



**ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Conference Call
Wednesday, May 27, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

0.0 Call to Order

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:01 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. Linda Vaudt, Liaison to the Advisory Council, was absent. A quorum was present with 13 members in attendance.

Jotham Arber Audubon	Ph	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	A	Vacant Hancock		Deb Kratochvil Sioux	Ph
Melissa Loehr Clay	Ex	Jan Olson Humboldt	Ph	Randy Kuhlman Webster	Ph
Morgan Saunders Crawford	A	Dan Peterson Kossuth	Ph	Paul Fitzgerald Winnebago	Ex
Vacant Dickinson		Vacant Lyon		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	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 were added to the agenda.

0.3 Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Dan Skelton and seconded by Diana Elbert to adopt the May 27, 2026, meeting agenda. Motion carried.

1.0 **Council Affairs**

1.1 Approval of the February 25, 2026, Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Deb Kratchovil and seconded by Dan Skelton that the February 25, 2026, meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

1.2 Approval of Advisory Council members for term renewals starting July 1: Lisa Funk, Buena Vista, 2nd Term, Jessical Carlson, Emmet, 2nd Term, Dan Peterson, Kossuth, 2nd Term, Sandy Olson, Worth, 2nd Term

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Jan Olson and seconded by Diana Elbert to seat the new members to the Advisory Council. Motion Carried.)

1.3 Vacant Counties: Dickinson, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Lyon, Pocahontas, Sac. As of July 1: Floyd, Guthrie, Palo Alto and Webster

Efforts are ongoing to fill the vacant counties. Currently expecting applications for a couple of the vacant counties.

1.4 Slam Dunk Against Hunger Fundraising Report

CEO Timmer reported the following:

- \$25,791 was raised at the 2026 Slam Dunk Against Hunger fundraiser.
- \$8,647 was raised from the online auction items,
- \$16,963 was raised from sponsorships and donations.
- There were 3,034 bids placed on items for the online auction.
- The fundraiser raises awareness for the agency and the issues facing seniors in the state of Iowa.
- Positive feedback has been received from people who have participated in the online fundraiser.

1.5 Area Plan Update

COO Jackson reported the following:

- The Area Plan update was submitted to Aging Disability Services. Have not received any feedback from ADS requesting changes to the update. Underserved counties are targeted in the Area Plan.

1.6 Volunteers for Nomination Committee for Officers for FY 26-27

CEO Timmer reported the following:

As part of the bylaws, a nominations committee for officers is formed yearly to determine which members were interested in serving in officer positions for a year. Since all meetings are held by Zoom, a nominations committee has been used less and less. If Advisory Council members want to volunteer to be on the Nominations Committee, they were encouraged to contact CEO Timmer. Officers will be approved at the annual August Advisory Council meeting.

1.7 LifeLong Links Program Report

COO Jackson reported on the following:

- Staff is busy with caseloads. The case management program primarily serves seniors 60 to 64 who do not qualify for the elderly waiver.
- Referrals have increased in the Iowa Return to Community program. IRTC is a specialized options counseling management program for individuals who have been discharged from the hospital and may need additional assistance after going home.
- The Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) grant targets Medicare-eligible individuals that staff assist with applications like SNAP, Medicaid, and Medicare Savings programs.

2.0 Board Liaison Report

CEO Timmer reported the following:

- Board discussed the AAA realignment at the May meeting.
- Officers for the upcoming fiscal year were discussed, and the current slate of Beth Will, President, Ethan Huizenga, Vice President, Linda Vaudt, Treasurer, and Jill Hawkinson, Secretary, volunteered to serve another year.
- The upcoming fiscal year was discussed along with the renewal of the HCBS and Nutrition contracts.

3.0 Agency Reports

3.1 Healthy Aging Report – Jody Applegate

- Farmer's Market season is quickly approaching. On June 1, the vouchers will be available. Seniors can sign up early on the website or by visiting one of the offices. 130 seniors have applied so far. Applications are also being mailed.
- Emma McKenna was hired as a Healthy Aging Coordinator in the Fort Dodge Office. She has a social service background.
- Nutrition contracts coming out soon.

3.2 COO Report – Sandi Jackson

- The HCBS contracts are being completed to be issued to providers. There is a provider shortage.

3.3 CEO Report – Stacia Timmer

- The i4a of AAAs met to discuss House File bill concerning realignment. There are new disability access points (DAPs) in the state. There are currently 7 DAPs and 6 AAA regions, and the current system is working well.
- The state wants to redistrict the AAAs to 7 districts. AAAs are concerned that it is not fiscally responsible and aging services will be impacted in a negative way.
- The state has not offered any funds to accomplish the realignment, and the funds will come from consumer services.
- Directors will be meeting with ADS next week.
- The Advisory Council needs to be engaged as the realignment process progresses. There will be more discussion regarding the Advisory Council role at the August meeting.

4.0 Community Relations

4.1 County Updates – Feedback from Council Members

- Worth County – the meal program is growing because of the current site manager/cook.
- Sioux County – Hawarden Senior Center is having a fundraiser to raise funds to fix the center roof on June 26, 2026.

5.0 Coming Dates

- 5.1** Next Advisory Council Meeting – August 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m., via Zoom
- 5.2** Next Board Meeting – June 9, 2026, at 10:00 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. via 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** May is Older Americans Month – “Champion your Health”
- 5.8** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15, “The Power of Connection: Breaking Isolation, Preventing Abuse and Growing the Conversation”

6.0 Adjournment

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There being no further business before the Advisory Council, it was moved by Jan Olson and seconded by Jessica Carlson that the meeting be adjourned at 9:56 a.m. Motion carried.