

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2024

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

THOSE PRESENT: Susan Elke, Michele Garrison, Brien Guy, Gerald Herring, Sue Heth, Carol Johnson, Chloe Page, Jimmie Page, and Rosanna Perkins.

EXCUSED: Karen Walsh and Sue Kramer

ABSENT: Amy Harrison

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The June 20, 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 two Guests in Attendance and they were Stefanie Eisele from IDOA, and Christine Hardin-Weiss from Adaptive Equipment.

PUBLIC REMARKS: No Public Remarks were made

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: President Jimmie Page welcomed all those who were both present in-person and on the telephone to the June Midland Board Meeting. Jimmie, then went on to say that those who were not able to attend the Triad Conference that had been held in Effingham on May 23, 2024, missed out on a lot of good information.

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's Report from April 18, 2024 was approved with a motion by Michele Garrison and a second from Rosanna Perkins.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Carol Johnson and second by Gerald Herring to approve the April and May Treasurers reports. The reports will therefore, be filed for audit.

STAFF REPORTS:

Since the new Regional Coordinator, Stefanie Eisele from IDOA was in attendance, each staff member introduced themselves and then proceeded to give a brief report as to what they did at the office, along with a small report as to what they had been working on since the Board Meeting was held back in April.

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy started her report with reading the resignation that had been received from Midland Board Member Janice Gahagan. A motion was then made by Michele Garrison to accept Janice's resignation, followed by a second motion from Gerald Herring. There were no opposed, motion was carried.

Tracy went on to report that the Area Plan had been submitted and had been returned stating some corrections that needed to be made. Tracy went on to report that the staff would be meeting the following Monday to go over the needed corrections, and that a call would be set up with the Regional Coordinators if necessary, if further assistance was needed.

After further discussion regarding the Area Plan, several of the Board Members spoke up and stated that they were behind Tracy and willing to back and help anyway they could. Tracy stated that the Area Plan had been both emotional and very stressful this year.

Tracy reported that the Area Agencies are scheduled to have a face to face meeting with the Department in August and at the meeting, there would be discussion about the Intra-funding and how it is going to be divided throughout the state.

Tracy reported that numerous grants had been submitted in May, and she had gotten word back that several of them were being cut drastically.

Tracy reported that the 50th Anniversary of the Midland Area Agency that was held in May had gone very well, that it was good to see a lot of the Providers and thanked the Board Members who attended. Tracy also gave a special thank you to Board President Jimmie Page along with his wife Chloe, for providing transportation for providing Previous Board Member President Ferrel Seaman, making it able for him to attend.

Tracy reported that several from the office had attended the "Love is Love" celebration that was held in Vandalia, that the staff had attended and had a booth at the Juneteenth celebration on the 15th of June, and that the Triad Conference that was held in Effingham, had been very well attended and had excellent speakers.

Tracy reported that this year, the Agency would again be participating in the South-Central Alzheimer's walk that's being held in September, and informed the Board that if anyone was interested in being part of the Midland Team, or forming a team of their own, they were welcomed to do so.

Tracy finished her reported by saying that the County Conversation would be held in Clay County at the Flora Depot on June 28, 2024 from 9 -12pm and invited anyone that could to please be sure to attend.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: It was announced that the Advisory Council last met on May 16, 2024, and that the minutes from the meeting had been sent out along with the June Board Packet.

IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator:

Stefanie started her report by introducing herself and saying that she had been with the Department since March of this year.

Stefanie went on to thank Tracy for all she was doing and for the service that she is providing. Stefanie went on to say, that they were looking into revising the scoring tool on the Area Plan. Stefanie reported that the Department was there to partner with the agencies and to help out wherever they could.

Jimmie Page thanked Stefanie after she gave her report, for attending the meeting and for her response to the concerns Tracy had about the Area Plan. Jimmie also said that and the rest of the Board looked forward to working with her.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson –

Susan reported that the Finance Committee had met by phone to discuss changing the agency's auditors for FY25, 26, & 27, and spoke about the Bids that were received. Susan went on to state that out of 14 companies that were contacted, only 4 had sent in Bids. After some discussion, Susan then made a motion to use Lauterbach & Amen LLP, 668 N. River Road, Naperville, IL 60563 as Midland's next auditor for FY 25, 26, & 27. The motion was second by Michele Garrison, there were no opposed, the motion was carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Michele Garrison, Chairperson-

Michele reported that Tracy had submitted her accomplishments to the committee on February 9, 2024, that the committee had reviewed them, and the approval was covered with her on June 1, 2024. Michele went on to report that there had been high goals set, and that Tracy had met all of them. Michele then finished her report by stating we were all **VERY BLESSED** to have someone like Tracy as our Executive Director!!

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Sue Kramer, Chairperson-

Tracy reported that Sue Kramer was unable to attend the meeting that day due to family matters, and for everyone to please keep her and the rest of her family in their prayers. Sue Heth, then stepped in to give the committee's report.

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Sue Heth reported that the committee had met that morning to discuss all FY25 applications pending their corrections. Sue went on to make the motion for the Board to accept all the applications that had been discussed to be approved pending corrections. The motion was second by Brien Guy, there were no opposed, and the motion were carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Chloe Page, Chairperson

Chloe reported that there would be 4 Board Members being up for re-election next year, and that we still needed to be looking for members to fill the Board vacancies in both Jefferson and Clay county.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judy asked what the Board's preference was when it came to updating the Board Handbook, and whether they preferred to have a whole new book made up or just have the updates as they occurred to be mailed along with the Board packets. After some discussion, all agreed that mailing the updates in the Board Packets would be sufficient enough.

Judy thanked the Board and informed the newly appointed Board Member Carol Johnson, that she would have a Complete Board Handbook for her at the next meeting which would be in September.

Carol Johnson commented before the meeting adjourned, how much she had learned since joining the Board, and how well the Agency stayed on top of things when it came to their Providers.

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 Sept. 19, 2024 at the Salem KC Extension, located at 1475 W. Whittaker, in Salem, Illinois.