

## **MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

Meeting Minutes from Sept. 4, 2025

Marion County Savings Bank Annex, Illinois at 1:00pm

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

**IDOA Regional Coordinator-Stefanie Eisele.**

**Midland Staff:** Tracy Barczewski, Executor Director, Lori Cummins, Judy Kleine, Nancy Hinton, Stephanie Hawkins, Heather Fontanez, Jodene Carpenter, and Joni Kroeger.

**EXCUSED:** Chloe Page and Jimmie Page

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

The September Board Meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Karen Walsh, who was conducting the meeting in Jimmie Page's absence. Judy Kleine then followed by calling the Roll Call, and everyone in attendance then stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Tom Walsh, (Karen's husband) was the only guest in attendance.

**PUBLIC REMARKS:** No Public Remarks were made.

**PRESIDENTS REMARKS:** Karen Walsh stated that she hoped that both Jimmie and Chloe Page were feeling well, and asked for those in attendance to please sign a card that was being passed around the room for both Jimmie and Chloe.

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

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

The Secretary's Report from July 17, 2025 was approved with a motion from Sue Kramer and a second from Rosanna Perkins. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

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

**STAFF REPORTS:** All the Midland Staff reported what they all had been working on and had done in the past month. Heather Fontanez stated that she had brought several copies of the Audit that she had received for the Board to look at. Heather also stated that she had also emailed a copy of the Audit out to all the Board Members.

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**AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT:** Tracy Barczewski – Tracy reported that the agency was currently finishing up the 2025 Area Plan and was starting on the 2026 Area Plan.

Tracy reported that the Jefferson County Conversation/Wellness Fair is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 24, 2025, and will be held at the Mt. Vernon Rolland Lewis Building.

Tracy reported that all the grants had been submitted through amplifund and that most of them had been approved. Tracy reported that the Cash Flow had so far been good, and that all of the providers had been paid through June and the agency was getting ready to mail out the July payments.

Tracy reported that the agency received an application for another Title IID program starting in Fiscal Year 2026 “Pearls”, and that Comprehensive Connections were interested in it. Tracy said the Program Development Committee would have a report on it.

Tracy finished her Area Plan Development report by stating that both the program and fiscal monitoring for the Providers. had been completed by the Midland Staff.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Tracy Barczewski- Tracy reported that AgeOptions, a northern AAA had obtained a small grant to promote Fall Prevention Week and had sub-granted with the rest of the AAA's to help promote it. Tracy reported that a Fall Prevention event was scheduled on September 23, 2025 at the new Sunshine Center in Mt. Vernon. Tracy stated that the topics that would be discussed would be information on Home Safety, BingoSize, Matter of Balance, TRIAD and that the Emergency Management staff would also be there with some useful information.

Tracy reported that the Appeal Hearing with Heartland Human Services had taken place as scheduled on August 5, 2025 and that the Appeal Panel had issued their report which would be discussed during the Program Development Committee's report.

Tracy finished her report stating the next month would be our Annual Board Meeting and that the agency would like to treat the Board to a meal at the Village Garden Restaurant there in Salem. Tracy also reported that we were going to also check into perhaps having the Board Meeting there as well. Tracy ended her report then, by reporting that IDOA would be coming down on October 22, 2025 to do their monitoring on some of our programs.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:** There has been no Advisory Council meeting held, since the previous meeting, so therefore no report was given. It was announced however, that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on September 23, 2025 at 11:30am, at the Mt. Vernon Sunshine Center.

**DOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator:** Stefanie reported that a new Division Manager of Home Community Services had been hired at the agency and that they were looking forward to working with her. Stefanie went on to report that the Department was working

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

on Streamlining and on trying to revise how the AAA's reports would be submitted. Stefanie also reported that the Department is currently scheduling monitoring of the AAA's and that they would be conducting them between September 2025 and January 2026. Stefanie ended her report that IDOA continues to provide technical assistance to the agencies when it is needed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Karen Walsh- Chairperson- No Report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Chloe Page, Chairperson- Sue Kramer gave the report for the membership committee due to Chloe's absence and it was as follows. Sue reported that next month would begin the FY26-FY27 Fiscal Year. Sue went on to nominate the following for Officers of the Board, Karen Walsh-President, Sue Kramer- Vice President, and Susan Elke pending for Treasurer. Sue went on to nominate for membership of the Midland Board of Directors, serving 2- years, Gerald Herring (Clay Co.), Carol Johnson, (Effingham Co.) and Michele Garrison, (Marion Co.) and also for Advisory Council, serving 2-years, Shannon Nosbisch for Effingham County. Sue then presented this motion for Membership to the Board, Carol Johnson second the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

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

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Sue Kramer, Chairperson- Sue reported that the Program Development Committee had met that morning and continued with the following motions. Sue made the motion to accept the application from Comprehensive Connections to provide the Title IID PEARLS program pending corrections. Gerald Herring second the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Sue then made a recommendation from the Program Development Committee to accept the recommendation of the Appeal Panel regarding the Heartland Human Services Appeal for the Caregiver Advisor and GRG programs. Susan Elke, made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Appeal Panel, Rosanna Perkins second it and the motion was unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Report

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on October 9, 2025, at the Salem Village Garden Restaurant, located at 1715 W. Main Street, Salem, Illinois 62881.