



**ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING
 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 Zoom Conference Call
 Wednesday, February 25, 2026
 10:00 a.m.**

0.0 Call to Order

Chair Van Dyke called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

0.1 The Advisory Council members, staff members, and guests introduced themselves. Also present were: Stacia Timmer, CEO; Sandra Jackson, COO; Jody Applegate, Healthy Aging Director; Amy Simpson, Executive Assistant; and Linda Vaudt, Liaison to the Advisory Council. A quorum was present with 14 members in attendance.

Jotham Arber Audubon	A	Vacant Franklin		Sue Krogman Osceola	Ph
Lisa Funk Buena Vista	A	Penny Tiffany Greene	A	Diana Elbert Palo Alto	Ph
Carl Legore Calhoun	A	Linda Clark Guthrie	A	Vacant Pocahontas	
Michelle Klocke Carroll	A	Vacant Hamilton		Vacant Sac	
Lionel Foster Cerro Gordo	Ph	Vacant Hancock		Deb Kratochvil Sioux	A
Melissa Loehr Clay	Ph	Jan Olson Humboldt	Ph	Randy Kuhlman Webster	A
Morgan Saunders Crawford	A	Dan Peterson Kossuth	Ph	Paul Fitzgerald Winnebago	Ph
Vacant Dickinson		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	Ph	Linda Vaudt Board Rep	Ph
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 were added to the agenda.

0.3 Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Dan Skelton and seconded by Lionel Foster to adopt the February 25, 2026, meeting agenda. Motion carried.

1.0 Council Affairs

1.1 Approval of the August 27, 2025, Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Diana Elbert and seconded by Jan Olson that the August 27, 2025, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

1.2 Fundraising Committee Report

Chair Skelton reported the following:

- The online Slam Dunk Fundraiser will be March 22-29, 2026.
- There are 167 items on the auction, with more coming in. There should be over 200 items when the auction begins in March.
- The goal for the fundraiser is \$25,000, with the money benefiting the nutrition program.
- To date, there is roughly \$10,000 in donations, with more coming.
- Advisory Council members were emailed the information and link for the fundraiser.

It was moved by Dan Peterson and seconded by Lionel Foster to approve the Fundraising report as presented. Motion carried.

1.3 Joint Planning Committee Report

CEO Timmer reported the following:

- The Joint Planning Committee met on November 18, 2025, via Zoom. Staff, Advisory Council members, and Board members attended the meeting.
- Services and taxonomies that Elderbridge is mandated to provide were explained to the committee.
- Direct and indirect services were prioritized by the committee. The top three for direct services were home-delivered meals, congregate meals, and elder rights. The top three for indirect services were transportation, respite, and homemaker. The ranking services are important because it is used for writing the Area Plan and planning the budget.

It was moved by Jessica Carlson and seconded by Dan Peterson to approve the Joint Planning Committee report as presented. Motion carried.

1.4 Upcoming Advisory Council term renewals and completions

CEO Timmer reported the following:

The meeting packet included a list of counties that will be coming up for term renewals and those counties that have completed two terms. Advisory Council members were encouraged to review the list. Jessica Carlson, Emmet, Dan Peterson, Kossuth, and Sandy Olson, Worth, agreed to renew for another term. The other members on the list will be contacted concerning their terms. Applications are being sought for the vacant counties.

1.5 LifeLong Links Program Report

COO Jackson reported on the following:

- Elderbridge received a Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) grant for \$150,000. The grant started on February 1, 2026, and goes for 30 months. The purpose of the grant is to connect seniors with programs and services they are eligible for. Assistance with applications for programs will be provided by staff.
- Staff are available to come and speak about the BEC and other programs in the service area. Advisory Council members can contact Elderbridge to request a visit to their county or organization.

2.0 Board Liaison Report

Board Member Linda Vaudt reported on the following:

- Pat Gansen and Diana Elbert were thanked for their volunteer service.
- The Board discussed possible redistricting of the AAAs and the impact that would have on services.
- As indicated earlier, the Slam Dunk Against Hunger Fundraiser is quickly approaching. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the silent auction.
- Advisory Council members' service is important, and it is encouraged that Council members continue to volunteer to serve.

3.0 Agency Reports

3.1 Healthy Aging Report – Jody Applegate

- Healthy Aging Coordinator Taylor Hageman in the Carroll office has resigned. Efforts are ongoing to replace that position.
- Working on FY27 request for proposals to meal sites. The RFP's are due back by March 20, 2026. The RFP's are also available on the website.
- Looking at doing pop-up meals at a gathering or function as an alternative to traditional meal sites that may not serve 5 days a week, to pull in different people.
- Trained volunteer for "Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention." She had 50 people show up for the first class. The Healthy Aging Coordinator in Spencer will also be trained in Tai Chi. She has been trained in "Healthy Steps for Older Adults."
- Farmer's Market is coming up in the next couple of months. New this year is that seniors will be able to fill out the application online.

3.2 COO Report – Sandi Jackson

- No new items to report in addition to the previous items discussed during the LifeLong Links report.

3.3 CEO Report – Stacia Timmer

- HCBS contracts will be coming due soon. Nutrition contracts are also in process.
- The rent reimbursement program is in full swing.
- House 2701 and Senate 2338 for redistricting have passed the subcommittee. No explanation has been given for realigning the AAAs. It could cause service disruption; the proposed districts are not evenly distributed due to population, and it would cost a considerable amount of money to accomplish.
- The AAAs are seeking amendments to the bill to slow down the redistricting process.
- AAA directors will be meeting in Des Moines in early March. Meetings will be scheduled to speak with legislators at that time.

- The goal would be able to keep Elderbridge’s current 29-county service area intact.
- CEO Timmer will keep the Advisory Council updated on realignment.

4.0 Community Relations

4.1 County Updates – Feedback from Council Members

- Kossuth County – Attended the County Supervisors meeting with COO Jackson, and thought the meeting was interesting. Would like to know what Kossuth County is contributing. CEO Timmer will provide that information when available.
- Webster County – CEO Timmer was invited to the budget meeting with the Board of Supervisors. She is hopeful they will agree to fund Elderbridge.

5.0 Coming Dates

- 5.1** Next Board Meeting – June 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- 5.3** Caregiver Support Group – Virtual or in-person meeting, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom, Mason City area
- 5.4** Webster County Caregiver Support Group – 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, Fort Dodge
- 5.5** Clay County Caregiver Support Group – 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. by Zoom
- 5.6** Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) Support Group – 2nd Thursday of the month, contact Deb Scharper at dscharper@theaftd.org, Iowa link: <https://www.theaftd.org/iowa/>
- 5.7** Annual Slam Dunk Against Hunger Fundraiser/Online Auction – March 22-29, 2026
- 5.8** Elderbridge Volunteer Appreciation Event – April 21, 2026, 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m., Iowa Lakes Community College, Algona, Iowa

6.0 Adjournment

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There being no further business before the Advisory Council, it was moved by Dan Peterson and seconded by Deb Scharper that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.