



**ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
714 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. East, Spencer, IA  
Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
10:30 AM

**0.0 Call to Order**

Kelly Schultz, presiding president, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

**0.1** The advisory council members, staff members, and guests introduced themselves. Also present were: Donell Doering, Co-Executive Director and Amy B. Simpson, Administrative Assistant and Wilma Straus, Board Representative. A quorum was present with 19 members in attendance in person and via telephone.

Susan Osvald Audubon	Ex	Tracy Quinones Franklin	P	Larry Pedley Osceola	P
Tracy Gotto Buena Vista	A	Joan Tiffany Greene	P	Maureen Sandberg Palo Alto	P
Leane Bodle Calhoun	Ex	Betty Knudsen Guthrie	P	Clint Fogde Pocahontas	P
Joene Bohlmann Carroll	Ex	Vacant Hamilton		Patricia Rubendall Sac	P
Amanda Ragan Cerro Gordo	Ex	Marlene Gray Hancock	P	Lori Hayungs Sioux	Ex
Deb Woodcock Clay	P	Janeice Geitzenauer Humboldt	P	Carol Barber Webster	A
Steve Fitzgerald Crawford	P	Paul Haverly Kossuth	P	Rick Burke Winnebago	Ph
Beth Will Dickinson	P	Vacant Lyon		Nancy Franck Worth	Ex
Kelly Schultz Emmett	P	Sandy Chilson Mitchell	P	Ann Leonard Wright	P
Lori Hain Floyd	Ex	Vacant O'Brien		Wilma Straus Board Rep	P

- 0.2** Items to be added to/deleted from the Agenda by Council Members and Staff  
No new items were added and no items were deleted from the agenda.  
Rock Burke recommended that Amy Simpson continue doing the minutes of the meetings since she attends the meetings in person.
- 0.3** Adopt Agenda  
It was moved by Beth Will and seconded by Tracy Quinones to adopt the agenda.  
Motion carried.

**1.0** Council Affairs

- 1.1** Approval of the August 24, 2016, Council Meeting Minutes  
It was moved by Larry Pedley and seconded by Janiece Geitzenauer that the August 24, 2016, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- 1.2** Open Positions  
**1.2.1** Hamilton, Lyon and O'Brien  
Hamilton, Lyon and O'Brien counties remain vacant. The Elderbridge staff closest to those counties will try to find volunteers for those counties. Advisory Council members are also encouraged to recruit if they know of any in those counties.
- 1.3** Fundraising Committee Report  
Co-Executive Director Doering stated that Elderbridge received a \$10,000 grant from Bertha Stebens Foundation for the Elder Rights program. A \$6,000 grant was received from the Renze Charitable Trust for emergency meals and food trays. Co-Executive Director Doering stated those are the most recent grants Elderbridge has received. Staff will provide the Advisory Council with an up to date listing of grants at the February meeting.
- 1.4** Report on Iowa Governor's Conference  
Ann Leonard from Wright County thanked Elderbridge for the opportunity to attend the Governor's Conference in Des Moines in May 2016. She indicated that the conference was very informative. Elder care is changing; parents moving in with their children has risen 18%. A lot of issues were covered that included, insurance, health, and long term care.
- 1.5** Prioritization of Elderbridge Services  
Co-Executive Director Doering stated that every year a prioritization of services is discussed to plan for coming years. Each service that Elderbridge currently provides was explained to the Council. Each Advisory Council member needed to look at the services in their respective counties and rank the top three services that are the most important. A county report will be emailed to each member to help determine what services are most important. Council members were asked to return the worksheets to Elderbridge once they complete the prioritization.

**2.0 Board Liaison Report – Wilma Straus**

Wilma Straus reported that the Board will be hiring a CEO to head the agency. She praised Donell Doering and Shelly Sindt’s hard work as Co-Executive Directors after Mick Tagesen left the agency.

**3.0 Agency Report – Donell Doering/Shelly Sindt – Co-Executive Directors**

**3.1 Agency Report**

County Board of Supervisors meetings have started in each County. Some counties have opted not to have a presentation, but still provide a county match to the Agency.

Elderbridge has gotten a new phone system that is with the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). It has been live for about a week. The quality of the sound with the new system is better than the former Fidelity system. Other Area Agencies on Aging in the state area also moving to the ICN.

**3.2 Annual Report**

The Annual Report has been completed and was issued to the attendees. The Annual Report identifies the Board of Directors and includes information about the Healthy Aging programs, evidenced based programs, and the LifeLong Links program. The Annual Report also has information concerning the budget and identifies the sources of Elderbridge’s funding.

**4.0 Community Relations**

**4.1 County Updates – Feedback from Council Members**

Kossuth County – The meal count is 62 meals a day at the meal site. That includes home delivered. Looking at getting Stepping On classes scheduled for the meal site.

Osceola County – City of Sibley purchased a bus for the community that is similar to the RIDES bus. City is co-joining with the hospital and has received private donations to provide transportation.

Palo Alto County – Emmetsburg and Grettinger Dinner Date sites have low attendance. There will be a fundraiser in Emmetsburg Dinner Date on election day to raise funds for equipment.

Hancock County – Struggling to get volunteers to deliver home delivered meals.

Guthrie County – Play bingo once a month at Guthrie Center that brings in a larger crowd to the meal site. There is also a fitness center for seniors to exercise.

Greene County – In Jefferson the churches take turns delivering meals.

Clay County – Spencer Activity Center has a new employee. At Sunset there was a concern that calls were not being returned to seniors. Hope to get to other sites in the County. Fresh Conversations is well liked.

Pocahontas County – At the assisted living facility there is a community exercise program that is well received.

Dickinson County – Problems exist with getting clients assigned a case manager that have been approved for Medicaid. The delay has been almost four months for clients.

Winnebago County – There has been good attendance at the noon meal this fall. The delivered meals have increased slightly.

Emmett County – County is doing well. Received a grant for an exercise program. There will be a caregiver coffee in Arnold’s Park on November 17, 2016. There will be entertainment and treats at Calvary Methodist Church. November is Caregiver’s month.

**5.0 Coming Dates**

- 5.1** Next Board Meeting – November 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Fort Dodge Elderbridge Office
- 5.2** County Board of Supervisors Meetings have begun. Members will be notified of meeting dates in their counties via email.
- 5.3** Centenarian Even on October 26, 2016, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Highlands Independent Living facility on the St. Luke Homes Campus in Spencer.
- 5.4** Next Advisory Council Meeting – February 22, 2017, 10:30 a.m. in Fort Dodge Elderbridge Office

**6.0 Adjournment**

**6.1** Adjournment

There being no further business before the Advisory Council, it was moved by Deb Woodcock and seconded by Joan Tiffany to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m.