



**ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

308 Central Avenue
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:30 AM

0.0 Call to Order

Susan Osvald, presiding President, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

0.1 The advisory council members, staff members, and guests introduced themselves. Also present were: Shelly Sindt, CEO, Donell Doering, Director of Operations, SueAnne Stoermer, Public Relations Coordinator and Amy B. Simpson, Executive Assistant. A quorum was present with 18 members in attendance in person and via telephone.

Susan Osvald Audubon	P	Tracy Quinones Franklin	P	Vacant Osceola	
Rebecca Wolf Buena Vista	P	Joan Tiffany Greene	P	Maureen Sandberg Palo Alto	Ex
Leane Bodle Calhoun	P	Betty Knudsen Guthrie	P	Clint Fogde Pocahontas	A
Joene Bohlmann Carroll	P	Becky Koppen Hamilton	P	Patricia Rubendall Sac	P
Amanda Ragan Cerro Gordo	Ex	Marlene Gray Hancock	P	Lori Hayungs Sioux	Ex
Deb Woodcock Clay	Ex	Janeice Geitzenauer Humboldt	Ex	Alison Hauser Webster	Ex
Steve Fitzgerald Crawford	P	Linda Vaudt Kossuth	P	Rick Burke Winnebago	P
Kathleen Johnson Dickinson	P	Vacant Lyon		Nancy Franck Worth	Ex
Kelly Schultz Emmett	P	Sandy Chilson Mitchell	P	Ann Leonard Wright	Ex

Lori Hain Ex Darwin Dau P Lionel Foster P
Floyd O'Brien Board Rep

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.

0.3 Adopt Agenda
 It was moved by Joan Tiffany and seconded by Tracy Quinones to adopt the
February 28, 2018, agenda. Motion carried.

1.0 **Council Affairs**

1.1 Approval of the October 25, 2017, Council Meeting Minutes
 It was moved by Joene Bohlmann and seconded by Marlene Gray that the
October 25, 2017, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

1.2 Seating of Rebecca Wolf, Buena Vista County and Alison Hauser, Webster County
 CEO Sindt stated that Alison Hauser was unable to attend the meeting, but she is
excited about being a part of the Advisory Council. She works for County Social Services
in Fort Dodge. Rebecca Wolf, is the director of Welco Assisted Living in Alta, Iowa. It was
moved by Linda Vaudt and seconded by Becky Koppen that Rebecca Wolf and Alison
Hauser be seated. Motion carried.

1.3 Open Counties

1.3.1 Lyon, Osceola
 CEO Sindt stated Deb Woodcock from Clay County is assisting in trying to fill the
vacancies for Lyon and Osceola. SueAnne Stoermer is also assisting in locating potential
members.

1.4 Joint Planning Committee Report – Service Priorities

 CEO Sindt stated that Becky Koppen, Maureen Sandberg, Steve Fitzgerald and Lori
Hain served on the planning committee. On November 3, 2017, the committee met to
discuss the three goal areas of the Area Plan. The committee members also prioritized
the services. Donell Doering, Director of Operations, explained in detail the three goal
areas and their importance. CEO Sindt went over the service priorities in order of
importance.

 It was moved by Lionel Foster and seconded by Kelly Schultz that the Joint
Planning Committee Report be approved. Motion carried.

1.5 Fundraising Committee Report

 Board representative Lionel Foster stated that they are developing fundraising
strategies that include approaching organizations for donations and developing a donar
list of individuals to call for donations. Looking at getting monies from the Iowa Lottery.
The have certain amount of money set aside for organizations, but it is tightly controlled
by the Iowa legislature.

 It was moved by Lionel Foster and seconded by Betty Knudsen to approve the
fundraising report. Motion carried.

1.6 Area Plan Update

The four year Area Plan was submitted last year. An update is required by IDA to the four year plan. Director of Operations Doering indicated that service gaps have been identified for the three Area Plan goals. The service gaps for each goal identify ways that Elderbridge intends to eliminate the service gaps. Advisory Council members received detailed information concerning each goal and what service gaps have been identified.

It was moved by Joene Bohlmann and seconded by Tracy Quinones that the Area Plan Update be approved. Motion carried.

3.0 Agency Report/Board Liaison Report – Shelly Sindt, CEO

3.1 Agency Report

CEO Sindt stated that there has been a 12% funding reduction. It is anticipated there will be a budget shortfall and a de-appropriation plan has been proposed. A paper plate campaign was started at the meal sites where seniors write on paper plates of how important the meal program is to them. Negotiations on the budget are ongoing. The hope is our portion of budget cuts is only roughly \$17,000.

3.2 Elderbridge Alliance

Efforts are continuing to get the word out concerning Elderbridge Alliance services. There will be upcoming ad campaigns for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Progress has been slow, but it is increasing.

4.0 Community Relations

4.1 County Updates – Feedback from Council Members

Audubon County – Exira has a new site coordinator. Be sure to get name on the mailing list for the Renaissance newsletter.

Calhoun County – The meal site in Manson is having a difficult time with the City of Manson. Elderbridge will try to assist with this problem.

Crawford County – New meal site manager. Home delivered is down.

Carroll County – The menu size in the Renaissance Newsletter is small and hard to read. Needs to be on two pages.

Dickinson County – Has a new Human Sciences Program Coordinator for the county. The 2nd and 4th of the month there is a community meal that is free at the Okoboji Community Center. The 3rd Thursday of each month the YMCA puts on a free meal also.

Guthrie County – Needs information on how to get a hold of the Stuart meal site. Need to get information out about Elderbridge.

Greene County – Great meal site and numbers are holding.

Hancock County – Down a little on meals on wheels.

Hamilton County – Congregate meal site is going strong. Home delivered is also going well.

Kossuth County – Working on getting meal site attendance up. Lowest income are in Luverne and Swea City and working on ideas to get them to the meal site.

Winnebago County – Still delivering meals on wheels. The local paper had an article in January about the meal site.

Buena Vista County – Dinner date has been discontinued. Welco is doing senior meals at \$5.00 a meal. Also doing meals on wheels locally.

Sac County – Meal site is going well. Sac City numbers are increasing.

Hamilton County – Congregate meals are going well. RSVP has a senior fitness program which is ongoing.

Mitchell County – Grant was received for the Osage meal site.

5.0 Coming Dates

5.1 Next Board Meeting – March 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Fort Dodge Elderbridge Office.

5.2 Next Advisory Council Meeting – May 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. by conference call.

6.0 Adjournment

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There being no further business before the Advisory Council, it was moved by Rick Burke and seconded by Leane Bodle to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Motion carried.