

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2023

KC Salem Extension Center, Salem, Illinois– 1:00PM

THOSE PRESENT: Susan Elke, Janice Gahagan, Amy Harrison, Gerald Herring, Sue Heth, Jimmie Page, Chloe Page, Rosanna Perkins, Ferrel Seaman, and Karen Walsh.

EXCUSED: Michele Garrison, Brien Guy and Sue Kramer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The May 18, 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: There were several guests at the May Board Meeting. They were Linda Hubbartt from ECCOA, Donna Pearson from Jefferson County Comprehensive Connections, and Trisha Ratliff from Heartland Human Services.

PUBLIC REMARKS: Trisha Ratliff from Heartland Human Services gave an informative presentation on the new Caregiver Program, Trualta. Trisha used a laptop to go onto the actual Trualta website and showed different videos and articles that a person could watch to learn about the various types of caregiving.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: President Ferrel Seaman had no remarks for the May meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The April 20, 2023 Secretary's Report was approved with a motion by Jimmie Page and a second by Gerald Herring.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

STAFF REPORTS:

At this time, each staff member individually gave a brief report of what they had done and had accomplished since the last meeting, along with what they would be working on until the Board met again on June 15, 2023.

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported that the agency was currently finishing up FY23, along with the goals they had set, and were beginning to start FY24. Tracy reported that the Public Hearing had been held that morning at 9:30am and that there were 17 people in attendance. Tracy went on to report that Heather had just received the FY24 amended grants in Amplifund and would begin working on them shortly. Tracy also stated that she herself, would be working on the narrative of the Area Plan, and that one thing that she was struggling with, were the "Deliverables". Tracy stated the reason for her struggling with that part, was due to the fact that she did not want to write something that she felt the Agency may or may not be able to accomplish.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy reported in her Executive Report that the agency was going to start working on the next County Conversation Meeting. Tracy stated that it is set for June 30th at the Effingham Library and the time would be from 9-12pm. Tracy went on to say that at this meeting that she would be speaking on Social Isolation, along with Linda Warner from Heartland Human Services who would be speaking on Trauma Informed Care. Along with these two topics, each Provider who will be in attendance will give a 10-minute talk on the services which they provide.

Tracy reported that once again the Midland Area Agency on Aging would once again be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's this year. Tracy informed the Board that the walk was to be held on September, 23, 2023, and that this year would be held at the Bell Tower Inn in Centralia, opposed to Kaskaskia College, as it had been the previous years. Tracy went on to state that anyone who would like to become part of the Midland Team was welcome to do so or else show their support by donating to the team.

Tracy, then finished her report, by saying that for the first time in 3 years, she would be attending meetings with both the other Area Agency's on Aging, along with IDOA. Tracy stated that she was trying to be hopeful and thought that it was good that everyone, once again was getting together face-to-face to discuss issues that were currently taking place.

On a final note, Tracy informed the Board that currently the Land of Lincoln Legal services, except for emergencies were on hold, due to the fact that they did not have an attorney to go to the 5-county areas.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:

Linda Hubbartt, the President of the Advisory Council provided this report. Linda stated that for the first time in a long period of time, the Council had met that morning face to face, and that there was a very good discussion as to how everyone was doing since the end of the Pandemic.

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IDOA REPORT- Tony Wanless, Regional Coordinator:

Tony reported that he would be leaving the Department on Aging as of the end of the month to pursue a position at DHS. Tony stated that after he leaves, that there would only be two remaining Regional Coordinators for the whole State of Illinois, and that both of them were fairly new to their positions. Tony went on to state that the agency should go on as they have been and to keep up the good work. After his report, Tracy stated that we hated to see him leave, however, we all wished him the best in his new endeavor.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson –No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Sue Kramer, Chairperson – No Report

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Michele Garrison, Chairperson- No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Chloe Page, Chairperson- No Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss, however, Board Member Jimmie Page reported that the Board along with the Midland Area Agency staff, also hated to see Tony leave, however, he wished him Good Luck.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report

ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT MEETING:

The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on June 15, 2023 at 1:00pm at the Marion County Savings Bank Annex, located at 321 W. Main Street in Salem, Illinois.