

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2023

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

THOSE PRESENT: Susan Elke, Michele Garrison, Brien Guy, Amy Harrison, Gerald Hearing, Sue Heth, Sue Kramer, Rosanna Perkins, Ferrel Seaman, and Karen Walsh.

EXCUSED: Chloe Page and Jimmie Page

ABSENT: Janice Gahagan

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The June 15, 2023 Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Ferrel Seaman, followed by Judy Kleine calling the Roll Call, and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

PUBLIC REMARKS:

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: President Ferrel Seaman had no remarks at the June meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The May 18, 2023 Secretary's Report was approved with a motion by Michele Garrison and a second by Sue Kramer.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for May 2023 was approved to be filed for Audit.

STAFF REPORTS:

At this time, each staff member gave a brief report of what they had been working on since the last Board Meeting, which had been held on May 18, 2023.

AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported that the new Area Plan had been submitted, and in fact, a little earlier than scheduled.

Tracy reported that the week after the last Board Meeting, that she had attended a face-to-face meeting in Springfield, Illinois. Tracy went on to report, that even though there are times when it's difficult to attend in person, that she felt that it was very important when you can actually see the people and that it builds a stronger relationship with one another. Tracy reported that at this meeting, there was discussion about it being the 50th Anniversary of the Area Agencies in 2024 and that there would probably be a celebration that would be taking place.

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Tracy Barczewski (cont'd)

Tracy reported that the Older Americans Act is in the process of being updated after many years, and by the time it is finished, that it would probably be around 350 pages long.

Tracy then went on to report that IDOA would be conducting a Caregiver Roundtable with each of the Area Agencies, and that when she learned more of the specifics, that she would be sure to let the Board know, in the event that some of them would like to attend.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported that one thing that was failed to be mentioned in the Staff Reports was that Nancy, had completed writing her first grant on her own, and that it was on the Dementia Friends Initiative. Tracy also reported that Lori had also written a Special grant for GRG.

Tracy reported that on the 22nd of May, that the Midland staff would be attending the retirement part of two CEFS employees, one being Debbie Webber who is the head of the Meals on Wheels at CEFS, and the other was Linda Tryon who works in the Fiscal department at CEFS.

Tracy reported that we have a new Regional Coordinator for our PSA and his name is Chuck Miller. Tracy went on to state that Mr. Miller was not only our Regional Coordinator but that he was the Coordinator for the whole Southern part of Illinois.

Tracy stated that while she was in Springfield, that one of her meetings had been with the Department, along with the CCU Association Representatives and 5 of the Area Agencies. Tracy stated that at this meeting both sides discussed on how to improve the relationships with one another.

Midland Board Member, Michele Garrison at this point, spoke up and said that she was thankful that Tracy had been put on this particular committee, and that if there was anything that the Midland Board could do to help out in anyway, not to hesitate to ask them, because they would back her 100%. Another Board Member, Karen Walsh, also stated that she personally felt that the reason for Tracy being on this committee was because the people felt that she had a level head and would go the extra mile in fighting for them.

In summing up her report, Tracy reported that she had seen a lot of changes since she became the Executive Director at Midland 13 years ago.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:

There was no report given due to the fact that the Advisory Council had not met since the last Board Meeting.

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IDOA REPORT- Chuck Miller, Regional Coordinator:

Mr. Miller was unable to attend, therefore there was no IDOA Report.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson –No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Sue Kramer, Chairperson – No Report

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Michele Garrison, Chairperson

The Program Development Committee met that morning to discuss the funding of the Provider Programs. Michele Garrison reported with the following motions:

Michele Garrison made a motion for the approval of Heartlands FY24 Caregiver Applications pending corrections.

Michele Garrison made a motion for the approval of SWAN and Heartland FY24 I&A Applications pending corrections.

Michele Garrison made a motion for the approval of SWAN, Heartland, and Opportunities for Access FY24 Options Counseling applications pending corrections.

Michele Garrison made a motion for the approval of CEFS FY24 applications for Aging Mastery, Strong for Life, and Friendly visiting pending corrections.

Michele Garrison made a motion for the approval of Addus FY24 Respite Application pending corrections.

Michele Garrison made a motion for the approval of CEFS/CIPT and Comprehensive Services FY24 Transportation applications pending corrections

Michele Garrison made a motion for the approval of FY24 Land of Lincoln Legal Services application pending correction.

Michele Garrison made a motion for the approval of BCMW, CEFS, and Comprehensive Connections FY24 Nutrition applications pending corrections.

After reading all the motions, Michele Garrison then asked for a second to these motions, and then Gerald Herring made a second to all the motions made by Michele. There were no opposed, motion was carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Chloe Page, Chairperson- No Report

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There had been handouts at the Board Meeting regarding the County Conversation on June 30th at the Effingham Library, along with information on Elder Abuse and Ferrel Seaman encouraged everyone to be sure and pick one up as they were leaving that day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tracy mentioned that there may be a conference call held with the Program Development Committee before the next meeting regarding the Ombudsman Grant. Tracy stated that this grant was on a different cycle from the rest and as soon as it was returned and Nancy was able to review it, there would need to be a recommendation made and then sent to the Department on Aging. However, Tracy felt that this didn't call for an actual meeting, that it could be handle over the phone.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the June Board Meeting was made by Rosanna Perkins, and second by Gerald Herring. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on September 21, 2023.