



ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING
ANNUAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Conference Call
Wednesday, August 27, 2025
9:00 a.m.

0.0 **Call to Order**

Chair Scharper called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

0.1 The Advisory Council members, staff members, and guests introduced themselves. Also present were: Stacia Timmer, CEO; Sandra Jackson, COO; Emily Winker, LifeLong Links Director, Amy Simpson, Executive Assistant were present. Linda Vaudt, Liaison to the Advisory Council, was absent. A quorum was present with 16 members in attendance.

Jotham Arber Audubon	A	Deb Sabin Franklin	Ph	Sue Krogman Osceola	Ph
Lisa Funk Buena Vista	Ex	Penny Tiffany Greene	A	Diana Elbert Palo Alto	Ph
Carl Legore Calhoun	Ph	Linda Clark Guthrie	A	Linda Saathoff Pocahontas	A
Michelle Klocke Carroll	A	Vacant Hamilton		Vacant Sac	A
Lionel Foster Cerro Gordo	Ph	Jaime Smith Hancock	Ph	Deb Kratochvil Sioux	Ph
Melissa Loehr Clay	Ph	Jan Olson Humboldt	Ph	Randy Kuhlman Webster	Ph
Morgan Saunders Crawford	A	Dan Peterson Kossuth	Ph	Paul Fitzgerald Winnebago	Ex
Angela Cook Dickinson	A	Vacant Lyon	Ph	Sandra Olson Worth	Ph
Jessica Carlson Emmet	Ph	Deb Scharper Mitchell	Ph	Tracy Crees Wright	A
Pat Gansen Floyd	Ph	Jared Johnson O'Brien	Ex	Linda Vaudt Board Rep	A
Vacant At-large		Eric Erickson At-Large	A	Dan Skelton At-Large	Ph

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

0.3 Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Lionel Foster and seconded by Dan Peterson to adopt the August 27, 2025, meeting agenda. Motion carried.

1.0 **Council Affairs**

1.1 Approval of the May 28, 2025, Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Dan Skelton and seconded by Sandy Olson that the May 28, 2025, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

1.2 Seating of new members, Melissa Loehr, Clay County, and Jaime Smith, Hancock County

Chair Scharper asked the new members to introduce themselves. Melissa Loehr from Clay County lives in Spencer and works for the Iowa Primary Care Association with a background in behavioral health. Jaime Smith from Hancock County lives in Garner. Her background is in banking and finance. She is looking forward to advocating for the elderly and working with Elderbridge. It was moved by Carl Legore and seconded by Deb Sabin to seat the new members. County. Motion carried.

1.3 Current vacancies – Hamilton, Lyon, and Sac

CEO Timmer asked members if they had any contacts in the vacant counties to let her or Amy know. It is important to have county vacancies filled, so Elderbridge knows what is happening in each county. Staff will continue to look for replacements in the vacant counties also.

1.4 Election of Officers

1.4.1 Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for FY 2026

After a brief discussion, Sandy Olson volunteered to be Chair, Deb Scharper volunteered to be Vice Chair, and Dan Skelton volunteered to be Secretary for FY 26. It was moved by Jessica Carlson and seconded by Dan Petereson to approve the officers as presented. Motion carried.

1.4.2 Appointment of Advisory Council Representative to the Board

After a brief discussion, Lionel Foster, from Cerro Gorod County, volunteered to be the Advisory Council representative to the Board. It was moved by Sandy Olson and seconded by Dan Skelton to approve Lionel Foster as the Advisory Council representative to the Board. Motion carried.

1.5 Appointment to the Board Fundraising Committee

Sandy Olson, Lionel Foster, and Dan Skelton volunteered to serve on the Fundraising Committee. It was moved by Pat Gansen and seconded by Jan Olson to approve the appointments to the Fundraising Committee. Motion Carried.

1.6 Fundraising Committee Report

Fundraising Committee Chair Dan Skelton reported that:

- The Slam Dunk Fundraiser raised roughly \$25,000 per year for the last two years.
- Staff have begun to get auction items for the 2026 Slam Dunk Fundraiser. 32Auctions will be used again for the event.

- Randy’s Grocery in Clear Lake will be contacted to do another round-up campaign for Elderbridge. Other microfundraisers will also be taking place.

1.7 Older lowans' Legislature delegates to the Annual meeting in September.

CEO Timmer reported that Lionel Foster will be attending the Annual OIL meeting in September. OIL members advocate to state legislators to assist in improving the lives of older lowans. If Advisory Council members are interested in attending the meeting, they are encouraged to do so. Information concerning the OIL Annual meeting will be emailed to the members.

1.8 LifeLong Links Program Report

LifeLong Links Director Winker reported the following.

- The 4th Annual Caregiver Conference will be on November 6, 2025, in Carroll, Iowa. CEUs will be offered.
- The LifeLong Links program includes the Information and Referral Specialists, Options Counselors, long-term case management, Elder Rights, and the IRTC program.

2.0 Board Liaison Report

CEO Timmer reported that the HCBS and nutrition contracts have been signed and went into effect on July 1, 2025. Two new board members have been seated. Shelly Sindt retired as the CEO. Stacia Timmer took over the CEO role, Sandra Jackson became the COO, and Emily Winker became the LifeLong Links Director as of July 1, 2024.

3.0 Agency Reports

3.1 CEO Report – Stacia Timmer

- The meal program – Elderbridge has roughly 50 meal sites. Recent budget cuts have affected the meal program. Adjustments to the budget had to be made to prepare for possible future budget cuts. Waitlists will be implemented due to the cuts, which Elderbridge has not had to do in the past. Meals can still be provided for the full cost of the meal, but those who are higher risk will be prioritized using risk factors.
- A new Healthy Aging Coordinator, Carol Orris, was hired at the Spencer office. She will be covering counties in the northwest part of Elderbridge’s service area. Brenda Semprini, Healthy Aging Coordinator in Fort Dodge, has retired.
- A paper plate campaign was done by the AAAs in the state to advocate for more money for the food program. The paper plates were presented to state legislators in March.

4.0 Community Relations

4.1 County Updates – Feedback from Council Members

- Worth County – The Senior Center has a new cook, and more people are coming to eat. Sandy Olson represented Elderbridge at a ribbon-cutting at the Diamond Jo Casino for a new hotel.
- Mitchell County – Chair Scharper reached out to the meal sites in the county.

5.0 Coming Dates

- 5.1** Next Advisory Council Meeting – October 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m., via Zoom, Meeting
- 5.2** Next Board Meeting – September 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
- 5.3** Next Office Closure – Labor Day, September 1
- 5.4** Older lowans Legislature Annual Meeting – September 29, 2025, State Capitol/Zoom

- 5.5 Caregiver Support Group – Virtual meeting, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom, Mason City area
- 5.6 Webster County Caregiver Support Group – 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, Fort Dodge
- 5.7 Clay County Caregiver Support Group, Kayley Brown – virtual, 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom
- 5.8 Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) Support Group – 2nd Thursday of the month, contact Deb Scharper at dscharper@theaftd.org, Iowa link: <https://www.theaftd.org/iowa/>

6.0 Adjournment

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There being no further business before the Advisory Council, it was moved by Sandy Olson and seconded by Dan Skelton that the meeting be adjourned at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried.