



ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 Conference Call
 Wednesday, May 23, 2018
 9:00 am

0.0 Call to Order

Susan Oswald, presiding President, called the meeting to order at 9:11 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, and Amy B. Simpson, Executive Assistant. A quorum was present with 14 members in attendance via telephone.

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

0.2 Items to be added to/deleted from the Agenda by Council Members and Staff
No new items were added to the agenda.

0.3 Adopt Agenda
It was moved by Linda Vaudt and seconded by Steve Fitzgerald to adopt the May 23, 2018, agenda. Motion carried.

1.0 **Council Affairs**

1.1 Approval of the February 28, 2018, Council Meeting Minutes
It was moved by Steve Fitzgerald and seconded by Lori Hain that the February 28, 2018, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

1.2 Open Counties including upcoming open counties after July 1

1.2.1 Lyon, Osceola, Audubon, Greene, Franklin

Ongoing efforts are being made to fill the county vacancies. President Oswald stated she is working on filling her county of Audubon. Tracy Quinones from Franklin County is working on getting a replacement.

1.2.2 Update on upcoming term renewals

Becky Koppen, Hamilton County, Sandy Chilson, Mitchell County and Rick Burke in Winnebago County are up for term renewals. It was moved by Linda Vaudt and seconded by Deb Woodcock that the term renewals be accepted. Motion carried.

1.3 Appointment of Nominations Committee

President Oswald called for volunteers for the nominating committee. Linda Vaudt and Steve Fitzgerald volunteered for the nominating committee. It was moved by Deb Woodcock and seconded by Betty Knudsen that Linda Vaudt and Steve Fitzgerald serve on the nominating committee. Motion carried.

1.4 Fundraising Committee Report

Deb Woodcock indicated that the Fundraising Committee would no longer be meeting every month. Chair Foster stated that the committee has run into problems with the Knights of Columbus. The organization is not willing to release any information on the Grand Knights of the organization due to confidentiality. President Oswald offered to contact the diocese in her area and ask for the Grand Knight's name. The committee is also looking at the Lions Club. Elderbridge purchased Mobile Cause software to help the agency with fundraising activities.

It was moved by Lionel Foster and seconded by Steve Fitzgerald that the Fundraising Committee Report be approved. Motion carried.

2.0 **Board Liaison Report – Lionel Foster**

There is nothing to report at this time. CEO Sindt stated she would provide an update on the Board during her agency report.

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

3.1 Agency Report

CEO Sindt stated that Farmer's Market vouchers would be available on June 1. May is Older Americans Month, and there have been activities going on in the 29 county service area. Mayors in some of the communities have signed proclamations. CEO Sindt

stated that Elderbridge might receive a slight increase in funding from the Older Americans Act. The funding is for the current federal fiscal year. How that is going to work for the next fiscal, it is not known at this time.

CEO Sindt has been visiting all 29 counties in our service area to eat at the meal sites, and to make connections and do outreach.

3.2 Elderbridge Alliance

CEO Sindt stated that the Alliance is a separate 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. Services are being provided on a private pay basis. Elderbridge employees are being used to deliver services. Errand Buddy has been a popular service. Healthcare Companion visits have also been utilized. Stephanie Carlson is the part-time Elderbridge Alliance Coordinator, who coordinates Elderbridge staff to perform the services.

3.3 Area Plan

CEO Sindt stated that an update to the Area Plan was provided to the Iowa Commission on Aging and approval has been recommended by the Commission. She will be presenting the Area Plan Update to the Commission on June 12, 2018.

4.0 Community Relations

4.1 County Updates – Feedback from Council Members

Audubon County – Exira has a new cook and Thursday is the first time he will cook liver and onions. Kudos to Taylor Boyle for helping the Exira site with issues. New voter ID rules are coming up, and seniors need to be aware of changes.

Clay County – Produce Box will start June 1. Anyone can take fresh produce to Dinner Date sites, and fresh produce will be dispersed those that need it. Elderbridge has gotten good publicity from the Spencer newspaper.

Hancock County – Going well at the meal site. The Site is currently exploring changing where meals are prepared to Ventura.

Kossuth County – Elderly Fair at Presbyterian Church in September. Will let Elderbridge know the date. Working on notifying the elderly of what programs or services that legislators vote for or against.

Palo Alto – Maureen Sandberg is an election worker in the County. You can sign an affidavit this year if citizens do not have special photo ID or driver license. Emmetsburg has a community garden. Will be contacting the City to see if the City is participating or would participate with Produce Box. There is a new restaurant in Graettinger. Could be a possible Dinner Date site.

Sioux County – Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes in Dickinson County. Will be sending Elderbridge information about an elderly adult group.

Winnebago County – meal site is maintaining numbers.

Wright County – Not a lot new. There is going to be an election for Supervisors.

5.0 Coming Dates

5.1 Next Board Meeting – June 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Fort Dodge Elderbridge Office.

5.2 Older Americans Month – May

5.3 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15, 2018

5.4 Next Advisory Council meeting – August 22, 10:30 a.m. in the Elderbridge Fort Dodge office.

6.0 **Adjournment**

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There being no further business before the Advisory Council, it was moved by Deb Woodcock and seconded by Lionel Foster to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried.