

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2025

Kaskaskia College Extension, in Salem, Illinois— 1:00PM

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

EXCUSED: Amy Harrison, Brien Guy and Sue Kramer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The March 20, 2025 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: Tom Walsh attended the Meeting.

PUBLIC REMARKS: No Public Remarks to Report.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: President Jimmie Page thanked everyone for attending the meeting that day and for the hard work they were doing.

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's Report from November 21, 2024 was approved with a motion from Karen Walsh and a second from Rosanna Perkins. The motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurers report from November and December of 2024 and also from January and February of 2025, were approved with a motion made by Chloe Page and second by Carol Johnson. The reports will be filed for audit.

STAFF REPORTS:

The staff reports were mailed out along with the March Board Packets, however, there were a few additions that were added. Nancy Hinton reported that the Request for Proposal's for the APS program had been accepted since the last meeting. Heather Fontanez then reported that we would be receiving a draft from the Auditors soon and that we should have the final report by April.

Susan Elke asked when taxes were due for the office, and Heather stated that we had asked for an extension until August.

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported that the Public Information Document was almost done and that it was due on March 28, 2025. Tracy also reported that the Public Hearing would be held at the Salem KC Extension on April 21, 2025 at 10:00am for those wishing to attend, and that the Area Plan was due May 15, 2025.

Tracy reported that since the last time we had met, that Vandalia had been placed on the IL Dementia Registry. This makes the third Dementia Friendly Community listed on the Registry, with Effingham being the first, Salem the second, and now Vandalia. Tracy reported that the next county that we are going to be working on will be Jefferson County.

Tracy reported that Nancy, Lori, Stephanie from our office, along with 2 people from SWAN Senior Services had met to draw up a Satisfaction Survey to give out, and it will begin on April 1, 2025.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy began her Executive Director's Report by stating that her and Lori would be attending CEFS's 60th Anniversary on Friday, March 28th in Effingham, Illinois.

Tracy reported that the Marion County Health and Resource Fair was held on March 14th at the Bryan-Bennett Library in Salem, and that it was very well attended. There were 31 in attendance, plus the vendors and the Midland Staff. Tracy stated that at the Resource Fair, Senior Medicare Patrol BINGO was played, along with a light lunch that was served.

Tracy reported that on April 3, 2025 at the Salem KC Extension, that there would be a Brain Aging Conference that would be streamed for caregivers who are caring for people with Dementia and other Brain related illnesses. Tracy had information on the event at the Board Meeting and stated that you needed to register by using the QR Code on the flier.

Tracy reported that on a "Good Note", there was no Government Shut Down, as was talked about at the previous meeting. There is a continuing resolution in place until September 30, 2025. The bad news under this continuing resolution funding still may be cut or changes made.

Tracy reported that on a recent IDOA call that she had been on, that the Director at IDOA stated that Agencies should "Continue Business as usual, however, that we needed to be ready to Pivot quickly when necessary".

Tracy reported that since the last Board Meeting that was held in November, that there had been two IDOA Monitoring's held at the office.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (cont'd)

Tracy went on to report, that CEFS had notified her that as of the end of this year, that they would no longer be providing their health promotion programs, which will leave us without a provider in 4 out of our 5 counties.

Tracy reported that the Request for Proposal Applications would be going out on April 28, 2025, and then due back on May 30, 2025. A Program Development Committee will be held before the June Board Meeting to discuss the Applications that were returned.

Tracy reported that currently in Clay, Fayette, and Effingham County, there was a waiting list on Home Delivered Meals.

Tracy finished her report by thanking the Board and telling them how much she appreciated them sticking by her during this challenging time.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:

Linda Hubbartt provided the Advisory Council Report. Linda reported that the committee had met that morning and a very good discussion regarding the Marion County Health and Resource Fair that had been held. Linda reported that there was discussion as to where to try and form a Dementia Task Force in Jefferson County, and that Mt. Vernon was the town that the majority thought was a good fit. Linda reported that Donna Pearson from Jefferson Comprehensive Connections, had recommended a couple of people that we could contact to be on the Task Force possibly, and to help make Mt. Vernon a Dementia Friendly Community.

IDOA REPORT- Stefanie Eisele, Regional Coordinator:

Stefanie was unable to attend the Board Meeting, therefore, there was no IDOA Report.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson – No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Michele Garrison, Chairperson- No Report

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Sue Kramer, Chairperson- No Report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE-Chloe Page, Chairperson-No Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report

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NEW BUSINESS: There was no actual report given. Jimmie Page did however, ask all those in attendance to please write their Legislators and Congressmen to inform them how important the funding is to agencies such as Midland Area Agency.

Jimmie also stated that on behalf of himself, the Midland Board and Staff he wanted to extend his condolences to Board Member Gerald Herring who recently had lost his wife.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Sue Heth, and second by Rosanna Perkins to adjourn the March Board Meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on April 17, 2025 at the Salem Marion County Savings Bank Annex. located at 301 W. Main St, in Salem, Illinois.