

ELDERBRIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Elderbridge Agency on Aging

308 Central Avenue

Fort Dodge, IA 50501

December 12, 2017, 1000 a.m.

0.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Paula Harms at 10:00 a.m.

0.1 Introduction of Board members, staff and visitors.

President Harms called for introductions of visitors and staff. Staff members: Shelly Sindt, CEO, and Sherri Boedeker, Finance Director were present. Ann Leonard, Liaison to the Board was excused.

0.2 Roll Call

Mary Jeann Batham	P	Mabel Mantel	P
Vacant		Mike Otto	P
Jim Burns	P	Jan Olson	Ph
Vacant		Larry Pedley	P
Lionel J. Foster	Ph	Jan Sowers	P
Paula Harms	P	Beth Will	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 Harms called for a motion to adopt the December 12, 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 Board Affairs

1.1 Approval of November 14, 2017, Board Meeting Minutes

President Harms called for approval of the November 14, 2017, Board Meeting minutes. It was moved by Beth Will and seconded by Mabel Mantel that the November 14, 2017, Board Meeting minutes be approved. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

1.2 Strategic Planning Committee

Beth Will handed out the updated report to the members. The mission and vision statements have changed. The updated mission statement is: "To empower older Iowans and adults with disabilities to live with dignity and independence." The updated vision statement is: "To be the leader in providing information, access to resources and services and individualized support to maintain health and independence." The core principles

are: Professionalism, integrity and excellence (PIE). Advocacy goals were also discussed during the strategic meeting and were listed in the handout. CEO Sindt stated that the action plan will be presented to the Board at the February 2018 meeting.

It was moved by Mike Otto and seconded by Mabel Mantel that the Strategic Planning Committee report be approved. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

1.3 Governance Committee Report

1.3.1 Review and approval of Rebecca Wolf application for Advisory Council for Buena Vista County

Chair Burns stated an application was received from Rebecca Wolf of Buena Vista County. The committee met on November 16, 2017, to discuss the qualifications of the applicant. Rebecca Wolf has been active in her community/county and would be a good candidate for Buena Vista County. It was moved by Jim Burns and seconded by Lionel Foster that Rebecca Wolf of Buena Vista County be approved for the Advisory Council. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

Current open counties are Osceola, Webster and Lyon. CEO Sindt stated she may have candidates for Lyon and Osceola that she will be pursuing those leads.

1.4 Fundraising Committee Report

Lionel Foster stated that the Fundraising Committee wants to start calling for donations, but are having a difficult time getting current phone numbers. He also suggested that the Knights of Columbus in Mason City do a fundraiser for Elderbridge. Tammie McCready will be contacting them. The packet included information regarding possibly getting funding from the Iowa Lottery for seniors.

It was moved by Mary Jeann Batham and seconded by Mabel Mantel that the fundraising report be accepted. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

CEO Sindt informed the Board that Elderbridge received a Benefits and Enrollment Center (BEC) grant in the amount of \$100,000. Elderbridge partnered with NEI3A and County Social Services for the grant.

1.5 Discussion of Paid Holiday Schedule for 2018

CEO Sindt proposed switching the paid holiday of Martin Luther King Day back to President's Day. It was moved by Jim Burns and seconded by Mabel Mantel that the paid holiday of President's Day be reinstated and that Martin Luther King Day would no longer be a paid holiday. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

2.0 Finance Report

2.1 Finance Report

Funds that should have been deferred were discovered during the audit which affected the indirect costs. The FY17 budget was resubmitted to the state and the budget is in good shape. The changes in the MCO's have complicated billing. Staff is working on tools to determine which MCO to bill for meals received by current AmeriHealth clients. Elderbridge Alliance has picked up somewhat, but is still not breaking even.

It was moved by Mike Otto and seconded by Jim Burns to accept the financial report. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

3.0 Agency Report – Shelly Sindt, CEO

3.1 CEO Report

CEO Sindt stated with AmeriHealth Caritas leaving the state and roughly 10,000 lowans going to IME/DHS fee for service, the state of Iowa contacted the AAA's to see if our agency would be able to keep some of the elderly waiver clients. Four of the six AAA's agreed to keep some clients temporarily. Elderbridge is serving 26 non-elderly waiver clients, but IME will need to pay at the levels the MCO's are getting.

CEO Sindt met with the Department on Aging and the AAA directors to discuss priorities going into the legislative session. There are Medicaid dollars available that DHS is not pulling down that the AAAs could use. The AAAs are not asking for any more money for the upcoming budget season. The focus is not to be cut any further.

IDA has sent a letter that data needs to be corrected. All AAA's were informed of corrections that need to be made to data. The LifeLong Links outlook reporting needs to be corrected. There will be training of staff so the problem is reporting

3.2 Elderbridge Alliance Report

CEO Sindt stated that requests for services have increased. The Elderbridge Alliance Coordinator, Amber Hobson, has submitted her resignation. She will be replaced by a person who will split their time between Elderbridge Alliance and public relations duties for Elderbridge.

4.0 Community Relations

4.1 County Updates – Feedback for, Board Members and/or general public
No updates at this time

5.0 Coming Dates

5.1 Next Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. January 9, 2018, Conference Call

5.2 Upcoming holidays: December 25 & 26 office closed, January 1, office closed.

5.3 Next Advisory Council meeting – February 28, 2018, 10:30 a.m. Fort Dodge Elderbridge Office

6.0 Adjournment

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There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Mike Otto and seconded by Beth Will that the meeting be adjourned at 11:37 a.m. On roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)