the first of the year.

Jimmie Page reported that he would be making some changes to the Standing Committee’s and that some of the Board Members might to asked to service on a different committee as they were presently.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Karen Walsh, and second by Carol Johnson to adjourn the October 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 November 21, 2024 at the Salem KC Extension, located at 1475 W. Whittaker St, in Salem, Illinois.**