

## **MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2025

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

**THOSE PRESENT:** Susan Elke, Michele Garrison, Brien Guy, Gerald Hearing, Sue Heth, Sue Kramer, Jimmie Page, Rosanna Perkins, and Karen Walsh.

**EXCUSED:** Amy Harrison, Carol Johnson and Chloe Page

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

The June 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:** No Guests in attendance.

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

**PRESIDENTS REMARKS:** No President Remarks were made.

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

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

The Secretary's Report from May 15, 2025 were approved with a motion from Sue Kramer and a second from Gerald Herring. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

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

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

Each Midland Staff member gave an update of what they had been working on the past month. Heather Fontanez stated that she was still waiting on the report from the Auditors and that as soon as she would receive it, that she would be emailing it along with mailing a hard copy out to the Board Members.

#### **AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT:** Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported that the Effingham County Wellness Fair/County conversation took place on May 23, 2025, and was very well attended with lots of valuable information on display. Tracy reported that the programs that were presented by the Attorney General's Office and also the Alzheimer's Association, and that SMP Bingo was also a success. Tracy reported that the next Wellness Fair would be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Flora Depot, which is the morning of the next Board Meeting. Tracy stated that she is hoping that several Board members will be able to attend. Tracy went on to state, that the Jefferson County Wellness Fair/County Conversation had to be moved from the date scheduled in August, to early Fall due to a conflict.

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### **AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Tracy Barczewski (cont'd)**

Tracy reported that the agency had received the first review of the FY26 Area Plan and that some corrections needed to be made and returned back to the State. Tracy ended her Area Plan report by stating that she had been in contact with our Regional Coordinator Stefanie Eisele, so that a time could be set up to go through the tool and also a few other questions which she had concerning the agencies funding.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Tracy Barczewski**

Tracy reported that the Advocacy Day events that were held were very successful, and that between Salem and Vandalia, there were approximately 100 people in attendance.

Tracy reported that in the latest proposed Federal Budget, that it looks like all our programs would be staying together under a new renamed division called "The Administration for Children, Families and Communities". Tracy went on to report that the Title V program, which is the Senior Employment Program, is still on the chopping block and that the Senior Medicare Patrol Program had been cut 40%.

Tracy, reported that there was good news and that was that Governor Pritzker had signed the State Budget on the previous Monday and that Aging Services had come out pretty good with an increase in Home Delivered Meals and with Dementia Friends remaining in the budget.

Tracy reported there had been a lot of time spent with reviewing and scoring applications and that a report would be given by the Program Development Committee later in the meeting.

Tracy finished her report that the October Board meeting would need to be rescheduled due to IDOA planning a conference that week and it is mandatory that she be in attendance. She stated that since it is the Annual Meeting, that she did not think that the meeting should be cancelled, and suggested perhaps having it the Thursday before, making it October 9, 2025.

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:**

No Report.

**IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator:** Stefanie was unable to attend the Board Meeting that day, however, she had emailed her report, which Tracy read to those in attendance. Tracy started by saying that Stefanie had reported that the ongoing discussions around the service planning of our PSA remained very much appreciated, and she stated that IDOA would like to thank us for our continued partnership with them. Stefanie reported that the IDOA Office of Older American Services is in the process of both reviewing the AAA FY26 Amendment Year Area Plans and approving their FY26 budgets. Stefanie stated that the Regional coordinators were working diligently with their assigned PSAs for any necessary clarifications or budget revisions. Stefanie reported that IDOA will soon be reviewing the FY25 budget revisions as we did also receive the FY 2025 Actual Allocations and will be working expeditiously to support a quick cash flow to the AAAs and in turn, providers.

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

Stefanie reported that they anticipate gathering data to highlight all of the advocacy efforts that took place throughout the State recently and hope to share it when it is collected. Stefanie ended her reported saying that she appreciated the agencies volunteerism and commitment to our community, and said that she hoped to see us in July at the Flora Wellness Fair and Board Meeting.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

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

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

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

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

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-** Sue Kramer, Chairperson- Sue Kramer reported that the Program Development Committee had met that morning and then proceeded to recommend motions for the following programs:

Sue Kramer made a motion to recommend accepting the Transportation applications for FY26 from CEFS and Comprehensive Connections pending corrections. The motion was seconded by Karen Walsh, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Sue Kramer made a motion to recommend accepting the Legal application from Land of Lincoln for FY26 pending corrections. The motion was seconded by Gerald Herring, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Sue Kramer made a motion to recommend accepting the Options Counseling applications for FY26 from Heartland Human Services, SWAN Senior Services, and Opportunity for Access pending corrections. The motion was seconded by Brien Guy, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Sue Kramer made a motion to recommend accepting the FY26 Information and Assistance applications pending corrections from Heartland Human Services and SWAN. The motion was seconded by Karen Walsh, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Sue Kramer made a motion to recommend accepting the Nutrition applications from BCMW, CEFS, and Comprehensive Connections pending corrections for FY26. The motion was seconded by Rosanna Perkins, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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### **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE- (cont'd)**

Sue Kramer made a motion to recommend accepting the Friendly Visiting application from CEFS pending corrections for FY26. The motion was seconded by Gerald Herring, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Sue Kramer made a motion to recommend accepting the Addus Respite Program application for FY26 pending corrections. The motion was seconded by Rosanna Perkins, and was carried unanimously.

Sue Kramer made a motion to recommend to deny the applications of Heartland Human Services for the Caregiver Advisor and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren programs. The motion was seconded by Gerald Herring, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Sue Kramer made a motion to accept the applications of SWAN for the Caregiver Advisor and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren programs. The motion was second by Karen Walsh, and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tracy stated that on the day of the October Board Meeting, she is to be in Peoria, Illinois for a mandatory meeting and asked the Board if it was convenient for the meeting to be moved up a week, to October 9, 2025. There were no Board Members that opposed to that date, therefore, the October Board Meeting will be moved from October 16, 2025 to Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Sue Kramer, and second by Gerald Herring to adjourn the June Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on July 17, 2025 at the Flora Depot, located at 223 W. Railroad Street, in Flora, Illinois at 1:00pm.