

ELDERBRIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Elderbridge Agency on Aging

308 Central Avenue, Fort Dodge, IA

March 14, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

0.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Steven Ehrhardt at 10:00 a.m.

0.1 Introduction of Board members, staff and visitors.

President Ehrhardt called for introductions of visitors and staff. Staff members: Shelly Sindt, CEO, Donell Doering, Director of Operations, Sherri Boedeker, Finance Director and Amy Simpson, Administrative Assistant were present. Linda Miller, Iowa Department on Aging Director and Joel Wulf, Assistant Director were also present. Beth Will, Liaison to the Board was excused.

0.2 Roll Call

Mary Jeann Batham	P	Mabel Mantel	P
Margie Brones	Ph	Mike Otto	P
Jim Burns	P	Larry Pedley	P
Steven Ehrhardt	P	Roy Schoon	A
Lionel J. Foster	P	Jan Sowers	P
Paula Harms	Ph	Wilma Straus	P

0.3 Items added to the Board Agenda by Board Members and Agency Staff

No new items were added to the agenda

0.4 Adopt Agenda

President Ehrhardt called for a motion to adopt the March 14, 2017, Board Agenda. It was moved by Mabel Mantel and seconded by Jim Burns that the agenda be adopted. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

1.0 Iowa Department on Aging

1.1 Introduction of Linda Miller, Director of Iowa Department on Aging and Joel Wulf, Assistant Director

Linda Miller, the new Director of Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) introduced herself to the Board. Director Miller became the Director of IDA in December 2016. She had previously been a state legislator for 10 years. Director Miller indicated that the congregate meal program is seeing a decline nationwide in attendance. Federal programs need to be flexible and updated. The state has relaxed some of the meal requirements to be less restrictive. The Elderbridge service area is mostly rural which can be challenging. She further indicated that when filling open Boards positions, Board members need to have some experience in working with elders or have worked in relevant fields.

Joel Wulf, Assistant Director of IDA indicated that Elderbridge is timely with report filing and is accessible to IDA. Elderbridge is performing well in relation to the other AAA's in the state of Iowa. Elderbridge has also performed well with regard to Elder Abuse & Prevention programs, Information and Assistance and Options Counseling. The Older Skilled Workers program run by Marsha Harmonson has been successful and VocRehab is pleased with the outcomes.

2.0 Board Affairs

2.1 Approval of February 14, 2017, Board Meeting Minutes

President Ehrhardt called for approval of the February 14, 2017, Board Meeting minutes. It was moved by Lionel Foster and seconded by Mabel Mantel that the February 14, 2017, meeting minutes be approved. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

2.2 Governance Committee Report

2.2.1 Introduction of Larry Pedley new Board member

Larry Pedley has been an active member in his community for many years. He recently served on the Advisory Council for Elderbridge. He has been a council member for the City of Sibley and has served as a Supervisor for Osceola County. He further expressed his gratitude in being chosen to serve on the Board.

It was moved by Jim Burns and seconded by Mike Otto that Larry Pedley be seated as a member of the Board of Directors. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

2.2.2 Approval of Becky Koppen, Hamilton County for Advisory Council

Chair Burns stated that the Governance Committee reviewed Becky Koppen's application on February 17, 2017. Ms. Koppen served on the Advisory Council for Upper Des Moines Opportunity, has created a senior fitness program called BASE and is the RSVP Coordinator for Hamilton County.

It was moved by Jim Burns and seconded by Mabel Mantel that Becky Koppens's application be approved for the Advisory Council for Hamilton County. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

2.2.3 Election of Lionel Foster and Larry Pedley to Standing Committee openings

Chair Burns recommended that Lionel Foster be appointed to the Human Resource Committee and Larry Pedley to the Governance Committee. It was moved by Jim Burns and seconded by Mike Otto. On roll call the vote was as follows.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

3.0 Advisory Council Report

3.1 Report – Beth Will

In Beth Will's absence, CEO Shelly Sindt provided the Advisory Council report. The Advisory Council met on February 22, 2017. Council vacancies and renewal of terms were reviewed with the group. Donell Doering reviewed the prioritization of Elderbridge Services that members participated in at the October meeting. Goals and strategies for the 2018-2021 Area Plan were also reviewed and the Advisory Council provided feedback. The Budget Review Committee meet in January and presented their findings to the Board with regard to requested budget cuts.

It was moved by Jim Burns and seconded by Lionel Foster that the Advisory Council report be accepted. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

4.0 Finance Report

4.1 Finance Report – Sherri Boedeker, Finance Director

Elderbridge is currently showing an excess revenue over expense due to Nutrition and case management and Medicaid reimbursements exceeding costs. Elderbridge is developing strategies to expend the Title IIID and IIIE funds. Elderbridge has received notice from Iowa Medicaid Enterprise that Elderbridge was overpaid in FY2015. President Ehrhardt has signed a voucher to return the funds. The state has notified Elderbridge of budget reductions in revenue. The reduced amounts are shown on page 5 in the revised budget column.

It was moved by Mike Otto and seconded by Mary Jean Batham that the Finance report be accepted. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

5.0 Agency Program Report

5.1 Area Plan

The Area Plan is in its final stages and will be completed by March 30 and submitted to the state. The Board was provided with the Area Plan that included the three goals as well as performance goals. The Area Plan Budget was also briefly reviewed with the Board. It is anticipated that the case management projections will need to be changed before submission.

It was moved by Jim Burns and seconded by Mike Otto that the Area Plan be approved with the condition that minor changes will need to be made to the plan before submission. On roll call the vote was as follows.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

5.2 CEO Report – Shelly Sindt

CEO Sindt stated that all three MCO's are losing money. AmeriHealth-Caritas, has contracted case management services with Elderbridge will begin doing their own waiver case management as of April 1, 2017. At this time, AmeriHealth will continue to use AAA's for case management. That could change. The Mercy Network which includes hospitals

and clinics throughout the state may not continue to contract with AmeriHealth due the rate of reimbursement being lowered. The Mercy network is notifying its clients by letter of the issue and that they may need to switch to AmeriGroup to continue to be seen by their doctors. The oversight committee for the MCO's has not met. CEO Sindt further stated that she is looking for different ways to use staff and will build non-Medicaid case management.

5.3 Elderbridge Alliance

CEO Sindt stated that the Elderbridge Alliance Board will meet on March 20, 2017, in Algona. IRS Form 1023 will be finalized for submission to the IRS. Steve Ehrhardt has agreed to participate on the Elderbridge Alliance Board once his second term is completed in July 2017. An Elderbridge Alliance report will be made at the April Board meeting.

6.0 Community Relations

- 6.1** County Updates – Feedback from Board Members and/or general public
No county updates at this time.

7.0 Coming Dates

- 7.1** The next Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. April 11, 2017 – Fort Dodge Elderbridge office
President Ehrhardt suggested that the Board meet at 9:30 a.m. and the orientation training could begin immediately following the Board meeting.
- 7.2** Ready, Set, Retire – April 4 & 5 2017, Northwest Community College, Sheldon, Iowa, Room 115-119, Building A, 5:45 to 8:30 p.m.
- 7.3** Ready, Set, Retire – April 22, 2017, Iowa Central College, East Campus, Fort Dodge, Iowa, 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- 7.4** Next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in Fort Dodge
- 7.5** Board Training to be scheduled in late summer

8.0 Adjournment

- 8.1** Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Mike Otto and seconded by Jim Burns that the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 p.m. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)