

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2024

Salem KC Extension in Salem, Illinois– 1:00PM

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

EXCUSED: Sue Heth

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The September 19, 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: No Public Remarks

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: No President Remarks

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's Report from June 20, 2024 was approved with a motion by Sue Kramer and a second from Gerald Herring.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reports for June, July and August of 2024, were approved with a motion made by Rosanna Perkins and second by Gerald Herring. The reports therefore, will be filed for audit.

STAFF REPORTS:

Each staff member gave a brief report as to what they had been working on since the last Board Meeting which was held in June of 2024.

AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported that after several attempts, that the FY25-27 Area Plan had been accepted, and that we were currently finishing up FY24 and would soon be doing strategic planning to implement FY25. Tracy reported that IDOA has currently set up a meeting with the AAA's to discuss the feedback that they have received on the struggles that the agencies have had in getting the Area Plan's approved.

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Tracy Barczewski (cont'd)

Tracy reported that an All Provider Meeting was held on August 15, 2024 at the KC extension and the programs that had been presented received very positive comments on the survey.

Tracy went on to report that the IDOA State Plan Roundtable was held on September 6, 2024 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. There were 31 participants. Tracy reported that there was great discussion, and that she was looking forward to the report being issued by IDOA and on how it would affect the State Plan on Aging.

Tracy reported that the Midland Staff would be participating in the Alzheimer's Walk that was to be held that Saturday on the 21st, and that she wanted to thank everyone who had joined the Midland Team and had made donations.

Tracy reported that on October 4th, she would be attending the Caregiver Program Event put on by Heartland Human Services called Making Caregivers Smile. The event will be held at the Rolland Lewis Building in Mt. Vernon, Illinois and will be held from 3-6pm.

Tracy went on to report that the goal for FY25 is to have a County Conversation held in each of our 5 counties starting with the Fayette County one which will be held on October 9th at the YMCA in Vandalia, Illinois. The other counties are still being scheduled.

Tracy reported that IDOA had indicated there are several changes in the Older American's Act which will require policy and procedure changes for both them and for us. Tracy reported that we would be looking into our policies closely. Tracy reported that several policies needed to be updated at AAA and Provider Level and that IDOA has set up several virtual meetings to address these policies. Tracy suggested a special Ad Hoc committee be appointed by the president to address the policy changes as they happen.

Tracy reported that she would like to look at the By-Laws for both the Board and on the Advisory Council. The membership requirements and the representatives need to be adjusted.

Tracy reported that she had attended her first Fatality Review Team meeting and that she would be taking an active role in it.

Tracy reported that the VA is also requesting we have back ups in case someone happens to call in a referral or call to simply ask questions, and Lori would be out of the office. Those who will be part of that will be Nancy, Heather and herself.

Tracy reported that the APS program now has a state RFP, and that all the programs and agencies will be on the same cycle. This cycle will start in October, and will go through December.

Tracy ended her reports by stating that since October is our Annual Board Meeting, that the Agency would like to take the Board along with Stefanie Eisele, our Regional Coordinator out

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Tracy Barczewski (cont'd)

for lunch before the October 17th Board meeting. It was decided that everyone would meet there in Salem at the Village Garden Restaurant at 11:30am and then we would go from there to the Marion County Savings Bank Annex on Main Street for our October Board Meeting. The Board meeting is being held there since the KC Extension is not available that day.

Tracy finished by stating that she had met with Board member Carol Johnson and had done her Board training.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:

Tracy presented the report for the Advisory Council. Tracy reported that the Council had met that morning at 10:30am and that a lot of what she had reported previously in her report, was talked about. Tracy did state that the Advisory Council Secretary, Shannon Nosbisch had asked to no longer be the secretary due to other obligations, and therefore, the Council nominated Donna Pearson, from Jefferson County Comprehensive Connections to finish out Shannon's 1-year term that is left. The next Advisory Council meeting is schedule for Dec. 11, 2024 via: ZOOM.

IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator:

Stefanie reported that she was happy to be in attendance to meet everyone and to also be working with Tracy and her staff. Stefanie went on to speak about the Area Plan, the tool that was used to do the scoring, and what the purpose of the Area Plan was.

Stefanie reported that the Department was busy wrapping up the close-out reports for FY24, and that they were working on the Older Americans Act changes that were being made.

Stefanie finished her report by saying that they had had good discussion with the State Plan Roundtable that had been held, and that it seemed that Transportation is a big factor in their findings.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson – No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Michele Garrison, Chairperson- No Report

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Sue Kramer, Chairperson- No Report

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Standing Committees - (cont'd)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Chloe Page, Chairperson

Chloe reported that this year, there were four Board Members and one Advisory Council member that were up for re-election. Chloe then, went on to make a motion to re-elect Jimmie Page, Sue Heth, Sue Kramer, and Karen Walsh to the Board of Directors for another term, along with Sylvia Mahle to the Advisory Council for another term. The motion was then second by Carol Johnson, there were no opposed, and the motion was carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Gerald Herring, and a second by Chloe Page to adjourn the June 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 Oct, 17, 2024 at the Marion County Savings Bank Annex, located at 321 W. Main Street, in Salem, Illinois.